



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday March 27, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

City Council

Mayor Richer

Councilor Shields

Councilor Van Damme

Councilor Ignazzitto

Councilor Morse

Student Councilor Marston – Excused

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Kelly West – Public Works Director

Brent Bybee – Principal Planner

Rachel Vickers – Associate Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Associate Planner Vickers read aloud the hearing procedures for the public hearing.

Mayor Richer asked the Council if they had any conflict of interest or bias regarding this matter. The Council unanimously said no.

Mayor Richer asked the public if there was any party that challenged the Council based on their lack of bias or conflict of interest. There was no response from the public.

Mayor Richer asked the public if there were any objections to the procedures of the public hearing. There was no response from the public.

1. Public Hearing on 02MOD-23, Danco

a. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Richer opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

b. Staff Report

i. Draft Findings

ii. Conditions of Approval

Associate Vickers presented the staff report on the modification of file 02MOD-23 which will reduce the diameter of a right of way dedication for a roundabout on Huntington and Memorial from 200 square feet to 175 square feet. She informed the Council that there was a unanimous vote of approval from the Planning Commission during their public hearing.

She read the code provisions to the Council and how it relates to 02MOD-12. Staff recommends that the Council close the public hearing and commence deliberations.

There was a concern from the Council regarding the impact for school buses and first responder vehicles. Associate Planner Vickers said that the City's engineer gave the recommendation of the diameter change but will ask specifically about how it will impact buses and first responder vehicles.

c. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

d. Close Public Hearing

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to close the public hearing and commence deliberations. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Richer closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

e. Deliberation

There was discussion on the concern of the effectiveness for larger vehicles to travel through the roundabout. Principal Planner Bybee made a comment that the City's engineer's designs are in compliance with local and State guidelines. Councilor Shields also commented that he could drive a large truck through a 175 square foot roundabout.

Councilor Ignazzitto moved to recommend the approval of file 02MOD-23, with the conditions of approval included in the staff report. This action will modify condition of approval B from land use file 03ZC-19. The proposed modification would reduce the required right of way dedication in relation to the roundabout's diameter from 200 feet to 175 feet. I also move approval to allow the City Manager to sign an updated Conditions of Approval Agreement which reflects this modification and any other

documents which may be required to memorize this decision. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Morse – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zorba Stathakis made a positive comment that Public Works has done a great job cleaning up the bike lanes and removing cinder with the new street sweeper.

He stated that he went to the presentation from Republic Services at the Senior Center. He would like to have recycling services be brought to La Pine.

Lastly, he would like to see if the City could provide a managed camp for people without addresses.

Assistant Chief Dan Daugherty spoke to the Council on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fire District. He stated that they would like to work more closely and have a stronger relationship with the City and the outlying areas.

He also wanted to inform the Council of the two tax levy renewals which include an Operational Levy which is \$0.64 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. And a Capital levy which is \$0.23 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. He stated that these levies are very important to the Fire District and if they fail to pass it will be a significant loss to their operations. He welcomed the Council to reach out to himself or Chief Holsey if they had any questions.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 03.13.24 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Ignazzitto abstained due to her absence from the meeting on 03.13.2024.

Councilor Shields made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Councilor Van Damme seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Danco review of LIRHTE (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) Application
 - a. Supplemental (to be submitted prior to meeting)

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report and draft Resolution 2023-09. He gave background on Resolution 2023-09 which adopted the revised statute allowing property tax

exemption for low-income rental housing. He gave a brief summary from past meetings regarding DANCO.

He explained the draft Resolution 2024-01 and read the title aloud. He also read the conditions of the Resolution. He explained the findings and read them aloud for the Council.

He read the burden of proof statement demonstrating how the applicant has met the criteria. Within the statement it explained the financial impact to the City. He also explained the Notice of Possible Termination of the tax exemption. This document lists the grounds for possible termination of the tax exemption which is monitored by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS).

There were no questions from the Council.

Councilor Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 A Resolution providing conditional approval of the low-income rental housing tax exemption application submitted by La Pine Huntington Road Limited Partnership and certifying to the Deschutes County Tax Assessor that all of the property tax for the period of 2025-2045 tax years shall be exempt from the ad valorem tax levy of the City of La Pine upon passage. *Councilor Ignazzitto seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the Notice of Possible Termination of Tax Exemption (NOPTTE) document. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Morse – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. La Pine 2045 Vision Goals

a. Staff Report

Principal Planner Bybee presented the associated staff report regarding La Pine 2045 Vision Goals. He informed the Council that these goals have been presented and approved by the Planning Commission. He also stated that the goals were also presented to the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee.

He asked for the Council to make a motion to approve the Goals to finalize the visioning process of La Pine 2045.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the proposed La Pine 2045 Vision Goals as presented by staff, to be utilized for the La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

2. Speed Zone Studies

- a. Staff Report
- b. Huntington Rd.
- c. William Foss Rd

City Manager Wullschlager presented the staff report regarding the Speed Zone Studies on Huntington Road between Findley Drive to the North and Memorial Ln. to the South. He also stated that ODOT submitted an investigation for William Foss Rd. between US-97 and Mitts Way.

For Huntington Rd. the study period was between 2018-2020 and there was one reported crash along this corridor. The median speed captured in this zone was 46 mph. ODOT recommends retaining the existing 45 mph posted speed limit. Staff recommends a motion to accept the speed zone studies and the ODOT recommendation of keeping the current speed.

Councilor Van Damme made a motion to concur with ODOT Speed Zone Investigation #13624. *Councilor Ignazzitto seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

For William Foss Rd. the study period was between 2018-2020 and there was one reported crash along this corridor. The median speed captured in this zone was 33 mph, the current posted speed limit is 35 mph. Additionally 75% of the measure speed captured fell between 27 mph and 28 mph. ODOT recommends lowering the existing 35mph posted speed limit to 25mph. Staff recommends a motion to accept the speed zone studies and the ODOT recommendation of keeping the current speed.

Councilor Morse made a motion to concur with ODOT Speed Zone Investigation #13460. *Councilor Ignazzitto seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

3. Planning Commission Vacancy

- a. Staff Report
- b. Applications

City Manager Wullschlager presented the applications for the Planning Commission Vacancy.

There is currently only one Planning Commission vacancy and the City received two applications, Anthony Accinelli, and Ross Tomlin. Anthony Accinelli was present at the Council meeting.

Karen Morse asked Mr. Accinelli to introduce himself to the Council.

Mr. Accinelli informed the Council of his background and why he applied to the Planning Commission. He has lived in Oregon all his life and really enjoys La Pine. He would like to be a part of the community.

Councilor Shields made a motion to recommend Anthony Accinelli as the next Planning Commissioner. *Councilor Morse seconded.* Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Associate Planner Vickers gave an update on Community Development applications. She explained the different applications that have been received including lot line adjustments in the Cagle Subdivision.

City Recorder Metcalf informed the Council that Councilor Van Damme, Councilor Ignazzitto and Mayor Richer are up for election this year. She gave the first and last dates that the Councilors can submit their application for candidacy. In addition, she said that the candidates can pay a fee with their application or submit a Candidate Signature Sheet in lieu of a fee.

Principal Planner Bybee gave recognition to Associate Planner Vickers for all her hard work. He gave an update on long range planning. He stated that Staff have been consulting with the consultant 3J and informed the Council how much they have done for the Comprehensive Plan Update. He informed the Council of the Community Summit on May 21st that will be hosted at the Senior Activity Center.

He stated that the deadline for the Transportation System Plan (TSP) grant application is coming up. The staff's goal is to have the TSP updated simultaneously as the Comprehensive Plan Update.

He thanked the Council for their continued support of the Planning Department.

Public Works Director West informed the Council the City received approval from DEQ for the Industrial lift station.

He stated that Public Works is currently ahead of schedule with cleaning the roadway of cinder with the new street sweeper. He also stated that Little River Landscaping is scheduled to start removing the cinder from the grass along US-97 next week.

City Manager Wullschlager stated that the kickoff meeting with Flagline Engineering is scheduled for next week.

For Urban Renewal Agency he has made headway on the sole source procurement for the Archway Project. This will allow the agency to hire companies to complete different aspects of the project without needing to issue an RFP.

He stated that the water and wastewater project is moving forward, however, there have been obstacles. Construction is still progressing, and he will update the Council when more information is available.

He stated that the Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO) will be organizing events in the surrounding Cities.

Lastly, he said that Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) is asking for an elected official of the City to participate on the Water Subcommittee.

He reminded the Council of the upcoming Sunriver La Pine Economic Development (SLED) Luncheon that is happening in April.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Van Damme thanked everyone for their hard work especially the Planning Department.

Councilor Shields thanked everyone for their hard work.

Councilor Ignazzitto stated that she has heard a lot of positive comments from the community about the growth and changes the City has made.

Councilor Morse thanked everyone.

Mayor Richer thanked everyone who participated in the City Council meeting tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

 Date: 4/10/24
Cathi Van Damme, Council President

ATTEST:

 Date: 4/10/24
Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder