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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence City Hall
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
March 17, 2025**

Councilors Present: Mayor Ward, Councilors Robert Carp, Jo Beaudreau, Sally Wantz, and Mike Webb.

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Community Development Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Police Chief John Pitcher, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer, Planning Manager Jacob Foutz, and Human Resources Director Alex Ferguson.

Guests Present: DAR Representative Diana Allsion.

Handout: 3.17.25 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Ward recognized former City Councilor Ron Preisler and former Port Commissioner Nancy Rickard in attendance at the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Councilor Mike Webb

Start Time: 5:32 p.m.

Action: CR White presented the oath of office for Councilor Mike Webb.

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2025 If I Were Mayor Contest Winners
- 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Proclamation
- FURA Board Appointments
- FURA Budget Committee Appointments

Start Time: 5:33 p.m.

Discussion: Mayor Ward presented If I Were Mayor Contest Winners for the City of Florence and Dunes City.

- Mayor Ward chose the following eight winners.
 - Kindergarten – Ella Thomas
 - 1st Grade – David Oliver Montes
 - 2nd Grade – Julian Garcia Galvan
 - 3rd Grade – Lucy Allen
 - 4th Grade – Mia Moore
 - 5th Grade – Jaiden Tullis
 - 8th Grade – Natalyn Dodge
 - 12th Grade – Macy McNeil
- Dunes City Mayor Ed McGuire chose the following seven winners.
 - Kindergarten – Alexander Smith
 - 1st Grade – Dean Wells
 - 2nd Grade – Maren Ferguson
 - 3rd Grade – Audrey Haines
 - 4th Grade – Piper Hendricks-Davis
 - 8th Grade – Violet Ory-Remer
 - 12th Grade – Makenna Holt

Start Time: 5:39 p.m.

Discussion: Mayor Ward presented the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Proclamation Proclamation.

Start Time: 5:31 p.m.

Discussion: Mayor Ward announced the FURA Board Member and FURA Budget Committee appointments.

- FURA Board Member
 - Bill Meyer – *At Large Community Member*
 - Mike Webb – *Councilor Position*
- FURA Budget Committee
 - Glenna Hale
 - Liz Diess

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: 5:52 p.m.
Commenter 1: Mr. Greg Wynne – Florence, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Wynne discussed...

- Opening opportunities for licensing ride share drivers.

Start Time: 5:56 p.m.
Commenter 2: Ms. Linda Poppenheimer – Florence, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Ms. Poppenheimer discussed...

- Lack of public transportation in Florence.

Start Time: 5:59 p.m.
Commenter 3: Mr. Michael Allen – Florence, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed...

- Welcoming and congratulating Councilor Webb on his appointment to the City Council.
- Asking the City to address climate change.

Start Time: 6:02 p.m.
Commenter 4: Mr. Andrew Marohl – Florence, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Marohl discussed...

- General information and updates on activities at Siuslaw Middle School.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2. SOCEA 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 Kathryn and Alan Socea.

Start Time: 6:06 p.m.
Process Reading: CR White read the Public Hearing Script and officiated the procedures.
Handouts: Public Hearing Script
Declarations: The City Council declared...

- Councilor Beaudreau:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Webb:

- No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Wantz:
 - No conflicts of interest were declared and no bias declared.
- Councilor Carp:
 - 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 6:12 p.m.

Start Time: 6:12 p.m.

Discussion: PM Foutz presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Understanding Planning Commission recommended approval.

Comments: Mayor Ward.

Public Testimony: No public testimony was received.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:20 p.m.

Applicant waives the submission of final written argument.

B. ANNEXATION REQUEST

Consider approval of **Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025**, an ordinance approving annexation of property within the UGB, identified as 4760 S. Harbor Vista Drive, Parcel 2, Land Partition Plat No. 90-P0004, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon.

Start Time: 6:21 p.m.

Action: Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025.

Motion: Mayor Ward

Second: Councilor Carp

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'

Councilor Carp, 'Aye'

Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'

Councilor Webb, 'Aye'

Mayor Ward, 'Aye'

Motion passes 'Unanimously'

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

C. ZONE ASSIGNMENT REQUEST

Consider approval of **Ordinance No. 3, Series 2025**, an ordinance establishing medium-density residential district zoning as a part of a proposed annexation to property identified as 4760 S. Harbor Vista Drive, Parcel 2, Land Partition No. 90-P0004, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon.

Start Time: 6:23 p.m.
Action: Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 3, Series 2025.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Beaudreau
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Ebb, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 3, Series 2025.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Wantz
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

3. RHODODENDRON DRIVE & 35TH STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT

Hear and consider written and oral testimony regarding the completion of a reimbursement district located at the intersection of Rhododendron Drive and 35th Street.

Start Time: 6:27 p.m.

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

Handouts: Public Hearing Script

Public Hearing: Opened at 6:28 p.m.

Start Time: 6:28 p.m.

Discussion: PWD Miller presented the staff presentation.

Handouts: Staff Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- How does the Improvement Reimbursement District repay the City?
- If multi-use path is approved in the future, can a reimbursement district be used for that portion of the project?

Comments: Councilors Webb and Beaudreau.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- If owner wants to make improvements such as adding water or sewer, they would have to pay the assessment at that time.
- Yes, to reimbursement district being used for a future multi-use path.
- Understanding what happens after 15-year expiration date of reimbursement district.

Comments: PWD Miller.

Public Testimony: Public testimony was received and included with packet. PWD Miller addressed public testimony received about why property owners did not receive notice, as their property is not part of the reimbursement district. Noticing is only sent to affected properties.

Public Hearing: Closed 6:44 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF RHODODENDRON DR. AND 35TH REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT

Consider approval of **Resolution No. 4, Series 2025**, a resolution approving the completion of the Rhododendron Drive and 35th Street Intersection Reimbursement District.

Start Time: 6:44 p.m.

Action: Approve Resolution No. 4, Series 2025.

Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Wantz
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

ACTION ITEMS

4. FLEXIBLE SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Consider authorizing the City Manager to sign the reciprocal Flexible Service Maintenance Agreement with ODOT for the not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 during the term of the agreement.

Start Time: 6:45 p.m.
Discussion: PWD Miller presented the staff presentation.
Handouts: Staff Presentation
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Understanding how City of Florence and ODOT coordinate work.
- Can this coordination be used for the flooding on Heceta Beach Road?

Comments: Mayor Ward and Councilor Wantz.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Heceta Beach Road is in the jurisdiction of Lane County.

Comments: PWD Miller.

Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the reciprocal Flexible Service Maintenance Agreement with ODOT for the not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 during the term of the agreement.

Motion: Councilor Webb
Second: Councilor Beaudreau
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

5. REAFFIRMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL NORMS DOCUMENT

Consider approval of Resolution No. 5, Series 2025, a resolution reaffirming the City Council Norms document

Start Time: 6:55 p.m.
Discussion: CR White presented the staff presentation.
Handouts: Staff Presentation
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Action: Approve Resolution No. 5, Series 2025.
Motion: Councilor Webb
Second: Councilor Beaudreau
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

CONSENT AGENDA

6. BRIDGEPORT MARKET LIQUOR LICENSE

Consider recommendation of approval to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) for a full on-premise commercial liquor license for EvanRose LLC/Karl Engel, doing business as Bridgeport Market.

7. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the February 13, 2025 City Council Work Session and the February 24, 2025 City Council Regular

Start Time: 6:59 p.m.
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

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

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. GENERAL REPORTS – Council Question and Answer Only – No Presentations

- February, Commission, and Volunteer Reports

Start Time: 6:59 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Thanking Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) for their work.

Comments: Councilor Wantz.

9. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 7:02 p.m.

Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Updates from EMAC.
- Upcoming Planning Commission recommendations to City Council.
- Completing testing for cloud permits for code enforcement module and preparing to go live.
- Upcoming applications being submitted to Planning Commission.
- Update on police vehicles and new vehicle placed in service.
- Rainfall for past weekend recorded 3.47 inches at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and 4.01 inches at Public Works.
- Update on Rolling Dunes Park restroom installation.
- Airport Memorial Gateway Project grant application has been recommended for approval, to be forwarded to the OPRD Director. And then to the Oregon State Parks Commission for final consideration.
- Update on public arts program and installation of new art pieces.
- Update on Oregon Government Ethics Commission for filing economic interest statement filing period deadline.
- Upcoming events at the Florence Events Center.
- Upcoming training for the Budget Committee members.

Comments: CDD FarleyCampbell, Police Chief Pitcher, PWD Miller, EDCA Meyer, CR White, and ACM Messmer.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEM

Start Time: 7:23 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Upcoming City Council meetings and Work Sessions.
- Upcoming City meetings and events.

Comments: All Councilors present.

11. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 7:26 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Update on Rotary auction raising money for scholarships.
- Gratitude to the Florence Senior Center for the use of their facility.
- Participating in the Rhododendron Court and helping with the practicing of their speeches.
- Gratitude for being welcomed aboard to the Council.
- Enjoying the grand opening of the Estuary Trail.
- Taking a tour of the hospital with CM Reynolds and being grateful for the hospital located in Florence.

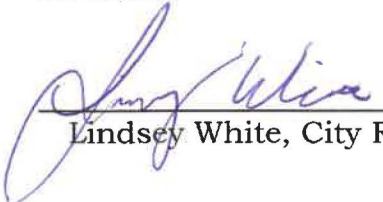
Comments: All Councilors present.

Councilor Carp read a statement concerning statements made at the March 3, 2025 City Council meeting concerning one of the City Council applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Rob Ward, Mayor


Lindsey White, City Recorder