



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer, Barron, Duron, Linton, and McCarthy. Councilor Myers was excused. Judge Bendixsen was in attendance, as well as staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Member Lydia Vander Stelt was also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Mayor Drotzmann stated City Recorder Alarcon-Strong will be notifying the Council of their new committee assignments after this meeting.

Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates

Assistant Superintendent Jake Bacon gave HSD updates, to include: student enrollment numbers, current extracurricular activities including sports for 7th and 8th graders, and construction updates.

Councilor Linton stated she had heard information regarding possible racial violence at school and would like more information regarding the specific incident.

Mr. Bacon stated he was not aware of the incident but would look into the matter.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Jesus Rome, Hermiston- invited the Council and community to the MLK March and Event (flyer attached) at City Hall on Monday, January 16th from 11am to 1pm. There will be speakers from the community, Hermiston High School Jazz Band will be performing, and refreshments will also be served.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-J, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Committee Appointment Confirmation of Lori Davis for: Library Board, Position 1- term ending 06/30/2024 and Budget Committee Position #5- term ending 12/31/2023.
- C. Committee Re-Appointment Confirmation of Jason McAndrews for: Budget Committee Position #2- term ending 12/31/2025
- D. Committee Re-Appointment Recommendation of Anton Wanous for: Budget Committee Position #1- term ending 12/31/2025
- E. Committee Re-Appointment Recommendation of Joshua Roberts for: Budget Committee Position #3- term ending 12/31/2025
- F. Committee Appointment Recommendation of Jesse Roa for: Hispanic Advisory Committee Position #3- term ending 06/30/2024
- G. Minutes of the November 28, 2022, Public Infrastructure Committee meeting
- H. Minutes of the December 12, 2022 City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting
- I. Consider approval of a Liquor License Application for "Change of Ownership" for J&T Dinning Enterprise LLC dba Nookies, Hermiston Brewing Company, located at 125 N 1st Street.
- J. Consider approval of a Liquor License Application for "Change of Ownership" Gotta Stop Mini Mart located at 1580 W Highland Ave.

Motion carried unanimously.



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Public Hearing- Supplemental Budget #2 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (See Resolution No. 2251)

After hearing no declarations of conflict of interest from the Council, City Attorney Tovey read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:14pm.

City Manager Byron Smith gave information regarding the proposed supplemental budget as presented in the agenda packet.

(Please Note: The staff report explanation for IT Fund 26 – had errors and is corrected with the following information: Authorizing an increase in Service Charges of \$135,200; Authorize an increase in Personnel Services of \$141,212; Authorize a decrease in Materials & Services of \$6,012; Increase Service Charges \$135,200; Increase Personnel Services \$141,212; Decrease Materials & Services \$6,012.)

There were no persons who wished to testify, and the Hearing was closed at 7:21pm.

Resolution No. 2251 to Supplement FY2023 Budget

City Manager Smith stated the information was presented during the public hearing.

After some discussion, Councilor McCarthy moved, and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2251 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2249- Review and Approval of Building Code Updates

City Manager Smith presented changes to the Building Code to keep current with the State of Oregon Code.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Barron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2249 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2250- Awarding a contract to R & G Excavating for Well #5 Water System Improvements

Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding awarding this contract to R & G Excavating as the lowest bidder and as also included in tonight's Supplemental Budget as outlined in the staff report.

After some discussion, Councilor Duron moved, and Councilor McCarthy seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2250 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2252- Review and Approval of Master Fee Schedule Updates

City Manager Smith stated this resolution would allow the City to make fee schedule updates to reflect changes in the Building Department, as well as the annual water and sewer rate adjustments as outlined in the agenda packet.

After some discussion, Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Barron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2252 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.



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Water, Sewer, and Street 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Update

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated the CIP does not authorize approval of projects or expenditures; it is mainly viewed as a planning document to help provide staff with preliminary approval, from the Council, to research future large projects needed in the City and plan long-range budgeting for them as well.

After some discussion, Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve the CIP as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect Council President, Two-Year Term

Councilor Duron moved, and Councilor Peterson seconded to nominate Councilor Barron as Council President for the two-year term through 2024. Councilors Peterson, Barron, and Duron voted in favor. Councilors Hardin, Primmer, Linton, and McCarthy voted against. Motion failed 4-3.

Councilor Hardin moved, and Councilor McCarthy seconded to nominate Councilor Primmer as Council President for the two-year term through 2024. Councilors Peterson, Barron, and Duron voted against. Councilors Hardin, Primmer, Linton, and McCarthy voted in favor. Motion carried 4-3.

Mayor Drotzmann congratulated Council President Primmer on another term as Council President.

Committee Reports

EOTEC Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron gave updates regarding: the Barn expansions, City taking over management of the Center from VenuWorks, Branding research, ways to attract more local and regional events, a new Chair and Vice Chair were elected, and monthly meetings have moved to bi-monthly meetings.

Mayors Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Thanked Council President Primmer for filling in at the December 12th City Council Meeting during his absence
- Thanked Lori Davis and Phillip Spicerkuhn for their time serving the community as City Councilors
- Welcomed new Councilors Jackie Linton and David McCarthy to the City Council
- Mayors and City Managers Meeting regarding PATH Project, also known as Stepping Stones Alliance. County Commissioners and Sheriff were also in attendance and discussed:
 - New Executive Director is needed
 - On average the Warming Center is providing services for 12-15 people, and up to 25 people
- Governor Transition and regional meetings regarding housing and homelessness. Thanked Governor Kotek for her willingness to hear community concerns and recommendations
- LOC Board Meeting, new Executive Director and Board Members, including his position as Vice President
- LOC Newly Elected Essentials Training
- LOC City Day at the Capitol
- Recycling Requirements and asked that the cardboard recycling be emptied more often around the holidays.



Where Life is Sweet

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Council Reports

Councilor Duron thanked Chief Edmiston, the Parks and Recreation Department, Santa and Mrs. Clause aka Doug and Karen Primmer for their work during the holidays and with events, programs, and Christmas Express. Thanked Commissioner Murdock for all the positive accomplishments he was involved in with the community during his time as a County Commissioner. Recognized the Police Department for National Law Enforcement Day and for providing good leadership, staff and support to the community. Welcomed new Youth Advisors to City Committees.

Councilor Linton thanked City Manager Smith and all the department heads for giving her great tours and information regarding the City and City facilities.

Councilor Primmer echoed Councilor Duron’s appreciation to Chief Edmiston and his staff for the beyond outstanding work they do every day. Thanked the Council for their nomination as Council President.

Youth Advisory Report

Youth Advisor Lydia Vander Stelt introduced herself and spoke regarding the High Schools: blood drive, canned food and winter supplies drive, and winter sports.

City Manager’s Report

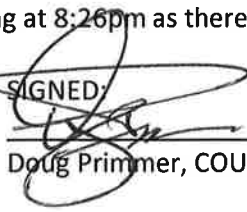
City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- Opioids Settlement First Allotment meeting about how to use these funds
- NE Oregon Now Business View Magazine has featured the City as a way to get our name out there to entice businesses to come to Hermiston

Adjournment

Council President Primmer adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:26pm as there was no other City business.



SIGNED: 

 Doug Primmer, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

 Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

The Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition (HCAC) Presents

THE 2023 ANNUAL

MLK MARCH

Held in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Date: Monday, January 16

Time: 11am-1PM

Place: Hermiston City Hall
180 NE 2nd St.

Contact: Bonnie Gracia 541-571-2003
Facebook@HCAC2000

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, X2
We shall overcome someday.
*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.*

We'll walk hand in hand, X2
We'll walk hand in hand someday.
*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.*

We shall all be free, X2
We shall all be free someday.
*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.*

We shall live in peace, X2
We shall live in peace someday.
*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.*

We are not afraid, X2
We are not afraid today.
*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.*

Agenda

10:30-11:00 Gathering in front of City Hall

11:00-11:30 Community Walk

- Opening remarks, Jackie Linton
- Invocation, Pastor Patty Nance
- Singing of *We Shall Overcome* (Lyrics on back of flyer)
- Beginning of March (map opposite page)

11:30-12:30 Ceremony inside City Hall

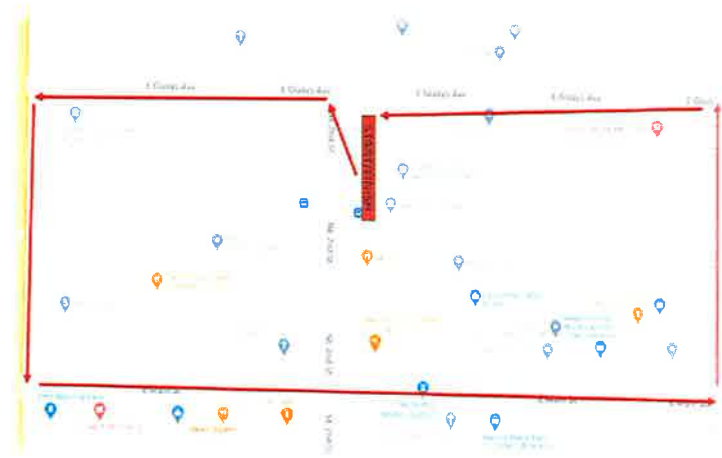
- Welcoming address, Byron Smith
- *America the Beautiful*, Marie Rose
- Presentation of HCAC scholarships, Dave Gracia
- Special music, HHS Jazz Band
- Keynote address, Jesus Rome
- Presentation of special plaque
- Closing Remarks, Patrick Temple
- Benediction, Rev. Janet Warner

12:30-1:00 Snacks and Fellowship

The Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition would like to thank you for participating in this year's MLK March.

Cover photo:
2022 MLK March

Photo at right:
2011 MLK March



HCAC

HCAC Board
Bonnie Gracia – President
Dave Gracia – Vice President
Jesus Rome – Secretary/Treasurer