



## ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024  
Work Session  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Approved: May 8, 2024

#### Call to Order

**4:00 p.m.**

Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Councilors present: Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski (virtual), and Ramycia McGhee

Councilors absent: Mayor Alex Johnson II (excused)

#### Business from the Public

**4:00 p.m.**

None

#### ADA consultant update

**4:01 p.m.**

Library Director Eric Ikenouye introduced consultants Lena Roper and Darci Rudzinski from MIG who presented a slideshow\* about the proposed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan. Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane shared progress the city has made toward achieving some of the low-cost changes identified in the plan. Roper and Ikenouye responded to clarifying questions from Councilor Jackie Montague and said that there will likely be another evaluation in three to five years to evaluate progress towards the goals in the transition plan.

Roper, responding to questions from Councilor Matilda Novak, spoke about service animals. Roper identified the questions that can be legally asked about a service animal and spoke about restrictions on service animal leashing requirements.

Responding to additional questions from Novak, Lyddane outlined how Parks and Recreation accommodates care providers on city sponsored outings and said she would find which city department uses Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART). Ikenouye spoke about coordinating with Emergency Manager/Safety Officer Chuck Perino concerning emergency evacuations.

Responding to a question from Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith, Ikenouye said that there were sadly no comments received during the comment period. Ikenouye said that the city did reach out to advocacy groups to solicit comments. Ikenouye said the plan is a living document and can be updated as feedback is received from residents.

Smith thanked city staff and the consultants for their work.

#### Scharpf foundation grant and endowment

**4:38 p.m.**

Lyddane spoke about the history of the water safety awareness program in Albany and about the two grants the city has been offered to operate the program in 2024. Lyddane said that the grants will be on the March 13, 2024, consent agenda for council to accept.

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Local government grant program for rehabilitation of Deerfield Park

**4:39 p.m.**

Lyddane shared the history of Deerfield Park, the need for investment in the equipment at the park, and a grant opportunity that the city would like to apply for. Responding to a question from Novak, Lyddane said the current estimate is that the renovation of Deerfield Park would cost somewhere between \$1 million to \$1.3 million.

Responding to a question from Councilor Steph Newton, Lyddane said the old play structure will be recycled, though Lyddane is hoping to save the animals on the rockers for a future art project. Lyddane said the grant application will be on the March 13, 2024, consent agenda for council approval.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Youth Authority

**4:45 p.m.**

Lyddane spoke about the proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA). Councilor Ramycia McGhee spoke in support and said the IGA is a great opportunity. Responding to a question from Montague, Lyddane said that this is the first time in at least the last four years that Albany has signed an agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority. Lyddane said the IGA will be on the consent agenda for the March 13, 2024, regular meeting.

Business from the council

**4:48 p.m.**

McGhee and Newton spoke about recent and upcoming events.

City manager report

**4:49 p.m.**

City Manager Peter Troedsson thanked Ikenouye for his work as the city's ADA coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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