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**City of Florence
City Council Work Session
Florence City Hall
250 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
February 22, 2024**

Councilors Present: Mayor Ward, Councilors Sally Wantz, Bill Meyer, Jo Beaudreau, and Robert Carp.
(in person and via Videoconference)

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Police Chief John Pitcher, Public Works Director Mike Miller, and Community Development Director Wendy FarleyCampbell.
(in person)

Guests Present: Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee (FECWSC) Representative Kate McClellan and The Nancy Devereux Center Executive Director Tara Johnson.

Handout: 2.22.24 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 8:45 a.m.

1. WORK SESSION TOPICS

- **THE BRIDGES PROGRAM OF FLORENCE PRESENTATION:** The City Council will receive a presentation on the Bridges Program of Florence, an emergency shelter project of the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee and the Nancy Devereux Center. The Bridges Program of Florence is funded through the State of Oregon and Lane County's All-In Grant Program dollars.
- **THE BRIDGES PROGRAM OF FLORENCE TOUR:** At the conclusion of the Work Session, the City Council will tour the Bridges of Florence located at 5260 Highway 101.

Start Time: 8:45 a.m.
Topic: The City Council participated in the introductions and agenda overview and held no additional discussions.

Start Time: 8:49 a.m.
Topic: Presentation on the Bridges Program of Florence, an emergency shelter project of the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee and the Nancy Devereux Center.

Discussion: FECWS representative McClellan and The Devereux Center Executive Director Johnson presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Assigning a case manager to all guests?
- Describing case manager's experience.
- Ability to contact people on wait list.
- Understanding triggers for becoming unhoused.
- Coordinating organizations to work together.
- Grateful to have a person with experience collaborating with the Bridges Program of Florence.
- Appreciating having people helping others to navigate the system.
- Future funding?
- Understanding funding for Coalbank Village.

Comments: All Councilors present.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

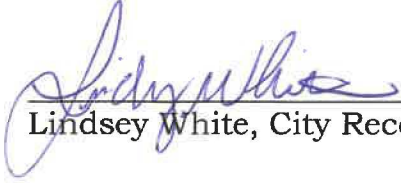
- Upcoming Governor's housing bill before the Senate.
- Discussions on Ballot Measure 110 measure reform.
- Using Deflections Program for first time offenders.
- Repeat offenders will be required to go through Circuit Court.
- Submitting a letter of support for Deflections Program.

Comments: CM Reynolds and Police Chief Pitcher.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

The City Council and staff took a tour of The Bridges Program of Florence at 5250 Highway 101 led by Site Manager Cody Hughes and Site Monitor Ronnie Widner that ended at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:


Lindsey White, City Recorder


Rob Ward, Mayor