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**City of Florence
City Council Meeting
250 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
April 3, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Joe Henry, Councilors Joshua Greene, Ron Preisler, George Lyddon and Susy Lacer.

Councilors Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, Public Works Director Mike Miller, Chief of Police Tom Turner, Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, City Recorder / Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese, Project Manager Megan Messmer, and Florence Events Center Director Kevin Rhodes.

PROCLAMATION

- Community Health Fair – Let’s Get Healthier Florence Weekend

Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

Action: Mayor Henry presented the Community Health Fair – Let’s Get Healthier Florence Weekend proclamation

PRESENTATIONS

- City Council Grant Program Award Recipients
 - Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County – Program Scholarships
 - Florence Senior Center – Kitchen Equipment
 - Florence Food Share – Saturday Open Hours
 - Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association – Paint Striper Purchase
 - Helping Hands Coalition – Laundry Vouchers

Start Time: 5:31 p.m.

Action: Mayor Henry presented the recipients with their awards.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Start Time: 5:36 p.m.
Action: Approve agenda as shown.
Vote: Unanimous

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Council's attention any item not otherwise listed on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, with a maximum time of 15 minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.

Start Time: 5:36 p.m.

Given the number of audience members wishing to participate in public comments, Mayor Henry queried the audience and elected to take public comments for those with general items, then those concerning sanctuary cities and then those concerning the proposed airport park.

- Commenter 1: Denise Straws – Florence, OR
- Sanctuary City negative connotations
 - Request for proclamation declaring Florence a “Hate Free” Community
- Commenter 2: Mike Dannewitz – Florence, OR
- Not in favor of sanctuary cities
 - Concern about the increasing number of immigrants in California and how that could spread to Florence
 - Crime and homelessness related to illegal immigrants
- Commenter 3: Ivy Meadow – Florence, OR
- In favor of sanctuary cities
 - Socioeconomic problems in United States not related to immigration
- Commenter 4: Jacquie Beveridge – Florence, OR
- Not in favor of sanctuary cities
 - Oregon State's current regulations and Federal Law regarding immigration and harboring illegal immigrants
 - Belief that additional measures on a local level were a waste of resources

- Commenter 5: Sandy Todd – Florence, OR
- In favor of sanctuary cities
 - Definition and purpose of sanctuary city status
 - Avoidance of racial profiling
 - Undocumented immigrants were already in Florence and working

- Commenter 6: Vicki Martin – Florence, OR
- Not in favor of sanctuary cities
 - Illegal immigrants' taxation on the resources including schools and economy
 - Illegal immigrants taking of citizens work
 - Potential of giving up federal funding should Florence become a sanctuary city
 - Services provided to illegal immigrants

Mayor Henry thanked those in the audience for their participation and reminded them that the topic of sanctuary cities was not on the City Council's agenda for the evening, nor was it intended to be a decision point in the future.

- Commenter 7: Nan Harvey – Florence, OR
- Opposition to use of public space for military exposition
 - Potential use of the space as an educational tool without the use of weaponry
 - Need for distinguishment for the park sponsors and veterans on separate plaques

- Commenter 8: Sam Spayd and Terry Tomeny – Deeds of Valor
- Purpose of the park meant not to glorify war but to honor veterans
 - Request for all ideas to make sure they were representative of all veterans
 - Clarification on the preliminary status of the designs and insistence that all were welcome to participate in the plan for the park

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the Council regular meeting minutes of March 6, 2017, the Council work session meeting 1 and 2 minutes of March 8, 2017 and the City Council regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2017.

4. GREENER FLORENCE AWARDS

Consider approving the recommendations for the Greener Florence Awards from the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC).

Start Time: 6:14 p.m.

Action: Approve consent agenda items as shown in the meeting materials

Motion: Councilor Greene

Second: Mayor Henry

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEM

5. RELAY FOR LIFE STREET CLOSURE

Consider approval of the temporary street closure for the Relay for Life event occurring on July 22nd and 23rd, 2017. Street closure is proposed to occur along Quince Street from 8th to Harbor Street and along 6th Street from the western entrance to the Florence Events Center to Quince Street.

Start Time: 6:16 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Comments and/or discussion with Port of Siuslaw regarding closure of Quince Street
- Concern regarding fishing season parking along Quince Street

Comments: Mayor Henry

Applicant: Amy Bickleman – American Cancer Society

- Background of the history of closing the streets
- Potential to not have Quince Street closed would not deter them from having their event at the Florence Events Center
- Belief in the importance of the event not aggravating tourists, fisherman and area residents

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Potential to delay decision until comments are received from the Port of Siuslaw regarding fishing boat and tourist parking
- Purpose of the closure of quince street
- Purpose for the move from Miller Park to Florence Events Center

Comments: Councilor Lacer, Greene, Lyddon and Mayor Henry

Applicant: Amy Bickleman – American Cancer Society

- Purpose of the move to the Florence Events Center and the potential use of a closed Quince Street
- Agreement to leave Quince Street open to allow for the tourist traffic and provide that benefit to both the event and the City of Florence

Mayor Henry opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Commenter 1: Nancy Rickard – Port of Siuslaw

- Question if the Florence Events Center facility and parking would be large enough for the event given the amount of street parking utilized for fishing

Response: FEC Director Rhodes

Mayor Henry closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Action: Approve the street closure request for 6th Street as indicated and exclude Quince Street from the street closure request

Motion: Councilor Preisler

Second: Mayor Henry

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Clarification on the changes to the conditions of approval and signage map
- Concern for the amount of parking availability and overall plan for the event at the Florence Events Center

Comments: Councilor Lacer and Greene

Vote: Unanimous with the exception of Councilor Greene who voted against the motion

REPORT ITEMS

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Start Time: 6:40 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Lane County Board of Health Ordinance to increase the minimum age of tobacco purchase to 21
- Upcoming Council Calendar

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Start Time: 6:43 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Council activities in the community and community announcements
- Work toward public transportation to Eugene

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Joe Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelli Weese, City Recorder