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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
October 3, 2022**

Councilors Present: Mayor Joe Henry, Councilors Woody Woodbury, Sally Wantz, Bill Meyer, and Rob Ward.

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Administrative Services Director Anne Baker, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Police Chief John Pitcher, Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, and Administrative Assistant Peighton Allen.
(In person)

Guests Present: City of Florence Public Arts Committee Representative Jo Beaudreau, Siuslaw Outreach Services Representatives Judy Schwartz, Lori Oltman, and Stephanie Restrepo, Siuslaw Fire and Rescue Fire Chef Michael Schick, SVFR and Western Lane Ambulance District Representatives Cindy Russell, Jim Palisi and Sam Spayd.
(In Person & Videoconference)

Handout: 10.3.22 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Arts and Humanities Proclamation
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for members of the public to bring to the Council's attention any item not otherwise listed on the agenda.

Start Time: 5:42 p.m.

Commenter 1: Mr. Bruce Hadley – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Mr. Hadley discussed...

- Addressing The Idylewood 1981 Improvement Agreement.

Commenter 2: Mr. Michael Allen – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed...

- Ready for 100 movement in Whitpain Township, Pennsylvania.

Commenter 3: Ms. Ivy Medow – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Ms. Medow discussed...

- Gratitude to City of Florence Planning Commission for approval of First Step Housing.

Commenter 4: Mr. Ron Moore – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Mr. Moore discussed...

- Raising the Transient Lodging Tax and Transient Lodging Tax's original purpose.

ACTION ITEMS

2. 911 VESTA SYSTEM UPGRADE

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 29, Series 2022**, a resolution authorizing the City of Florence, Oregon to accept funds from Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) in the amount of \$282,515 for the 911 VESTA System Upgrade and make appropriations.

Start Time: 5:55 p.m.

Discussion: Police Chief John Pitcher and Administrative Services Director Anne Baker presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Rapid SOS assists with locating cell phone callers.

Comments: Mayor Henry

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Confirmed Rapid SOS does assist with locating cell phone users.

Comments: Police Chief John Pitcher.

Action: Approve **Resolution No. 29, Series 2022** as presented.
 Motion: Councilor Meyer
 Second: Councilor Ward
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Ward, 'Aye'
 Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
 Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
 Councilor Woodbury, 'Aye'
 Mayor Henry, 'Aye'
 Motion passes Unanimously

3. **AIRPORT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION GRANT**

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 30, Series 2022**, a Resolution establishing approval to apply for a grant in the amount of \$120,089 from the Oregon Department of Aviation for improvements at the Airport, and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to sign the application.

Start Time: 6:02 p.m.

Discussion: Public Works Director Mike Miller presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...
 • No discussion.

Action: Approve **Resolution No. 30, Series 2022** as presented.
 Motion: Councilor Meyer
 Second: Councilor Woodbury
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
 Councilor Ward, 'Aye'
 Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
 Councilor Woodbury, 'Aye'
 Mayor Henry, 'Aye'
 Motion passes Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM (LGGP) GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 31, Series 2022**, a Resolution authorizing the City of Florence, Oregon to accept a Local Government Grant Program Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$75,000 for the Miller Park Playground Rehabilitation Project.

Start Time: 6:09 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Councilor Wantz

Second: Councilor Ward

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Ward, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Woodbury, 'Aye'
Mayor Henry, 'Aye'
Motion unanimously

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 6:13 p.m.

Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Miller Park Playground Rehabilitation. Gratitude to City Council for accepting the \$75,000 grant from OPRD LGGP program. Pursuing leads on additional funds, including working with Lane County Public Health.
- Lack of rainfall in September.
- Comparison of water usage this year to 2021.
- Lighted pumpkin light sculpture appears in the rain garden at the Interpretive Site during the month of October.
- Removing existing art pieces and installing new art pieces in various sites.
- Update on housing needs and housing development in Florence.
- Update on Florence Housing Implementation Plan Open House. Gratitude to Administrative Assistant Peighton Allen for her technical and organizational assistance and to Councilor Sally Wantz for her thoughtful welcome message.
- Update on human remains found in Florence.
- Update on house fire on 15th Street.
- Increased cougar sightings in Florence.

- Discussion of felony and misdemeanor arrests and prosecution process.
- Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.
- Upcoming vaccination clinics during October.

Comments: PW Director Mike Miller, Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Police Chief John Pitcher, and ACM Megan Messmer.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 6:44 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Upcoming City Meetings and Events.
- Update on fundraising efforts of Dutch Bros. and Homegrown Public House for Miller Park playground rehabilitation.
- Removal and installation of Art Exposed selections in various locations.
- Upcoming League of Oregon Cities conference.
- Proposed Lane County Transient Lodging Tax is a policy decision made by the Lane County commissioners.

Discussion: Commenter 4 discussed...

- Working with City Council to provide information and insight regarding the Transient Lodging Tax because of experience running two hotels.

Comments: Mr. Ron Moore.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 6:58 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Attending Municipal Court.
- Gratitude to Councilor Meyer for attending EMAC meeting.
- Possibility of Bee City designation and encouraging bee friendly activities.
- Gratitude to Mayor Henry for allowing variance in meeting protocol.
- Cities dealing with abandoned and derelict vehicles and RVs.
- Benefits of attending League of Oregon Cities conference.

Comments: All Councilors present

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lindsey White, City Recorder


Joe Henry, Mayor