

City Council Meeting Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom Monday, October 07, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, October 07, 2024, at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terry Baker, Angie Vermillion, Scott Clauson, Karen Shrader, Krista Peterson, Larry Dickson and Jillian Shainholtz

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Swanson, City Manager
Doug McGeary, City Attorney
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Zac Moody, Community Development Manager

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. PRESENTATION:

a. ALERTWildfire Camera Update

Mayor Baker noted that he lobbied RVCOG to have the camera located in Phoenix, and at the last meeting, he was informed that Phoenix had been selected.

Zac Moody, Community Development Director, gave a brief update on the City being selected for a camera location and the process of installing the camera. The camera will have a great view of the Greenway for potential fires.

Mr. Swanson spoke about how the University of Oregon folks were involved in the technical side of the camera and its locations.

b. Rogue Valley Council of Governments Update

In Ann Marie Alfrey's absence, Mr. Moody gave a brief update on RVCOG and explained the different services that the COG provides to jurisdictions in Josephine and Jackson Counties.

Mr. Swanson noted that the City donates to the Food and Friends program that the Cog offers to the valley's elder citizens.

Mr. Moody noted that the COG helps administer environmental reporting for the City of Phoenix and works with RVSS on stormwater management in local jurisdictions.

Mayor Baker expressed that being a member of the COG is beneficial in many ways for the local jurisdictions.

c. HB 2805 – Oregon Government Ethics Commission Training Video.

Councilor Vermillion questioned if a quorum needs to be noticed for a social event.

Doug McGeary, City Attorney, said no, a social event does not need to be noticed.

Mayor Baker noted that it is always good to have a refresher.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

1. None

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from the City Council Meeting September 19, 2024.

**Motion: I Move to Approve the Consent Agenda. MOVED BY PETERSON,
SECONDED BY SHRADER.** No further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS

Ayes: Peterson, Shrader, Vermillion, Clauson, Dickson, Shainholtz

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

a. City Attorney Doug McGeary had no comment.

b. City Manager Eric Swanson mentioned that he and staff will attend the Fire District #5 study session to present the Government and Public Safety Center project. He noted that the motors for the fire bay doors are being installed this week.

Mayor Baker spoke about the Fire District's eagerness to move into the building. Through meetings with the City, they could better understand the situation. He noted

that the Fire District Board decided to wait to occupy the building until they had a better understanding of the situation before moving in.

Mr. Swanson noted that a fire truck has been on standby at the Phoenix Fire Station, although they have not been using the building as far as we know.

c. Community Development Director Zac Moody spoke about questions the City has received regarding the utility billing and steps that the City has taken. He noted that he has spoken to residents about their new water bills with the City of Phoenix. Mr. Moody spoke about the late fees issues that have arisen and that the issue is a one-off problem. He spoke about some high-water users in the previous Charlotte Anne Water District (CAWD) to determine the issue in this area. Mr. Moody noted that the City Website is continually updated with the frequently asked questions regarding the utility billing. He spoke about how he updated the economic development page on the website regarding grants the City has received and development occurring in the City. Mr. Moody discussed the upcoming Community and Economic fair with businesses and outside agencies.

Mr. Swanson noted the city newsletter had a thank you for the County for the Slurry seal that was done on the Greenway.

Commissioner Dave Dotterer noted that today is the first day of the Jackson County Deflection Program, which is part of the reform of Measure 110. He noted that it is a complicated program with all of the agencies involved. Commissioner Dotterer noted that the program is in beta testing at the moment. He noted that the County has been able to establish an Opiede treatment program at the County Jail so people can get treatment.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS:

Councilor Shainholtz has no comments

Councilor Peterson thanked the staff and expressed happiness about the completed fire doors. She spoke about the City taking on the former CAWD and the highs and lows that come with it. Councilor Petersson also informed everyone about the Trunk or Treat event occurring on October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Parking lot. She thanked the Council for all their support.

Councilor Clauson appreciated County Commissioner Dotterer's update on the changes coming from the reformed measure 110. He also thanked Mr. Moody for his work on the Water billing and website updates.

Councilor Vermillion spoke about attending the ribbon cutting for the Phoenix Phoodery, attending the Rotary Bingo night, and expressing how good the food was at the food truck located at ETHOS.

Councilor Shrader spoke about Mayor Baker being on the Bill Meyer Show to discuss the water concern. She gave a brief update on the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation meeting she attended and requested an update on the City's audit.

Mr. Swanson noted that they have been meeting with the auditors weekly to start the audit process. He answered questions from the Council.

Councilor Dickson noted his appreciation of the law video for public meetings. He spoke highly about the Parks Master Plan Boards, which allow people to express what they want to see in our parks.

Mayor Baker spoke about being on the Bill Meyer show, which answers questions regarding the water bills. He noted that Mr. Moody helped him prepare for the show; thank you, Mr. Moody. He spoke about a face-to-face meeting that will be occurring at one of the mobile home parks to answer questions. Mayor Baker recommended that the Councilors sign up for the Greenway tour, which will be a great resource of information. He spoke about the Fire District #5 study session that he will be attending and recommended that the Council attend as well. Mayor Baker thanked Mr. Swanson and Mr. Moody for developing the relationship with the Fire District.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett
City Recorder