

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2019

City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm and announced according to paragraph 19 of the Rules of Order and Procedure for the City Council, when the Mayor and Council President are absent, the City Recorder shall call the Council to order and take roll call. If a quorum is present, the Council shall proceed to elect, by majority vote of those present, a chairperson for the meeting to act for the remainder of the meeting, or until either the Mayor or the Council President appears. Present were Councilors Barron, Smith, Myers, Davis, Kirwan, and Gutierrez. Mayor Drotzmann and Council President Hardin were excused. Councilor Primmer was absent. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Clint Spencer, Mark Krawczyk, and Larry Fetter. Media present was Jade McDowell of the East Oregonian and Michael Kane from NE Oregon Now.

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Davis seconded to nominate Councilor Kirwan as Chair. Motion carried unanimously. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Hermiston School District (HSD) Updates

Jeffrey Kelso, IT Manager, gave information regarding HSD updates (attached) and enrollment figures.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Davis seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-I, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Airport Advisory Committee: Position #5, Ron Linn, term from 11/01/2019 to 10/31/2022
- C. Confirmation to the Faith-Based Advisory Committee: Position #4, Chris Hankel, term from 10/15/19 to 12/31/2021
- D. Confirmation to the EOTEC Advisory Committee: Position #6, Josh Burns, term from 10/15/19 to 06/30/2022
- E. Confirmation to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Positions #4 Carlisle Harrison, #5 Erica Juarez, & #6 Mike Frink- terms from 11/01/2019 to 10/31/2022
- F. Minutes of the June 24, Transit Advisory Committee meeting
- G. Minutes of the July 22, Public Safety Committee meeting
- H. Minutes of the September 23, City Council meeting
- I. Consider moving the City Council meeting of Monday, November 11th to Tuesday, November 12th due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recess for Executive Session

Chair Kirwan recessed the regular meeting at 7:05pm and announced the City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(g)- To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations; and, ORS 192.660(2)(e)- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the council will return to open session which the audience may attend. The council, after returning from the executive session, will consider and possibly approve Resolutions 2137 and 2138. The executive session will last approximately 30 mins.

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Reconvene

Chair Kirwan reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:35pm.

Resolution No. 2135: Approval and Re-Adoption of City of Hermiston's Financial and Investment Policies- was discussed. Finance Director Mark Krawczyk gave information regarding policy requirements as the Council must annual review and approval/re-adopt of all of the City financial and investment policies. No changes have been made to either policy since the last re-adoption.

Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Myers seconded to adopt Res. No. 2135 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2136: Initiate Vacation SE 10th Street- was discussed. City Planner Clint Spencer gave information regarding the proposed vacation to facilitate an industrial development project. The proposed project will be located in an entirely undeveloped area where no buildings or streets are currently located.

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Myers seconded to adopt Res. No. 2136 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2137: Approving the Execution of a long-term Rural Enterprise Zone Abatement Agreement with Amazon Data Services, Inc. was discussed. Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan gave information regarding the City collecting about \$40 million over the next 15 years in lieu of taxes, if Amazon decides to build in Hermiston. This money would then be heavily invested back into the City.

Public comment

Sam Nobles, Umatilla- stated an Amazon building built next to his property has a Hermiston address while his property has a Umatilla address; this is confusing for semi drivers trying to find the Amazon site. He has tried addressing this issue with Umatilla and Amazon and has gotten nowhere. Mr. Nobles stated Amazon is a great company but encouraged the City to make sure they are doing everything right.

Ric Sherman, Chairman of Umatilla County Fire District #1 Board- stated expansion and growth of the City and County are great, but the Fire District should be keeping more money than what is being proposed. With growth comes more people, housing and structures and the Fire District needs to have the ability to service all of these with quality response times in order to save lives, and this will require funding.

Jackie Linton, Hermiston – stated she understands Amazon will bring in 250 higher paying jobs and likes that BMCC has specific programs to help fill these positions, but thinks the tax break the City is considering giving Amazon is too high and should be reconsidered.

Arthur (inaudible last name), 1500 NE 10th St, Hermiston- stated he is unsure of what Amazon does but would like to know what the impact of the community will be with them coming in. Are they a union or non-union represented workforce? The City should also think about the future of the community; will Amazon become automated and eliminate lots of people-working-jobs like the railroad just did. Amazon should also have to pay taxes.

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated Public Safety Fees, specific to the Fire District, will be given if Amazon builds in Hermiston.

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Chair Kirwan stated the City is not giving anything to Amazon. If Amazon decides to build in Hermiston it will not only change Hermiston, but the entire region as well; and will give an opportunity to replace the jobs lost at Union Pacific.

Councilor Barron stated this is a good opportunity for an employer who is not in the farming or transportation industry to invest in this area.

Councilor Gutierrez moved and Councilor Davis seconded to adopt Res. No. 2137 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2138- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Umatilla County regarding Revenue Sharing-
City Manager Smith stated the City is requesting to postpone this item until the following City Council meeting as the City and County are still in discussion to finalize this MOU.

Housing Incentive Report

City Manager Smith stated the Council, at the February Council Goal Setting Session, put forward a goal to City staff to examine options related to incentivizing housing and making sure the City is not overlooking options related to housing incentives. As presented in the agenda packet, the City is continuing to work on ways to provide more housing for those who work and live in the area and making sure the City is exploring all incentive options possible.

2019 Street Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan stated Public Infrastructure Committee is recommending the Council to approve not planning any Street CIP expenses in FY '23-'24, but recommended expanding and adding two projects to the Street CIP Appendix:

1. Slightly expanding the scope of Appendix Project ST11.0 "W. Gettman Road Construction"
2. Adding a new Project # ST11.1 "E. Gettman Road Construction (S. 1st Street to Highway 395)"

Public Comment

Herb Stahl, Stanfield- asked for a Local Improvement District (LID) improvement update in the Campbell area.

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated LID update information will be presented at the next City Council meeting. By that time, the City should have received information regarding the federal grants that the City has applied for. Amazon also assisted in this endeavor by submitting a letter to the EDA to help the City attain federal money. There will also be a public hearing at this time as well.

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Barron seconded to approve the 2019 Street CIP as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

September, 2019 Financial Report

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Barron seconded to accept the September 2019 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation- Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Fetter, stated the Committee met and discussed the connecting trail from Umatilla to Echo through Hermiston and heard Park Open Space Consultant Updates.
Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron stated the Committee will meet next Monday.

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Council's Report

Councilor Davis recognized Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan for his accreditation from ICMA (applause from the Council and audience).

Councilor Barron thanked everyone in the audience for being present and learning about what is happening in the community. Councilor Barron thanked City staff for all the work they are doing to develop and bring in exciting new opportunities for community and personal growth.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- Council President Hardin has been hospitalized. He is doing better and should be released soon
- The City's Retail Consultant has reported there are six retail businesses who they are helping find locations for in Hermiston. Some are restaurants
- The City will be receiving an award on Monday, October 28th from the Oregon Economic Development Association for the work done to Festival Street. A Councilor is encouraged to attend
- City Planner Clint Spencer is in need for a Councilor to join the State Land Departments Rule Making Committee related to the recent passage of HB2001, legislation that essentially eliminated single family development in Oregon
 - Councilor Myers volunteered to be on this Committee
- City Manager Smith will be out of the office for an IMCA Conference

Adjournment

There was no other business and Chair adjourned the regular meeting at 8:29pm.

SIGNED:

/s/Dr. Dave Drotzmann

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC

City Recorder



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District:

October 7—Little Steps (English), 10:00-11:30 a.m., Hermiston Public Library.
October 7—Little Steps (Bilingual), 5:00-6:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library.
October 8—Little Steps (English), 10:00-11:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library.
October 11—No School, Statewide In-service.
October 14—Regular Board Meeting, 6:30-9:00 p.m., District Office Boardroom.
October 14—Little Moves, 5:30-7:00 p.m., West Park Commons
October 17—Oregon Shakeout, 10:17 a.m., Practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold.
October 24—Breakfast of Champions, 7:00-8:30 a.m., Hermiston Community Center.
October 24—Linkage Fair, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Sunset Elementary School.
October 25—No School, Transition Day.
October 28—Board Work Session, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Desert View Elementary.
November 4—Fall Immunization Clinic, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Armand Larive Middle School.

Desert View:

October 2-4—Fifth graders at to Outdoor School.
October 29—PTO Meeting, 6-7 p.m., library.

Highland Hills:

October 3—Book Fair Open to Parents, 5:30-6:30 p.m., library.
October 8-10—Fifth graders will be at to Outdoor School.
October 23—HHES Breakfast of Champions, 7:15-7:55 a.m., HHES library.

Rocky Heights:

October 1—Rocky Heights is hosting a VIP Day from 7:30-10:00 a.m.
October 1—PTO Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fitness Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunset:

October 3—PTO Meeting, 6 p.m., library.
October 4—First Friday Family Read In, 7:20-7:55 a.m., library.

West Park:

September 30-October 2—Fifth graders at Outdoor School.
October 24—Picture retakes

Armand Larive Middle School:

October 10—Site Council Meeting, 3:20-4:20 p.m.
October 16—Picture re-takes, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
October 17—Band and Choir Concert, 7-9 p.m., Commons

Sandstone Middle School:

October 10—Site Council Meeting, 3:20-4:20 p.m.
October 16—Picture re-takes, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
October 17—Sandstone Band/Choir Concert, 7 p.m.
October 18—Dance/Activity Night, 3:30-5:30 p.m.



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October 31—Quarter 1 Assembly 7/8 grade, 2:40-3:25 p.m.

Hermiston High School—

October 5—Saturday Support, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Lab 150 & 170.

October 8—Bulldog Career and Discovery Fair, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Gold Gym

October 9—College Fair, 6-8 p.m., Main Commons

October 15—Student Testing Day, SAT seniors, ASVAB juniors, PSAT sophomores and freshman will attend workshops.

October 15—HHS Fall Choir Concert, 7- 10 p.m., auditorium.

October 19—FAFSA/ORSAA Help for seniors, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., HHS library.

October 22—HHS Fall Band Concert, 7-10 p.m., auditorium.

October 24—HHS Fall Jazz and Percussion Concert, 7-10 p.m., auditorium.

October 25—College visit to Eastern Oregon University, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

October 29—Financial Aid Night, 6-7 p.m., HHS library.