



City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2021

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 -Civic Facility

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 870 4741 6799

Passcode: 743932

CALL TO ORDER – Susan J Wilson, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

[Mayor - Sue Wilson: Present](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Present](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Present](#)

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Present](#)

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Present](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve the April 13, 2022, Minutes and April 2022 Check Register: Motioned Carried.

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Marie Hanson, 360 N. Juniper Ct. asked questions about the city's position on vacation rentals. McGinnis suggested that Marie attend the upcoming Planning Commission meeting to discuss her questions and concerns as the Planning Commission is preparing new short term rental regulations.

Shelby Jay, 703 S. 2nd Ave. requested a speed bump on 2nd Ave. and Harbor St. City Manager Luke Shepard stated that he would have Dan Emmerson Public Works Superintendent contact her to discuss this issue.

Daniel Howlett, 132 N Grayling St. spoke on his concerns about the business community and the permitting process. Howlett also talked about the speed limit on HWY 101 through town.

Lindsey Even, 132 N Grayling St. stated that she thought someone forgot to stain the boardwalk and that she had concerns about the maintenance of it in general. City Manager Luke Shepard stated the city was told that western yellow cedar lumber would last at least 25 years untreated, and that the city has money set aside to perform maintenance on it.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Todd Hesse was on vacation, Wilson reported the Fire Department's call volume during the month of April. McGinnis commented that she has been to meetings with other towns, and they have complimented Chief Hesse on helping with issues on their Fire Departments, McGinnis wanted to compliment Chief Hesse on always being willing in helping others.

Sheriff Josh Brown spoke about call volume. Brown stated that they respond to hundreds of false alarm systems calls every year, he encourages citizens to inspect, maintain, and ensure proper working order on alarm systems so they don't go off as easy, with short staffing in the Sheriffs department, they will have to do a lot of prioritizing when it comes to calls this summer, and it would help if alarms systems were maintained to cut down false alarm calls.

Public Works Superintendent Dan Emmerson spoke on the items that the public works department focused on for the month of April. Emmerson talked about the sewer pump station doors that are out for maintenance as they are dangerous and too heavy, it takes two people to lift the doors, they had the doors worked on in the past and have talked about replacing them, they have contacted Buss welding to help replace the doors. Emmerson stated that Public Works purchased a bumper crane to pull pumps and it was much needed.

City Manager Luke Shepard updated the cancel on the Salmonberry Trail project which was an ODOT grant of \$1.7 million. He received the initial estimates on the design work, and they were significantly higher than planned. Shepard is working with ODOT to amend the IGA. The amendment will double the length of the trail to be designed but will remove the construction funding and construction requirements. This will remove the financial risk to the city. Shepard talked about the Planning Commission meeting, the next meeting being May 19th, at 6:00 PM. The Planning Commission is looking to finalize some of the new regulations on short-term rentals in Rockaway Beach. They are focusing specifically on regulations to minimize negative impacts of short-term rental operations in the neighborhood they operate in. These regulations include a means of enforcement. Shepard added that once the Planning Commission finalizes their ideas for a new short term rental ordinance, he will work with the City Attorney to produce a draft ordinance for the council to comment on. He felt that he may be able to have the draft

ready for review by the June City Council Meeting. Adoption of the ordinance would take place at later date. July 6th being the earliest reasonable date.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM. Wilson read the following: This Public Hearing allows Citizen input regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Additional testimony also may be taken from those who did not already testify regarding possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds. No testimony received. Public hearing closed at 6:52 PM

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-972 DECLARING CITY’S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUE

Wilson read the following: State Revenue Sharing Law requires cities to annually pass a resolution requesting state revenue sharing money. Approval of Resolution 22-972 will satisfy the State’s requirement and allow the City to receive Revenue Sharing Funds in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve Resolution 22-972: Motioned Carried.

- [Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion](#)
- [Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd](#)
- [Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
- [Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
- [Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
- [Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
- [Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 6:55 PM. Wilson read the following: This purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive citizens’ testimony on the budget approved by the Budget Committee. No testimony received. Wilson closed the public hearing at 6:57 PM.

FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Wilson read the following: City Council will now conduct a final discussion on the approved budget. Estimated expenditures may not be increased by more than \$5000 or 10 percent, whichever is greater. The next step will be adoption of the approved budget.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-973, ADOPTING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

One Resolution contains all four actions required for Adoption of the City FY 2022-2023 Budget

- ADOPTING THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET;
- APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS;
- CATEGORIZING TAXES; AND
- APPROVING THE TAX LEVY

Walhood made a motion, seconded by McGinnis to approve Resolution 22-973: Motioned Carried.

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: 2nd](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Disapprove](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Check: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-974 WORKERS COMPENSATION TO COVER VOLUNTEERS

Wilson read the following- A resolution is needed to provide workers compensation coverage to volunteers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve Resolution 22-974: Motioned Carried.

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-975, ENTERING INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH TILLAMOOK COUNTY PEOPLE’S UTILITY DISTRICT

City manager Luke Shepard spoke about the city’s franchise agreement with the Tillamook People’s Utility District as a new agreement was needed. Shepard stated the changes were minor.

Wilson read the following: The City’s current Franchise agreement with the Tillamook People’s Utility District expired April 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until a successor agreement is adopted by both parties. The new agreement is based on the previous agreement with minor changes made as shown in the meeting documents.

Martine made a motion, seconded by Cheek to approve Resolution 22-975: Motioned Carried.

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion](#)

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Hayes talked about having the council look at ADU fees and utility cost so more people would be more encouraged to build homes and have family and community housing and not disposable housing.

McGinnis spoke about attending a meeting called the League of Oregon Cities, all the cities and officers from Tillamook North to Clatskanie. The cities share what is going on in each town and the next meeting is held in Clatskanie Aug 17th, and they will be talking about short term rentals & transient room tax.

McGinnis stated she would like to see the speed limit changed around the high school. It is now 45mph and she would like to see it go down to 35mph and also slow the speed limit through town. McGinnis would like to see Rockaway update its comprehensive plan.

Cheek shared her concern about the speed on Hwy 101 through the town of Rockaway to the high school. Cheek thought flashing lights maybe good to put within the city.

Cheek thanked Shepard for the nice budget, it was readable, and pictures were nice.

Martine spoke on how glad he was to see that things are getting organized with vacation rentals.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayer Susan J Wilson spoke about Rockaway's combined tax rate being .9880 for every \$1000.00 dollar in assessed value. This is the lowest tax rate in Tillamook County. Wilson stated that they have successfully managed this very well and are pleased to keep our tax rate down.

ADJOURNMENT

Martine made a motion, seconded by Walhood to adjourn the meeting: Motioned Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Check: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8TH
DAY OF JUNE 2022,



Mayor, Susan J Wilson



City Manager, Luke Shepard