



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Councilor Jessica Chilton

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Ken Sandblast	KAJ	Shannon Julien	Kai Huschke
Shauna Stroup	Jeanne Morain	Brook Steele	Vicky Njust
Art Leskowich	Abbie Dawson	Brady Preheim	Julia G.
S. Moore	Jacob Holder	Andrea Snook	Matt Snook
Brady Preheim	Janette Schwartz	Cheryl Williams	Ken Williams
Josh Brown	Jane Garcia	Val O.	Molly Matchak
Suzanne Bishop	Jolene Walsh	Christian Walsh	Nick Hellmich
Kanale Tumlinson	Judy Thompson	Alex Tardif	Heidi Oliver

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Columbia Pacific Food Bank Community Development Block Grant Completion

Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager Dimsho reported that this is a required public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Fund. The City partnered with the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in their renovation project at 1421 Columbia Blvd. Their facility is moving from Milton Way to a nice, larger facility. It is estimated that the project will benefit at least 19,981 persons annually, of who 100% are low or moderate income. This is based on the estimated number of people served in 2021. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. The City applied for the project in 2018. In that time, the Food Bank changed executive directors, Business Oregon changed their grant coordinator, there was a global pandemic, and the general contractor's finance staff changed. She is proud of the overall project and making it to the finish line. She thanked Columbia Pacific Food Bank Executive Director Alex Tardif for his partnership.

Alex Tardif talked about the opportunities this brings to the community. One exciting thing is that the new facility has an educational kitchen. They will be able to partner with OSU Extension and teach people how to be sustainable with canning and cooking classes. There is also a repack room to buy larger bulk and repack in smaller packages. The warehouse has expanded compacity from about a million pounds of food to over two million pounds of food. He thanked the City for their support and partnership.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Everyone supports the Food Bank. However, he disagreed that 100% of the people benefiting are low income. There are people who abuse the Food Bank and go there and take items without even asking. The Food Bank should do a better job making sure people receiving services are low income.

Councilor Topaz said the Food Bank receives food and supplies from State and Federal agencies. There are also a lot of people who donate food from their farms, backyards, stores, and other places. There are citizens who take food to people who are unable or are ashamed to get it on their own. They should be commended for how the community is helping each other. He hopes the education center will improve nutrition.

City Administrator Walsh gave accolades to Dimsho for managing this project. There is a lot of reporting and work involved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor