



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: May 22, 2024

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, and Ramycia McGhee

Councilors absent: Marilyn Smith (excused)

Special Presentation

- a. If I Were Mayor contest winners **6:00 p.m.**
Johnson II introduced the winners of Albany's "If I Were Mayor" contest Reagan Winn, Chelsey Lopez, and Hadley Huzefka, who each shared about their contest submissions.
- b. Linn County Veterans Day Parade **6:00 p.m.**
Chair of the Linn County Veterans Day Parade Committee Christine Ferguson shared a document* about Col. Thomas H. Kirk Jr., who will speak at the upcoming Veterans Day event.
- c. Public Works Week recognition **6:25 p.m.**
Chris Bailey thanked public works staff for their work and shared a video*.

Business from the Public

6:27 p.m.

None

Adoption of resolutions

6:27 p.m.

- a. Approving and adopting the City of Albany, ADA Transition Plan
Library Director Eric Ikenouye introduced the item.

MOTION: Councilor Jackie Montague moved to adopt the resolution. Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7314.

- b. Exemption from competitive bidding to purchase a generator for WTP-24-01 **6:29 p.m.**
City Engineer Staci Belcastro outlined the need for the proposed generator and how it would be funded.

MOTION: Montague moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7315.

Award of contracts

- a. ST-23-03, Fourteenth Ave, Clay St, and Geary St overlay **6:32 p.m.**

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Civil Engineer II Carl Berg gave an overview of the project.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the contract as written. Councilor Steph Newton seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

- b. ST-24-04, 2024 slurry seal project **6:34 p.m.**
Engineering Associate I Andrew Monaco gave an overview of the project.

MOTION: Councilor Ramycia McGhee moved to approve the contract as written. Newton seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

- c. SS-25-01, Cox Creek interceptor sewer phase 3 **6:36 p.m.**
Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski gave an overview of the project. Responding to questions from Kopczynski and Montague, Cerklewski said that staff experienced lower project costs this year than in recent years and that all the phases of the Cox Creek interceptor project are roughly the same length.

MOTION: Montague moved to approve the contract as written. McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Adoption of consent agenda **6:39 p.m.**

- a. Appointments
- 1) Accepting Terry Virnig's resignation from the Budget Review Committee and Transportation Advisory Commission
 - 2) Appointing Michael Thomson to the Budget Review Committee
 - 3) Appointing Oscar Hult to the Tourism Advisory Committee
 - 4) Appointing Alex Rice to the Transportation Advisory Commission
- b. Approval of minutes
- 1) February 26, 2024, city council work session
 - 2) March 11, 2024, city council work session
 - 3) April 8, 2024, city council work session
 - 4) April 10, 2024, city council meeting
- c. Recommendations to OLCC
- 1) Approve change of ownership full on-premises commercial liquor license for Elmer's Restaurants, Inc dba Elmer's Breakfast Lunch Dinner
- d. Adoption of resolutions
- 1) Authorize the City's participation in a submittal for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants RES NO. 7316
 - 2) Access Easement for SP-18-23 RES NO. 7317
 - 3) Emergency Access Easement for SP-18-23 RES NO. 7318
 - 4) Water Easement for SP-18-23 RES NO. 7319
 - 5) Opting into recreational immunity RES NO. 7320
- e. Approval of agreements
- 6) Linn County Ambulance Service Area mutual aid agreement RES NO. 7321

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the consent agenda as written. McGhee seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Business from the council

6:39 p.m.

Newton spoke about the city's new contract concerning red-light cameras. Newton said she would like to see a change to the city's ticket diversion policy, stating that all drivers, regardless of age, should be able to complete a diversion program on their first ticket. City Manager Peter Troedsson said the change sounds reasonable, but he would like to take the proposal to a meeting of court stakeholders to see if there would be any unintended consequences before making any changes.

Newton, Montague, and Councilor Matilda Novak discussed the red-light cameras and if they were an appropriate investment. Novak shared an email* from Police Chief Marcia Harnden about traffic violations in the area of the soon-to-be installed North Albany red-light camera.

McGhee shared about a recent event and Johnson II spoke about the "If I Were Mayor" contest.

City manager report

6:57 p.m.

Troedsson shared his gratitude to Public Works staff on the occasion of Public Works week.

Recess to executive session to discuss litigation or litigation likely to be filed in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h)

6:58 p.m.

Johnson II read the executive session script and recessed the city council into executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to discuss litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Johnson II recessed the council meeting at 6:59 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 7:10 p.m. in executive session.

Reconvene

7:52 p.m.

Johnson II reconvened the council into regular session at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov.*