
**City of Florence
City Council Work Session
Held at Florence Events Center
715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
June 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

City Council Work Session called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Councilors Present: Councilors Greene, Preisler, Lacer, Woodbury and Mayor Henry.

Councilors Absent: None

Florence Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, Finance Director Andy Parks and Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell.

1. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Financial Topics: Discussion of broad financial topics and their implications for the City's long term financial plan, including but not limited to:
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Status of Upcoming Grant Projects
 - Service Levels and Revenue Alternatives
 - Planning and Building Fees
- Review of upcoming agenda items

Start Time: 10:02 a.m.

Topic: Financial Topics – Parks and Recreation

Handout: PowerPoint Presentation

Siuslaw Vision Summary Document

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Miller Park project, including...
 - Potential donation from Florence Rotary for Miller Park project
 - Reworking of fields at Miller Park
 - Design and construction of concession stand
 - Funding of the project

- Potential addition of murals and art items within the design
- Siuslaw River Beach River Park project, including...
 - Overall design and purpose of project
 - Picnicking amenities at the park
 - Potential names for the park including discussion of historical families
- Long Term Recreational Funding
 - Potential funding opportunities for recreational programs and additional park resource funding
 - Increases in operating expenses for parks over the last four years
 - Operating costs of swimming pools and similar amenities in other communities
 - Implications of utilizing the general fund for parks operating and capital expenses
 - Potential for general fund revenue increases with economic development initiatives including increases in jobs and housing
 - Implications of providing recreational resources to parties outside the city limits
 - Concerns of placing another tax on the ballot, particularly one that addresses such a large district
 - Concerns for the expenditure of city resources toward a parks and recreation district for the Siuslaw region
 - Bicycle paths included within the transportation system plan
 - Potential of a special district to open up funding alternatives from a greater area of constituents
 - Funding with special district vs. local option levy
 - Time and cost estimates to perform a feasibility study for a parks and recreation district and potential coordination with Siuslaw Vision Group
 - Roll of the Siuslaw Vision Group in the community and the work performed thus far
 - Each Councilor's opinion on a potential feasibility study for parks and recreation resources and funding
 - Next steps for the City moving forward
 - Next steps with Gallagher park and how the funding would be received
 - Exploration of the Parks and Recreation district within the City of Florence's 2017-19 work plan and the Council & communities overall priorities

Result: Direct staff to not spend additional time on a feasibility study for long term parks and recreation funding at the current time and continue to look toward smaller grant opportunities for parks and recreation capital improvements.

Start Time: 11:14 a.m.

Topic: Financial Topics – Planning and Building Fees

Handout: PowerPoint Presentation

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Revenue and expenditures for the building program
- General fund subsidization of growth
- Costs of utilization of NW Code professionals for management of the City's building program
- Potential options to increase revenues and decrease expenditures for the department
- Short term solutions to amend building fees
- Number of permits issued for new homes over the past couple of years
- Process for the state to implement building permit fees on a statewide level

Start Time: 11:41 a.m.

Topic: Financial Topics – Spruce Village Local Improvement District

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

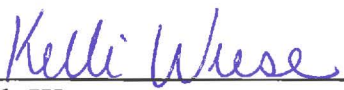
- Update on status of working with property owner for payment of the Spruce Street LID
- Timeline for potential improvements to the area
- Potential role of system development charge discounts in future development

Florence City Council meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



Joe Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelli Weese
City Recorder