



CITY COUNCIL & URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Barron, Duron (arrived at 7:34pm), Linton, Hardin, Primmer, McCarthy, and Peterson. Councilor Myers was excused. City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Finance Director Ignacio Palacios, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates

Assistant HSD Superintendent Jake Bacon gave information regarding: graduation information and scholarships received, end of school year dates, free summer school program for all ages, free lunches available all summer for those 18 and under, kindergarten registration throughout the summer, and more.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor McCarthy asked to remove item E. Councilor Linton moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-G, with the exception of E, to include:

- A. Confirmation to Reappoint Jesse Roa to Position #3 of the Hispanic Advisory Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2027.
- B. Confirmation to Reappoint Lori Davis to Position #1 of the Library Board for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.
- C. Confirmation to Reappoint Lisa Depew to Position #2 of the Library Board for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.
- D. Confirmation to Appoint David Bothum to Position #2 of the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, Representing the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2027.
- F. Minutes of the May 23, 2024 City & HURA Budget Committee Meeting
- G. Minutes of the May 28, 2024 City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed From Consent Agenda

- E. Public Notice of the November 5, 2024 General Election- Seeking At-Large Councilors.

City Manager Smith stated he believes Councilor McCarthy excluded this item to bring additional attention to it.

Councilor McCarthy agreed. Council President Primmer stated with no action being requested from this item, the Council could continue with the agenda.



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Public Hearing- City of Hermiston 2024-25 Fiscal Budget (Resolutions 2326, 2327, 2328, & 2329)

Hearing no conflicts of interest from the Council, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:11pm.

City Manager Smith gave information regarding the Budget Committee meeting and their recommendation to the Council to adopt the proposed resolutions for the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

There were no persons present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 7:13pm.

Council members expressed gratitude towards public members of the Budget Committee for investing their time in this process by reviewing the budget and coming prepared, as well as thanking staff for the time and effort they devoted to this process.

Resolution No. 2325– Authorizing the installation of Stop Signs

City Manager Smith stated the proposed stop signs would have been installed on SW Meadow View Drive where it intersects with SW Riverhill drive in two areas. Unfortunately, enthused work crews installed these signs earlier today. If the Council does not approve the resolution, the signs will be removed. If anyone was cited prior to the resolution being approved, those citations will be withdrawn.

After further discussion, Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2325 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions (2326, 2327, 2328, & 2329) Related to the adoption of FY 2024-25 City of Hermiston Budget

City Manager Smith stated these resolutions to adopt the FY 2024-25 budget were discussed during the public hearing and provided in the agenda packet, and briefly explained each of the following.

Resolution No. 2326- Declaring the City of Hermiston’s Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2326 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2327 – Adopting the City of Hermiston’s Budget, make appropriations, and impose and categorize taxes for FY 2024-25- Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Linton seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2327 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2328- Establishes Reserve Funds for the City of Hermiston for FY 2024-2025

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2328 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.



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Resolution No. 2329- Adopting the Compensation Plan for City of Hermiston Employees for FY 2024-2025- Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2329 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Faith-Based Advisory Committee- Councilor Hardin stated the Committee received updates from Stepping Stones stating individuals are now able to move into the huts, as a requirement, individuals must meet qualifications including 15 hours of community service work per week. They have been seeing an increase of individuals from Pendleton. Staff is also on site 24/7. Information was also received regarding the new Executive Director of TruCare and I Love My City event.

Business License Fee Ad-Hoc Committee- Councilor McCarthy stated the Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and voted to approve staff's business license fee recommendation. This will be brought before the Council in the near future.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Council President Primmer for leading the previous City Council Meeting and Budget Committee Meeting while he was on vacation.

Council Reports

Councilor Linton stated she wanted the City to consider giving the Harkenrider Center Board more money so they can offer lunch five days a week for \$2.50 each meal, instead of only providing meals two times a week for \$5.00 each meal.

(Councilor Duron arrived 7:34pm)

Councilor Linton said she would also like the City to increase the contribution made to the Chamber of Commerce from 3% to 8% so they are able to do more in the community.

Mayor Drotzmann asked if this had been something she had discussed with the Chamber previously.

Councilor Linton stated she had not discussed this with the Chamber but something she observed herself.

Councilor Peterson thanked the community for participating and being welcoming of the Pride event stating about 750 people attended and felt that it was a positive event where people felt accepted.

Councilor McCarthy stated Kiwanis, Rotary, and Altrusa Service Clubs will be coming together to discuss a combined event.

Councilor Duron asked if City staff will be working on a response regarding the information presented by the Civic Leadership Academy. Councilor Duron stated she did not want to invalidate the work they had



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done, however, a lot of the items they shared are already things the City has done or has been working on. The work they did is interesting but would like to know what the next project topic will be and how they can better prepare for feedback.

City Manager Smith stated he is working with staff to address the items the Civic group presented and will make sure to take Councilor Duron's feedback into consideration prior to commencing the new Civic group.

Councilor Linton invited all to attend the Juneteenth Celebration at McKenzie Park on June 22nd at 4pm.

Councilor Barron spoke regarding the first annual Advanced Business Procedures Networking Social at the Next Chapter Book Store he participated in and welcomed Keg & Kork to the Downtown area.

Youth Advisory Report

None Present.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith stated he and Councilor Linton attended the COPES ribbon cutting event.

Adjourn City Council Meeting and Convene Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency (HURA) Meeting

At 7:48pm Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council Meeting as there was no other business and convened the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.

Public Hearing- HURA 2024-25 Fiscal Budget (HURA Resolution 23)

Hearing no conflicts of interest from the members, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Chair Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:49pm.

Planning Director Clint Spencer gave information regarding the Budget Committee meeting held and their recommendation to the Agency to adopt proposed Resolution No. 23. for the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

There were no persons present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 7:50pm.

HURA Resolution No. 23- Adopting the FY 2024-2025 Budget for the Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency

City Manager Smith stated this resolution was discussed during the public hearing and information was provided in the agenda packet.

Member Primmer moved and Member Linton seconded to adopt HURA Resolution No. 23 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.



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Adjourn Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and Reconvene City Council Meeting

Chair Drotzmann adjourned the HURA meeting at 7:52pm as there was no other HURA business and convened the City Council meeting immediately.

Recess For Executive Session

At 7:52pm, Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the large conference room on the second floor for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transactions and 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.

The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transactions and ORS 192.660 (2) (g) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce.

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 one hour.

Reconvene and Adjourn


There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:11pm.

SIGNED:



Doug Primmer, Council President

ATTEST:



Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder