

City Council Meeting

Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom

Monday, August 21, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terry Baker, Karen Shrader, Angie Vermillion, Scott Clauson, Krista Peterson

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Swanson, City Manager
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder
Joe Slaughter, CEDEV Director
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Matias Mendez, PW Superintendent
Becca Pearson, Human Resources
Doug McGeary, City Attorney

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Baker spoke about the passing of Councilor Jim Snyder and how saddened we are by the loss. The Mayor led the group in a moment of silence.

3. PRESENTATION:

a. Richard Randleman, HMK – Government and Public Safety Center Update.

Richard Randleman spoke about how Jim Snyder was involved in the community, noting he hoped to leave a comparable legacy. He presented the progress of the Government of Public Safety Center, sharing all good news on the progress.

Mayor Baker spoke about the tour of the new building and thanked Mr. Randleman for the experience.

Mayor Baker moved item 7a, New Business, up in the agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Appointment of Rosa Van Gordon to the Parks and Recreation Committee

Rosa Van Gordon gave a brief background history and her interest in being involved in her community. She noted she works well and is productive.

Motion: I Move to Appoint Rosa Van Gordon to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY PETERSON.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Vermillion, Peterson, Shrader, Clauson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Baker spoke about the fire that occurred off of Dano in Phoenix and the response to the fire by the Police and Fire Department. He noted that Phoenix has no authority over where the fire occurred.

Al Muelhoefer, Phoenix, spoke about his friend Jim Snyder, briefly explaining his relationship with him. He spoke about how he respected Mr. Snyder and how Jim always showed up.

Matt Sekreta, Phoenix, spoke about fire-defensible space and his measures to protect his property. He spoke about point-of-entry access for firefighting efforts if a fire event occurs.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

1. Approval of Application for Special Public Works Funding (SPWF) Through Business Oregon and the Infrastructure Financing Authority

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting August 07, 2023

Motion: I Move to Approve the Consent Agenda. MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY CLAUSON.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Clauson, Shrader, Vermillion

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

None

8. ORDINANCE: READING / ADOPTION:

a. Ordinance No. 1032 – An Ordinance Annexing 0.39 Acres, Including the Adjacent Right-of-Way Within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 222.170, Removing the Area from Jackson County Fire District No. 2 Pursuant to ORS 222.524 and Annexing the Area to Jackson County Fire District No. 5 Pursuant to ORS 198.867.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on Second Reading by Title Only, Ordinance 1032 Annexing Property Identified as Tax Lots 400 & 401 on Assessor Map 38-1W-09a, Located at 157 N. Phoenix Rd. and to Rezone the Property from Jackson County Urban Residential (UR) to Commercial Highway (C-H), Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning on Abutting Properties. MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER. No further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Shrader, Vermillion, Clauson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

b. Ordinance No. 1034 – An Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Right-of-Way and a Public Utility Easement in the City of Phoenix.

Motion: I Move Approval for Second Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 1034, An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix Accepting the Right-of-Way Dedication Shown on Exhibit A of the Ordinance. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY CLAUSON.** No further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Clauson, Vermillion, Shrader

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

9. STAFF REPORT:

a. CEDEV Director Joe Slaughter noted that Ordinance 1033 had been delayed returning to the Council for a second reading until September due to work being done to confirm the legal descriptions of the annexed properties.

b. City Attorney Doug McGeary, no comment.

c. City Manager Eric Swanson spoke about the pre-launching of the New City Website at the next City Council meeting on September 05, 2023. He spoke about the upcoming Phoenix Rising Event on September 16, 2023, where we sought to engage with the community, commemorating the third anniversary of the Almeda Fire.

d. Police Chief Derek Bowker noted in a small town, we are always looking for ways to come up with new ideas and ways to save money. He advised that the City has donated a motor from the Jackson County Sheriff's office and all the radio equipment needed for the motor from the City of Jacksonville. Chief Bowker said it will be used for community engagement, such as parades and school events.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT / REPORTS:

Councilor Shrader noted how she is missing Jim Snyder, and these are sad times. She spoke about how happy she was to hear the fire was put out quickly. Councilor Sharder noted the bike will be an excellent addition to the City.

Councilor Vermillion spoke about how she is missing Jim Snyder, expressing that he was a good man who kept everyone on their toes.

Councilor Peterson spoke about asking Jim Snyder to come back to the Council because we needed him. She noted that she misses him; he was always the one to step in when things needed to be done. Councilor Peterson stated that Jim will not be forgotten. She noted that the public safety building is going to be amazing.

Councilor Clauson noted he wished he would have been able to work with him longer; he found him to be a sharp man. He thanked the Mayor for informing the Council about what

was happening with Jim Snyder. Councilor Clauson noted that it is exciting to see the activity going on at the Phoenix Phoodery site.

Mayor Baker spoke about the devastating Maui Fire and how he reached out to the Mayor's office, offering any assistance we could give to help them work through the bureaucratic process of getting the assistance they need from the various government agencies. He spoke about being a better person because he knew Jim Snyder. Mayor Baker stated that Jim was in it for all the right reasons. He spoke about his many experiences with Jim being on the Council. Mayor Baker spoke about his last private conversation with Jim Snyder and how he had the chance to tell him how much he respected and truly looked up to him.

11. RECESS OPEN MEETING

5 Minute Recess

12. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. ORS 192.660 (2) (i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

13. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Mayor Baker noted that during the executive session, the Council evaluated the performance of Eric Swanson as the City Manager. He noted the responses from staff and Council were overwhelmingly positive.

Motion: I Move to Give Eric Swanson the Maximum Increase of 7%. MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY PETERSON. No further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Vermillion, Peterson, Clauson, Shrader

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett
City Recorder