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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
August 7, 2023**

Councilors Present: Mayor Ward, Councilors Sally Wantz, Bill Meyer, Jo Beaudreau, and Robert Carp.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Meyer arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Finance Manager Lezlea Purcell, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Police Chief John Pitcher, Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Human Resources Director Alex Ferguson, and Management Analyst Peighton Allen.

Guests Present: St. Vincent DePaul (SVdP) of Lane County Grant Manager Andy Hill.

Handout: 8.7.23 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Start Time: 5:33 p.m.

- New Employee Recognition
Discussion: HR Director Ferguson introduced new employees Thomas “Matt” Gogas (Wastewater), Jenny Cocciolo (Facilities), Aaron Couture (Police Officer), and Isaiah Wilson (Police Officer).
- Employee Promotion
Discussion: Police Chief Pitcher announced promotion of Josh Turner to Chief Communications Officer.

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: 5:39 p.m.

Commenter 1: Mr. Michael Allen – Florence, OR

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed...

- Giving EMAC authority to invite expertise from the community to join them on their subcommittees.
- Opportunity to learn about ways to work with Lane County on climate change.

PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ITEMS

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

Hold the second and final Public Hearing in order to make the final draw and close out the grant and review the results of the owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from Business Oregon.

Start Time: 5:46 p.m.

Process Reading: CR White read the Public Hearing Script and officiated the procedures.

Handouts: Public Hearing Script

Public Testimony: No public comments were received.

Public Hearing: Opened at 5:45 p.m.

Discussion: CM Reynolds presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Presentation

Discussion: SVdP Grant Manager Hill discussed...

- 13 households or 23 people benefitting from rehab projects.
- Almost all households required new roofs.
- Average home age was 44 years old.
- Common repairs were dry rot including siding, kitchens, and bathrooms.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Backlog of additional needs.
- Appreciating work and partnership with St. Vincent DePaul.

Comments: Mayor Ward and Councilor Wantz.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:08 p.m.

3. RODS N RHODIES STREET CLOSURE

A. PUBLIC HEARING

Hear and consider written and oral testimony regarding the proposed closure of Bay Street from the Siuslaw River Bridge to the intersection of 1st Street and Nopal Street, Laurel Street from Old Town Way to Bay Street, and Maple Street from 1st Street to Bay Street.

Start Time: 6:08 p.m.

Process Reading: CR White read the Public Hearing Script and officiated the procedures.

Handouts: Public Hearing Script

Public Testimony: No public comments were received.

Public Hearing: Opened at 6:09 p.m.

B. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Consider approval of the street closure application for the closure of Bay Street on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Rods N Rhodies event as applied for by Gary Cargill.

Start Time: 6:09 p.m.

Discussion: FM Purcell presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Parking vehicles on streets.
- Earning fees.
- Association with Rhody Cruisers.

Comments: Councilors Wantz and Meyer.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:14 p.m.

Action: Approve Street closure application as applied for by Gary Cargill.

Motion: Councilor Meyer

Second: Councilor Beaudreau

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'

Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

CONSENT AGENDA

4. RHODODENDRON DRIVE PROJECT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Consider accepting a contract amendment from RH2 Engineering, Inc. of \$203,863 for engineering, survey, geotechnical and right-of-way acquisition services for the Rhododendron Drive Realignment Project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the June 5, 2023 City Council Regular Session, June 19, 2023 Regular Session, July 6, 2023 Special Session, June 11, 2023 City Council and Planning Commission Joint Work Session, July 17, 2023 City Council Regular Session, and July 26, 2023 City Council Work Session meeting minutes.

Start Time: 6:16 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Councilor Wantz

Second: Councilor Meyer

Roll Call: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'unanimously'

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 6:17 p.m.

Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Update on 'Paid Leave Oregon' program effective date.
- Recruitment updates.
- Upcoming Planning Commission, EMAC, and Transportation Committee meetings.
- Upcoming Black and White recycling event.

- Upcoming audit dates.
 - Upcoming business registry changes and training.
 - Update on July precipitation and upcoming weather warning (heat impact).
 - High humidity impacting street striping operations.
 - Miller Park having a lot of activity since reopening.
 - Selling out of FloGro.
 - Closing airport for pavement rehabilitation beginning August 21st through August 28th.
 - Thanking City Council for their help with 'National Night Out.'
 - Fundraiser selling pieces of Fort Miller for community sponsored bench at Miller Park.
 - Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.
- Comments: HRD Ferguson, CDD FarleyCampbell, FM Purcell, PWD Miller, Police Chief Pitcher, and ACM Messmer.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Start Time: 6:43 p.m.
 Discussion: The City Council discussed...
- Upcoming City Meetings and Events.
 - Sharing information about Shore Pines Apartments on Highway 101.
 - City Council accepting unlimited public comment on Emergency Shelter for upcoming City Council meeting.
 - Knowing current fire restrictions.
 - Appreciating City Council and staff for their help with 'National Night Out.'
- Comments: All Councilors present

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Start Time: 6:54 p.m.
 Discussion: The City Council discussed...
- Recruiting for Siuslaw Watershed Executive Director.
 - Siuslaw River restoration project.
 - Upcoming Oregon Arts Commission meeting.
 - Participating with Siuslaw Vision.
 - Clarifying being a member of a committee sub-committee.
 - Meeting with Lane County regarding available funding for infrastructure and partnering with Lane County.

- Upcoming visit to Coos Bay to tour Coalbank Village and learn about their facility.
 - Upcoming Oregon Mayors' Conference in Hood River.
- Comments: All Councilors present

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rob Ward, Mayor



Lindsey White, City Recorder