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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
June 10, 2024**

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

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Community Development Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Police Chief John Pitcher, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Associate Planner Clare Kurth, Human Resources Direct Alex Ferguson, and Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer.

Guests Present: None.

Handout: 6.10.24 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Proclamation for Pride Month
- City of Florence 2024 Community Survey Update

Start Time: 5:31 p.m.

Discussion: Mayor Ward presented the Proclamation for Pride Month.

Start Time: 5:37 p.m.

Discussion: ACM Messmer provided an update on the City of Florence 2024 Community Survey.

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. Aric Sneddon – Florence, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Sneddon discussed...

- Supporting System Development Charges (SDC) discount and deferral extension.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2. HECETA BEACH PARK ANNEXATION AND ZONE ASSIGNMENT A. PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND ZONE CHANGE

Hear and consider written and oral testimony regarding the annexation and zone assignment as applied for by Rebecca Shepherd on behalf of the Lane County Government, for approximately 2.88 acres of Park Way and a portion of Beach Drive rights-of-way used as Heceta Beach County Park.

Start Time: 5:46 p.m.
Process Reading: ACM Messmer read the Public Hearing Script and officiated the procedures.
Handouts: Public Hearing Script
Declarations: The City Council declared...

- Councilor Carp:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Beaudreau:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Meyer:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Wantz:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Mayor Ward:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.

Public Challenges: No public challenges were received.

Public Hearing: Opened at 5:52 p.m.

Start Time: 5:52 p.m.

Discussion: AP Kurth presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Does the County pay property tax on this property?

Comments: Councilor Meyer.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- They are a governmental entity so they would be exempt from property taxes.

Comments: CM Reynolds.

Applicant: Mr. Brett Henry, Lane County Parks Manager

Handout: Speaker's Card

Discussion: Mr. Henry discussed...

- Requesting annexation due to replacing restrooms at the park and needing water and sewer connection.

Speaker 1: Mr. Tim Olson

Handout: Speaker's Card

Discussion: Mr. Olson discussed...

- Expressing concerns about existing stormwater runoff from County property on to Driftwood Shores north parking lot and any future development of the annexed new property.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Unable to connect Mr. Olson virtually. His comments were read into the public record.

Comments: ACM Messmer and CDD FarleyCampbell.

Discussion: City Council discussed...

- Providing this annexation is approved tonight, any future improvements would require City approval.
- They would be required to meet the stormwater standards.

Comments: Mayor Ward.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- The annexation offers the opportunity for the City to be involved in discussion about the stormwater coming from the County property.
- Without annexation, there is no conversation.
- When the restroom is replaced, it will be up to Land Use approval and the stormwater management will be reviewed at that time.

Comments: CDD FarleyCampbell and AP Kurth.

Applicant: Mr. Brett Henry, Lane County Parks Manager

Discussion: Mr. Henry discussed...

- The County will work through the City for any permitting and any stormwater requirements.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:16 p.m.

Applicant waives the submission for written of final argument.

B. HECETA BEACH PARK ANNEXATION REQUEST

Consider approval of **Ordinance No. 3. Series 2024**, an ordinance approving the annexation of approximately 2.88 acres of Park Way and Beach Drive rights-of-way of the Heceta Beach Plat into the City of Florence.

Start Time: 6:18 p.m.

Action: First Reading Ordinance No. 3 Series 2024.

Motion: Mayor Ward

Second: Councilor Wantz

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'

Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'

Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'

Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'

Mayor Ward, 'Aye'

Motion passes 'Unanimously'

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024.

Motion: Mayor Ward

Second: Councilor Meyer

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'

Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'

Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'

Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'

Mayor Ward, 'Aye'

Motion passes 'Unanimously'

C. HECETA BEACH PARK ZONE ASSIGNMENT

Consider approval of **Ordinance No. 4, Series 2024**, an ordinance establishing assignment of open space district as part of a proposed annexation approximately 2.88 acres of Park Way and a portion of Beach Drive rights-of-way used as Heceta Beach Plat.

Start Time: 6:21 p.m.
Action: First Reading Ordinance No. 4 Series 2024.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Meyer
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 4, Series 2024.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Meyer
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

3. STATE REVENUE SHARING

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON STATE REVENUE SHARING

Hear and consider written and oral testimony on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds.

Start Time: 6:23 p.m.
Process Reading: ACM Messmer read the Public Hearing Script and officiated the procedures.
Handouts: Public Hearing Script

Public Testimony: No public testimony was received.

Public Hearing: Opened at 6:25 p.m.

Start Time: 6:25 p.m.
Discussion: ASD Baker presented the staff presentation.
Handouts: Staff Presentation
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:29 p.m.

B. DECLARE ELECTION TO RECEIVE SHARED REVENUES

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 13, Series 2024**, a resolution certifying the City's eligibility to receive Shared Revenues.

Start Time: 6:29 p.m.
 Action: Approve Resolution No. 13, Series 2024.
 Motion: Councilor Meyer
 Second: Councilor Carp
 Roll Call: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
 Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
 Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
 Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
 Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
 Motion passes 'unanimously'

D. CERTIFY ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SHARED REVENUES

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 14, Series 2024**, a resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Shared Revenues.

Start Time: 6:29 p.m.
 Action: Approve Resolution No. 14, Series 2024.
 Motion: Councilor Carp
 Second: Councilor Wantz
 Roll Call: Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
 Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
 Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
 Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
 Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
 Motion passes 'unanimously'

ACTION ITEMS

4. SIUSLAW RIVER SLOPE SLIPPAGE MITIGATION DESIGN CONTRACT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES (SDC) DISCOUNT & DEFERRAL EXTENSION

First Ordinance reading held at the May 20, 2024 City Council meeting.

Consider approval of **Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024**, an ordinance amending City of Florence City Code Title 9, Chapter 1 related to continue to make available a process for waiving and deferring the collection of certain system development charges to encourage development of affordable housing.

Start Time: 6:31 p.m.

Discussion: PWD Miller presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024.

Motion: Councilor Meyer

Second: Councilor Beaudreau

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- When someone is building, is exemption automatically given or does someone have to apply for it?
- Appreciating Councilor Carp's discussion at the May 20, 2024 City Council meeting.

Comments: Councilor Wantz and Councilor Beaudreau.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Exemption is automatic.

Comments: PWD Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Carp, 'Nay'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Meyer, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 4-1

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report on the City of Florence financials for the period ending March 31, 2024.

Start Time: 6:40 p.m.

Discussion: ASD Baker presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Does the Transient Lodging Tax delay have an impact on the city marketing with the Chamber?

Comments: Councilor Beaudreau.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Previously the City of Eugene collected the Transient Lodging Tax. There was a lag when we changed to the State collecting the tax. Now we are on track with the revenues.

Comments: ASD Baker.

6. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 6:50 p.m.

Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Utilities implementation with Tyler has occurred. There was a hiccup with 302 customers with automatic payment who did not receive credit for their payment and received notice of a past due bill with a shutoff date. Staff provided reassurances that water would not be shut off and everyone received credit for their payments. Thanking those affected for their understanding.
- Hiring of new police officer with local ties.
- Attending a meeting in Eugene for House Bill 4002 and meeting with new Lane County District Attorney.
- Large police presence at Siuslaw High School graduation due to a possible threat.
- Update on Heceta Beach Road flooding. Lane County staff have been doing bypass pumping to bring levels down.
- The new all electric Ford F150 Lightning XLT has arrived. It has been nicknamed 'Flash.'
- Update on the 2023 Water Quality Report being a great tool to tell our story about water and water treatment, going well beyond Federal and State minimums.
- Update on Rhododendron Drive Project. Reminding public to avoid the construction zone.
- Recruiting for Transportation Committee and Environmental Management Committee (EMAC). Encouraging public to apply to those Committees.
- Upcoming City Council Work Session on short term rentals.
- Upcoming Planning Commission meeting with two public hearings.
- Upcoming new bus launch by Lane Transit District with a kickoff on June 17, 2024 for the expanded

Rhody Express service. Inviting all Councilors to attend.

- Update on current job vacancies.
- Inviting Councilors and public to Art Exposed walking tour starting at City Hall on Saturday June 15, 2024.
- Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.
- Inviting Councilors to Oak Manor open house with off-site catering provided by the Florence Events Center.

Comments: ASD Baker, Police Chief Pitcher, PWD Miller, CDD FarleyCampbell, HRD Ferguson, EDCA Meyer, and ACM Messmer.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 7:13 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Understanding fees related to building a new residence based on 2024-2025 increases.
 - Councilor Meyer discussed the ease of working with the City of Florence Building Department and the local inspectors for a recent project.
 - Councilor Wantz discussed gratitude to CM Reynolds for providing presentation for understanding fees.
- Upcoming City Meetings and Events.

Comments: All Councilors present.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 7:31 p.m.

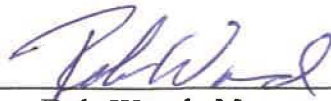
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Participating in the 'Game of Life' event at Siuslaw Middle School.
- Upcoming meeting with CDD FarleyCampbell for streamlining EMAC.
- Gratitude to Lane County for sponsoring the hazardous materials waste collection.
- Gratitude to Mayor Ward and friends who attended the Pride Proclamation.
- Attending the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum event celebrating the retirement of Henry Zinn stepping down as Director who served for many years.

Comments: All Councilors present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rob Ward, Mayor



Lindsey White, City Recorder