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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
January 22, 2024**

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

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Administrative Services Director Anne Baker, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Community Development Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Police Chief John Pitcher, and Finance Manager Lezlea Purcell.

Guests Present: None.

Handout: 1.22.24 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commenter 1: Michael Allen

Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments

Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed...

- Youth involvement in City government.

- Commending Councilor Wantz for her outstanding remarks supporting youth involvement in Florence city government.

ACTION ITEMS

2. RHODODENDRON DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Consider approving **Resolution No. 1, Series 2024**, a resolution authorizing the City of Florence to exercise the power of eminent domain for the Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project.

Start Time: 5:35 p.m.
 Discussion: PWD Miller presented the staff presentation.
 Handouts: Staff Presentation
 Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- PWD Miller's conversations with property owner.
- Inquiring about size of property.
- History of property; indicating it was intentionally sectioned off for future right-of-way.
- Looking like an easy process to achieve purchase.

 Comments: Councilors Carp, Wantz, Beaudreau, and Meyer.

Action: Approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2024 as presented.
 Motion: Councilor Meyer
 Second: Councilor Beaudreau
 Roll Call: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
 Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
 Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
 Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
 Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
 Motion passes 'unanimously'

CONSENT AGENDA

3. CLAWSON'S WHEEL HOUSE FULL ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE

Consider recommendation of approval to the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission (OLCC) for a full on premises liquor license for Clawson's Wheel House located at 820 Highway 101.

Start Time: 5:51 p.m.
 Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Defining full on premise liquor license.
- Status of property ownership.

 Comments: Mayor Ward and Councilor Meyer.

Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion: Councilor Wantz
Second: Councilor Meyer
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'unanimously'

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. RHODODENDRON DRIVE REALIGNMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE AND TIMELINE

Start Time: 5:54 p.m.
Discussion: PWD Miller presented the staff presentation.
Handouts: Staff Presentation
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Having an end of project celebration.
- Understanding calculations of slope easement.
- Reaching out to school district on possible bus routes changes due to construction.

Comments: Councilors Meyer and Carp, and Mayor Ward.

5. GENERAL REPORTS

- December Committee, Commission and Volunteer Reports.

Start Time: 5:54 p.m.
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

6. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 6:12 p.m.
Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Upcoming Panning Commission meeting.
- Tyler implementation update and ongoing staff training.
- Receiving \$1,000 citizen donation to be applied to Youth Academy with donator's input.
- Receiving an estate donation in memory of citizen's father to be applied to National Night Out.

- Update on new vehicle purchases, one ordered two years ago.
- Year-end update on FloGro sales.
- Year-end update on volunteer hours.
- Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.

Comments: CM Reynolds, ASD Baker, Police Chief Pitcher, and PWD Miller.

Start Time: 6:21 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Requesting summary of energy efficient steps the City has taken over the past two or three years such as building efficiencies, purchasing more energy efficient vehicles and posting summary on City website.

Comments: Mayor Ward.

Discussion: The Department Directors continued discussing...

- Upcoming Florence Urban Renewal Agency meeting.
- Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.
- WLEOG survey results.
- Lane County Emergency Operations coordination from ice storm.
- Upcoming State of the City taking place in February.

Comments: CR White and ACM Messmer.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 6:26 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Upcoming City Meetings and Events.
- Public Arts Committee reviewing applications for Art Exposed program.
- Upcoming free concert (Oregon Origins Project) at the Florence Events Center in February.

Comments: All Councilors present.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

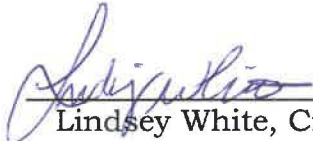
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Upcoming Public Arts Committee update on Art Exposed.
- Upcoming residential project at Oak Manor calling out for local artists.

- Working with Youth Art impressions.
 - Upcoming EMAC events and projects.
 - Arbor Day celebration.
 - Food waste challenge.
 - No Mow May.
 - Kingwood Street cleanup.
 - Attending School Board meeting.
 - Exploring Council Meeting at High School.
 - Women's March in Florence.
 - Encouraging Councilors to attend Winter Musical Festival at Florence Events Centers.
 - Thanking staff for Christmas lights and decorations placed through the City.
- Comments: All Councilors present.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lindsey White, City Recorder


Rob Ward, Mayor