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MINUTES

City Council Work Session
Monday, April 24, 2023 5:00 PM
Veneta City Hall – J.W. “Bill” Smigley Room
88184 8TH Street, Veneta, Oregon

Present: Mayor Keith Weiss, President Robbie McCoy, Councilor Pat Coy
Councilor Alexa Benson, and Councilor Maureen Wright
Absent: None
Staff: City Administrator (CA) Matt Michel, Management Analyst (MA) Cole
Haselip, Public Works Director (PWD) Kyle Schauer, Community
Development Director (CDD) Matt Laird, Administrative Supervisor (AS)
Ann Haxby, and City Recorder (CR) Grace Jelks

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weiss called the City Council Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

2. COUNCIL GOALS SETTING**a. City Council Goals for 2023-2025**

CA Michel presented the City Council Goals for 2023-2025. Discussion ensued. City Councilors comments and questions included clarification of funding sources, installation of a message board, location and cost of a sizable message board, funding sources for a message board, the theme and purpose of the Ralph Johnson “Adult Quiet Park”, concerns about the cost for the Bolton Hill Sports Complex land acquisition from ODF, installation of lights at the pickleball court, fill soil for the dog park project and estimated completion date, whether the County is involved with possible remedies for the failing intersection at Jeans Rd. and Territorial Hwy, location and design of a new lift station, whether SDCs will be affected if more lift stations are installed, lack of safety and lighting at certain intersections, progress on the code enforcement survey, funding sources and

providers for mental health services, broadband services installation progress, and addressing any concerns about hosting a “town hall” style meeting.

PWD Schauer and CDD Laird discussed ODOT limitations on signs due to visibility, design features for the Ralph Johnson “Adult Quiet Park”, light installation is not planned for the pickleball courts, discussions with a local RV business to donate fill soil for the new dog park project and will likely be completed next year, installation of a new lift station located near Huston Rd. and Hwy 126, addressing concern about installation of too many lift stations, SDCs will help recoup the costs of sewer infrastructure, a new light is being installed at the intersection of 8th and Hwy 126, EPUD is working on a project for updating and moving certain poles to coincide with a future City project on Huston Rd., and there has been progress in removing possible concerns for developers about lot 602.

CA Michel clarified the funding sources and outlined URA funding, the possibility of using Lane Fire Authority’s message board, exploring funding through the Urban Renewal Authority, ODF has suggested a trade of excess soil removal in-lieu-of land purchase, discussions are taking place with Lane County and ODOT about funding to fix failing intersections, and ideas for a “town hall” style meeting.

MA Haselip clarified funding sources and provider options for mental health services.

AS Haxby gave an update on broadband installation throughout the City.

3. OTHER

- a. Council President McCoy discussed Council meeting opening protocol. Discussion ensued.

CR Jelks clarified the purpose of adding a Roll Call to the agenda and stated that it is helpful for anyone attending the meetings to familiarize themselves with the person speaking, especially since some of our attendees are by phone.

There was a consensus to add to the agenda for a future regular council meeting, a request changing Ordinance No. 568, to add the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the council meeting agendas; immediately after the Call To Order and after the Pledge of Allegiance, a request for a Roll Call will be added. (3-2).

- b. It was noted that the May 18th joint work session with FRAUG at the Fern Ridge Service Center will need be rescheduled due to conflicting schedules. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss mental health services and options in the City, which is a current Council priority.


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- c. There will be a listening session about code enforcement on April 27th at the Fern Ridge Service Center at noon.
- d. There will be a Veneta Eats event at the Fern Ridge Service Center on April 27th in the evening.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Weiss adjourned the Monday, April 24, 2023, meeting of the Veneta City Council Work Session at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



Keith Weiss, Mayor



Grace Jelks, City Recorder

