

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2021

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Barron, Spicerkuhn, Davis, Duron, and Myers. Councilor Primmer was excused. Also in attendance was Judge Thomas Creasing, as well as City staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clinton Spenser, Library Director Mark Rose (arrived at 7:08pm), and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Recognition- Retirement of City Attorney Gary Luisi

Mayor Drotzmann presented City Attorney Gary Luisi with a plaque congratulating him on his retirement after 22 years of service as the City Attorney and trusted legal advisor as the City grew 56% during his tenure (applause from the audience).

City Attorney Luisi thanked the City and stated one of the best decisions he made was moving to Hermiston (applause from the audience).

Proclamation- Soroptimist 100th Anniversary

Mayor Drotzmann read the Soroptimist 100th Anniversary Proclamation aloud and congratulated the Soroptimists for their 100 years of service to the communities in which they serve.

Presentation- Restaurant Assistance Program Partnership

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan gave information regarding the Restaurant Assistance Pilot Program partnership between the City and the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce that was originally presented in May. Allocation of \$50,000 from the American Recovery Plan Act to help local businesses recover from economic impacts created from the COVID pandemic is being used to invest in the program to purchase \$10.00 gift certificates to restaurants throughout the City and give them to constituents through utility bills, Library and Parks and Recreation programs, and by partnering with the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce to distribute them as well. This pilot model is based similarly on the program recently created to promote an infusion of attendance and cash flow to the Hermiston Cinema and Desert Lanes Bowling Alley.

Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Chair Kris Bennett stated the Board is very excited about the program and have been and will continue to promote and announce the giveaways in English and Spanish (advertisement attached) through their Facebook page and other outreach avenues. Mrs. Bennett stated all Hermiston restaurants were repeatedly invited to participate in the program, however, some choose not to participate.

Councilors Barron and Duron mentioned there were errors in the Spanish translation that needed to be corrected.

Mrs. Bennett stated the translation was completed by a certified translator through Representative Greg Smith's office, but if they could indicate the specific issues and email them to her, she would get them corrected.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked the Chamber for their partnership and work on this Program.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

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Consent Agenda Items

Public Comment

Agustin Vega-Peters introduced himself as a possible Hispanic Advisory Committee member as proposed in item D.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Mr. Vega-Peters for introducing himself and wanting to be involved.

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-E, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center Advisory Committee: Position #6, representing the At-Large Community, Luke Swanson, remaining term from 09/28/2021 to 06/30/2022
- C. Confirmation to the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center Advisory Committee: Position #7, representing the At-Large Community, Weston Putman, term from 09/28/2021 to 06/30/2022
- D. Recommendation to the Hispanic Advisory Committee: Position #3, Agustin Vega-Peters, remaining 3 year term from 10/12/2021 to 06/30/2024
- E. Minutes of the September 13th work session and regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked the Council for approving the recommended appointments and encouraged the public to apply for other committee vacancies.

Ordinance No. 2328- Updating Chapter 34 of the City Code Relating to System Development Charges

City Manager Smith explained this Ordinance will update the System Development Charges process to conform with state law. This is part of the updating process the City has been completing the last two years. More updates will continue to be brought to the Council until all ordinances have been updated.

After some discussion, Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only. After City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title only, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Myers seconded that Ordinance No. 2328 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

August 2021 Financial Report

Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Myers seconded to accept the August Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Ground Lease: K2 Aerial Application, LLC

City Manager Byron Smith stated K2 Aerial Application, LLC has been operating from the Hermiston Airport for the last 6 years and would like to construct their own hangar on a ground lease. The ground lease is set at the standard rate all other current ground leases have and will be for a 20-year term with an option of 2 5-year extensions.

After some discussion, Councilor Spicerkuhn stated he would like to see more money being charged for ground leases in the future.

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Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan stated the established standard rates are comparable to airports in Oregon and Washington, with strong FFA oversight on what airports are allowed to charge.

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Duron seconded to approve the lease as approved by the Airport Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron stated although no quorum was present, the Committee heard information regarding a new mobile home winterization program and made the decision to convert their October Committee meeting into a Latino Hermiston 2040 Focus Group.

Library Board- Councilor Davis stated the Board received information regarding a recent new hire and reviewed the Library's future architectural plans.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding his candidacy for LOC Treasurer.

Council Reports

Councilor Peterson spoke regarding Peterson's involvement within the LOC Woman's Caucus and application to be on the Board and be a strong voice for accessibility, inclusiveness, and diversity for Eastern Oregon.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Councilor Peterson for Peterson's service to the City and State.

Councilor Barron stated he attended the Hermiston School District Board meeting and promoted the Hermiston 2040 information.

Mayor Drotzmann encouraged the public to participate at www.hermiston2040.com.

Councilor Spicerkuhn asked that a public forum be organized with the City, County, Stepping Stones, and any other city and organization that will be involved in a homeless shelter stating there are a lot of questions and concerns that the community has that they would like addressed.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- New City Attorney Richard Tovey will start October 1st. His office is located on the upper level of the Library
- Department head recruitments for Parks and Recreation Director and Court Manager. There is a good pool of candidates that will be reviewed with the recruiter this week. After review, the candidates will be narrowed down for the interview process with the Council and others to be asked to participate
- Invited everyone in the audience to partake in City Attorney Gary Luisi's retirement cupcakes by Sugar and Frost

Recess for Executive Session

At 8:09pm Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Conference Center Rotary Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transactions, discussing matters of litigation with City Attorney Gary Luisi, and pertaining to considering records that are exempt by law from public inspection. The Executive Session is held pursuant ORS

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192.660 (2) (e) conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to negotiate real property transactions; 192.660 (2) (h) consult regarding the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed; and ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to consider records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

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 executive session will last approximately 10 mins.

Reconvene and Adjournment

There was no other City business and Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:56pm.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

~ Dining Dollars ~



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THE HERMISTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS PARTNERED WITH CITY OF HERMISTON IN A RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION PROJECT.
NOW INTRODUCING DINING DOLLARS

MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW HERMISTON CHAMBER AND CITY OF HERMISTON ON FACEBOOK TO KEEP UP ON OUR DINING DOLLAR EVENTS

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FREE GRAB A FRIEND AND COME ENJOY A TREAT ON US!

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SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL HERMISTON RESTAURANTS



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DINING DOLLARS PROGRAM

Each Dining Dollar voucher may be redeemed for \$10 worth of food and/or non-alcoholic beverages at participating restaurants on the attached list only. No cash value. Must be used in full; no change or credit will be given.

MERCHANTS:

Please enter your business name and date on the lines below and return to the Chamber office by the last day of the month for reimbursement, to be issued by the 10th of the next month.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
AUTHORIZED RESTAURANT PERSONNEL ONLY TO FILL OUT BELOW

Restaurant: _____ Date: _____



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DÓLARES PARA COMER

Cada cupón Dining Dollar se puede canjear por \$10 en alimentos y/o bebidas no alcohólicas en los restaurantes participantes de la lista solamente. Sin valor en efectivo. Debe usarse en su totalidad; no se otorgará ningún cambio o crédito.

COMERCIALES:

Ingrese el nombre y la fecha de su negocio en las líneas siguientes y devuélvala a la Chamber office antes del último día del mes para el reembolso, que se emitirá el día 10 del mes siguiente.

EXCLUSIVAMENTE PARA USO OFICIAL
SOLO PERSONAL AUTORIZADO DEL RESTAURANTE PUEDE LLENAR A CONTINUACIÓN

Restaurante: _____ Fecha: _____

~ Dólares para comer ~



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LA CÁMARA DE COMERCIO DE HERMISTON SE HA ASOCIADO CON LA CIUDAD DE HERMISTON EN UN PROYECTO DE REVITALIZACIÓN DE RESTAURANTES.
AHORA PRESENTAMOS DINING DOLLARS

COGE A UN AMIGO Y VEN A DISFRUTAR DE UN REGALO CON NOSOTROS

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GRATIS ACOGE A UN AMIGO Y VEN A DISFRUTAR DE UN REGALO CON NOSOTROS

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APOYANDO A SUS RESTAURANTES LOCALES DE HERMISTON



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