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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
July 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Joe Henry, Councilors Woody Woodbury, Ron Preisler, Joshua Greene and Geraldine Lucio.

Councilors Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Chief of Police Tom Turner, Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, City Recorder / Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese, City Project Manager Megan Messmer and Administrative Services Director Anne Baker.

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Employee Introduction
 - Angel Ray – Communications Officer

Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

Action: Ms. Ray was introduced to the City Council.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items Not on the Agenda*

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Council's attention any item not otherwise listed on the Agenda. Persons wishing to address the Council must complete a Speaker's Card available online at <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card>, or at the meeting. Speakers Cards are due at least (5) minutes before the meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, with a maximum time of 15 minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.

Start Time: 5:32 p.m.

Commenter 1: Maggie Bagon – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card

- Discussion: Ms. Bagon discussed...
- Concerns for treatment of unhoused individuals in Florence and those of lower incomes
- Commenter 2: Greg Abney – Florence, OR
 Handout: Speaker’s Card
 Discussion: Mr. Abney discussed...
- Concerns vagrancy and other code enforcement issues at property near his home on Zebrawood Street
- Commenter 3: Michael Allen – Florence, OR
 Handout: Speaker’s Card
 Mr. Allen Handouts
 Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed...
- Request the City Council consider establishing a resolution to address the climate crisis
- Commenter 4: Sally Wantz – Florence, OR
 Handout: Speaker’s Card
 Ms. Wantz Handouts
 Discussion: Ms. Wantz discussed...
- Concerns for recent immigration raids and request for assurances that the City will not assist

CONSENT AGENDA

2. FEE SCHEDULE

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 19, Series 2019**, a resolution updating the City of Florence’s fees.

3. MILLER PARK CONCESSION STAND MASONARY WALL

Consider ratifying the City Manager’s decision to accept the proposal from the 2nd Bidder, Haps Masonry, in the amount of \$79,014 for construction of the Miller Park concession stand masonry wall, after unsuccessful execution of the contract with the 1st Bidder, Steve’s Masonry, LLC.

4. PAVING CONTRACT AWARD

Consider accepting the proposal from Ray Wells, Inc. in the amount of \$40,574 for labor and equipment for paving for the entrance driveway to the Water Treatment Plant and parking lot for Munsel Greenway Park.

- Start Time: 5:44 p.m.
 Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.
 Motion: Councilor Woodbury
 Second: Councilor Preisler

Discussion: The City Council discussed...
• Opportunity for art installation along cinder block wall
Comments: Councilor Greene

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS

The public will have an opportunity to offer comments on public hearing items after staff has given their report. Persons wishing to address the Council must complete a Speaker's Card available online at <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card>, or at the meeting. Speaker's cards are due at least five (5) minutes before the meeting. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Speakers may not yield their time to others.

5. PACIFIC VIEW BUSINESS PARK LONG TERM LEASE

A. PACIFIC VIEW BUSINESS PARK LONG TERM PROPERTY LEASE

Hear and consider written or oral testimony regarding the proposed long-term lease of lots 4-10 and the southern half of lot 11 on Kingwood Street within the Pacific View Business Park.

Start Time: 5:46 p.m.
Handout: Staff Presentation
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Appreciation for the work of staff and the Farnsworth's
- Basis for the lease rate proposal including airport hangar ground leases
- Concern for the time necessary to reach higher lease rate
- Beginning monthly rent vs. rents over the longer term
- Appreciation for the potential for land development and capital investment in the community

Comments: Mayor Henry and Councilors Preisler, Greene and Lucio

Discussion: Public hearing opened at 5:58 p.m. and with no speakers was immediately closed.

B. LONG TERM LEASE AGREEMENT

Consider authorizing the long-term lease of lots within the Pacific View Business Park to Larry and Crystal Farnsworth and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the transaction on behalf of the City.

Action: Approve the long term ground lease between the City of Florence and Heceta Self Storage Corporation and authorize the City Manager to sign the ground lease agreement.

Motion: Mayor Greene

Second: Councilor Lucio

Vote: Councilors Woodbury, Greene, Lucio and Mayor Henry voted 'Aye'; Councilor Preisler voted 'Nay'; Motion passes 4-1.

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. FLORENCE STREETS CONDITIONS

Review the conditions of the City's streets including the Pavement Condition Index (PCI).

Start Time: 5:59 p.m.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Potential CPI rate increases with improvements to Rhododendron Drive from Wildwinds to 35th Street
- Potential CPI index map and it's availability
- Historical and potential future grant funding for street projects
- Rip-Rap improvements at the observation point on Rhododendron Drive

Comments: Mayor Henry and Councilors Preisler, Greene and Woodbury.

7. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Report on the City of Florence Fiscal Year 2017-2019 financials for the period ending March 31, 2019.

Start Time: 6:20 p.m.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Clarification on the need for supplemental budgets
- Payment schedule for transient room tax

Comments: Mayor Henry

8. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS AND ACTIVITIES REPORTS
Review proposed work plans and prior year activities reports for the City of Florence's Committees and Commissions and consider adoption at a future Council meeting date.

Start Time: 6:37 p.m.

Handout: Janis Miller resignation letter

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Appreciation for the work put into the creation of the work plans
- No comments on the proposed work plans for the committees except for the Public Arts Committee
- Grant for transportation between Florence and Eugene, Florence and Yachats and potentially Florence and Coos Bay
- Public Arts Committee work plan including...
 - Perceived injustices in the City of Florence work plan
 - Negative media and negativity at the Public Arts Committee meetings
 - Concern for attacks of the office of the Mayor and the City Councilors
 - Utilization of staff time and city resources for the Public Arts program
 - Three resignations on the Public Arts Committee since January
 - Reading of Janis Miller's Public Arts Committee resignation letter
 - Belief in the need to separate the Public Arts Committee from its role as a City Committee
 - Belief in the role and progress of the Public Arts Committee and concern from City Council's decision to defund the Public Art from the Florence Urban Renewal Agency
 - Inclusion of Public Art program within the City's work plan
 - Concerns for the actions of City Councilor Joshua Greene
 - Lack of support for the efforts of the Public Arts Committee
 - Concern felt from citizens who are against the mural
 - History of the Public Arts Committee as approved by the City Council and funded by the Florence Urban Renewal Agency

- City Public Arts Committee actions to achieve grant funding
- Need to clarify the Public Art vision for the community including its role in tourism, economic development and community vitality
- Concern for bipartisan politics and their role on the Florence City Council
- Role of the Public Arts Committee to select art for Florence
- Clarification on the history behind the Public Art program's funding through the Florence Urban Renewal Agency
- Concern for the leadership of the Public Arts Committee
- Concern for the lack of use of a local artist for the Central Lincoln PUD Mural and clarification of the selection process for the mural project
- Request to allow the Public Arts Committee to come before the City Council with a presentation
- Questioning of the role of Public Art in economic development, tourism and community beautification
- Concern for the loss of years of work of the Public Arts Committee
- Potential options for the City Council moving forward
- Potential to put the Public Arts Committee on hold for 90 days to hold a joint work session with the City Council and the Public Arts Committee
- Specifics of what a 90-day hold would entail including potential staff involvement and Public Arts Committee meetings
- Concerns for Councilor Greene's role and statements as an ex-officio member of the Public Arts Committee
- Concerns for Councilor Greene's statements on social media
- Concerns for partisan politics that have been implemented in Florence

Comments: All Councilors present

Action: Set a 90-day cooling off period for the Public Arts Committee during which time the Public Arts Committee can meet to determine what guidelines are best suited for the Committee.

Motion: Councilor Preisler

Second: Councilor Greene

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Concern for allowing Public Art to determine their guidelines and clarification that the guidelines would come back to the Council for approval
- Concern for the direction of the Public Arts Committee and its leadership
- Need for a dialogue with the Public Arts Committee to determine their focus
- Potential to allow the Public Works Department to determine art selection and placement
- Clarification on staff time involvement in the Public Arts Committee in the past, and potential for it during the 90-day holding period
- Clarification on the purpose of the presentation to the City Council given the Public Arts Committee work plan prepared and presented for the Council to consider
- Appreciation for the Public Art work plan prepared by the Public Arts Committee
- Concerns for the Public Arts Committee's plans to amend the mural code and potential recommendations and clarification on the history of the proposed mural code amendments
- Method to allow the Public Arts Committee to select art in a way the City Council is comfortable

Comments: All Councilors

Restatement of

Action: The Public Arts Committee shall be placed on hold for 90 days to allow the Public Arts Committee to meet and prepare a presentation to the City Council on their proposed work plan and potential guideline amendments.

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Appreciation for the discussion and outcome
- Request for no additional discussion

Comments: Councilor Greene and Mayor Henry

Councilor Greene left at 7:24 p.m.

9. JUNE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS

Report on the Committees & Commissions for the month of June 2019.

Start Time: 7:33 p.m.

Discussion: None

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 7:34 p.m.

Handout: City of Florence Newsletter

CM Comments at 7.15.19

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Request for clarity on the motion to place the Public Arts Committee on hold for 90 days including clarification of staff involvement
 - Staff's understanding of the motion such that Staff can assist the Public Arts Committee in their upcoming meeting with the City Council. All other activities for the Public Arts Committee including the mural ribbon cutting ceremony, community block party table, and all other activities be placed on hold for 90 days.
 - Clarification on the motion to support activities of the Public Arts Committee over the next 90 days that have already been planned or contracted for.
 - Explanation that the Public Arts Committee volunteers were working on the mural ribbon cutting ceremony and community block party table and marketing materials.
 - Concern for the amount of staff time utilized for Public Arts Committee projects
 - Explanation on the meeting schedule for the Public Arts Committee and their volunteer work structure
 - Description on the amount of staff time allocated toward the Public Arts Program
 - Need for discussion with the City Council sooner than 90 days to discuss the Public Arts Committee's work plan and activities
 - Decision to discuss the Public Arts Committee work plan at the August 5th City Council Work Session

- Upcoming Community Events and Meetings
- Upcoming paving projects as discussed in the City of Florence newsletter
- City's stance on recent opinion letter in the Siuslaw News
- Highlight of the priorities of the City Council within the City's work plan

The City Council discussed...

- Unsubstantiated claims published in the Siuslaw News regarding Mayor Henry

Comments: Mayor Henry

11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

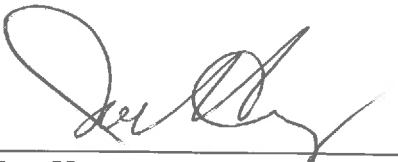
Start Time: 7:40 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...


- Council activities in the community and community announcements

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Joe Henry, Mayor



Kelli Weese, City Recorder