



# CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm. Present were Councilors McCarthy, Barron, Linton, Primmer, Hardin, Duron, Peterson, and Myers. In attendance was City Staff to include: City Manager Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Finance Director Ignacio Palacios, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Student Advisor Manuel Salazar was also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

### **Proclamations**

Mayor Drotzmann emphasized the importance of proclamations and his desire to read each one aloud for the recognition they deserve, and then read aloud the following Proclamations:

- Vietnamese-American Remembrance Day
- Proclamation- National Day of Prayer
- Proclamation- Fred Ziara Day
- Proclamation- Drinking Water Week

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan spoke regarding the Drinking Water Week Proclamation and recognized all Water Department staff in attendance, to include: Utility Workers Chad Atkins, Sean Basford, Fernando Cervantes, Scott Dammeyer, David Estrada, Jorge Gonzalez, Jason Lohman, Chief Operator Alex McCann, and Water Superintendent Roy Bicknell.

Applause from all in Council Chambers.

### **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

Timothy Thomason (80205 Banks Ln, Hermiston)- Stated he is planning an Equality without Exception Event and Parade in Hermiston. The event is not only an LGBTQ Pride Event, but an event for all to participate, express their pride in whatever facet of their life, to be themselves and change the world. Mr. Thomason stated he is proud to be a gay Christian man and is planning the event at EOTEC on June 1<sup>st</sup> with a downtown parade in the evening. The parade will not be vulgar, as it is in other places, and hopes the community will come together to participate.

Maria Villagrana (246 NE 7<sup>th</sup> St)- Through a translator asked that the Council consider changing it's regulations on mobile food vending as she would like to be a mobile food vendor in Hermiston but has not been able to find a location due to the regulations in place.

Mayor Drotzmann asked that staff work with Ms. Villagrana regarding this issue.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Primmer asked to remove item G. Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Duron seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-H, with the exception of G. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements



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- B. Recommendation Appointment of Brian Misner to Position #7 of the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2027.
- C. Confirmation Reappointment of Margaret Saylor to Position #8 of the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2027.
- D. Confirmation Reappointment of Derek Caplinger to Position #9 of the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2027.
- E. Final Plat- View Wood Estates Phase II 4N2814AD Tax Lot 902 - 920 E View Drive
- F. Amended and Restated Lift Station & Utility Easement
- H. Minutes of the April 8th City Council Regular Meeting

#### **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- G. Reschedule the 2nd City Council Meeting in May.

Councilor Primmer stated he wanted to be more transparent about why this meeting would potentially be rescheduled.

City Manager Smith stated typically Council meetings that fall on recognized holidays are cancelled or rescheduled, staff is asking the Council to reschedule this meeting to the following day as Monday is Memorial Day.

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda item G. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolution No. 2319- First Amendment to IGA for IT Services with Morrow County**

City Manager Smith gave information regarding amending the IT Services agreement with Morrow County due to increased service needs.

After Council discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to approve Resolution No. 2319 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolution No. 2320- Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendments on Civic Projects**

City Manager Smith gave information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding the ability to sign three GMP amendments with CB Construction for the Harkenrider Center, IT space in City Hall, and Arc building Phase 1 renovations.

After Council discussion, Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Barron seconded to approve Resolution No. 2320 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **March 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to accept the March Financial Report as presented (PowerPoint Presentation attached) by City Manager Smith. Motion carried unanimously.



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### **Broadband Effort Updates (continued from Work Session)**

Mr. Rivera asked that the Council give staff direction on this effort, including either continuing this effort with or without community partners and come back with a recommendation to Council, or to stop working on this effort.

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding the universal community broadband need and how those needs were brought to the forefront during Covid with remote learning for area school students. City Manager Smith and Mr. Rivera addressed questions from the Council, and after further discussion Council directed staff to identify area partnerships while moving forward with this effort.

### **Committee Reports**

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron and Duron spoke regarding the Committee's Goal Setting efforts, and speakers from DEQ and Senator Wyden's Office, and received a request for a proposed Circuit Court Candidate Forum in the City, and received Cinco de Mayo Event updates.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding the LOC Regional Meeting and Spring Conference.

### **Council Reports**

Councilor Peterson spoke regarding her work with Travel Oregon on their Expanding Accessible Spaces Program which helps businesses find ways to be more accessible for their disabled customers.

Councilor Linton asked Chief Edmiston if there has ever been a female sergeant at HPD.

Chief Edmiston stated yes, the last one left HPD in 2013 or 2014.

Councilor Primmer Thanks all telecommunicators for the work they do and recognized them as last week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and spoke on attending the ribbon cutting of Horizon Projects Step Center.

Councilor Hardin spoke on the UEC Annual Meeting and how great it was to see the many different events that were happening at EOTEC.

Councilor McCarthy spoke regarding the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Board elections.

Councilor Primmer encouraged all to see the Umatilla County Search and Rescue movie, End of the Rope, viewing in the Hermiston Cinema.

Councilor Primmer and Mayor Drotzmann thanked all volunteers for all they do as National Volunteer Week is this week.



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#### **Youth Advisory Report**

Student Representative Manuel Salazar gave information regarding High School Theater performances and fundraiser and asked questions regarding zoning matters.

Mayor Drotzmann encouraged Mr. Salazar to speak with City Planner Clint Spencer regarding zoning matters.

#### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- Circuit Judge Candidate Forum which will be held at City Hall Thursday at 6:30pm
- Tactile Map Ribbon Cutting at Funland Park tomorrow at 5:00pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:31pm as there was no other business.

SIGNED:

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder



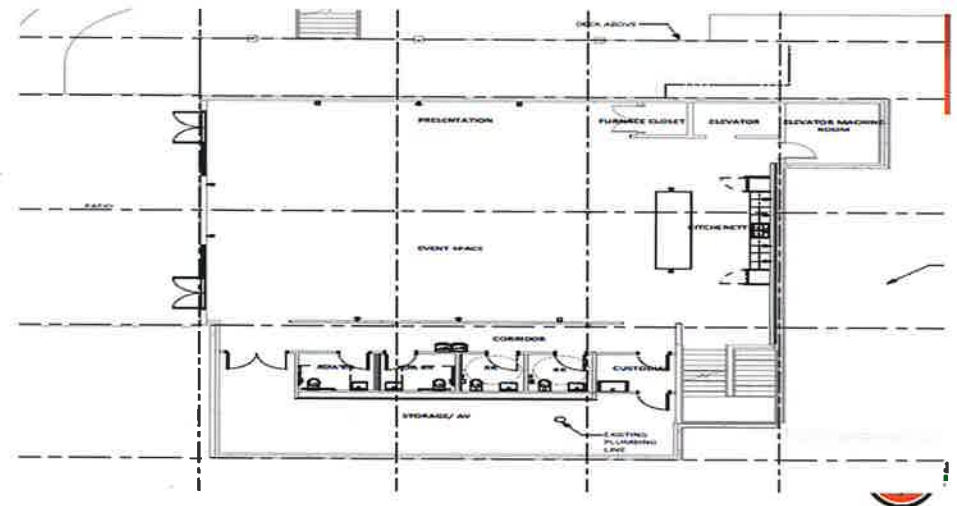
## Overview

- Civic Projects  
(Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Hacker/CB Construction)
  - **Harkenrider Center**
  - **City Hall – IT Space**
  - **The Arc Building (aka USO Building)**



## Overview

- How are we paying for these?
  - **Why not use these funds to assist operations?**

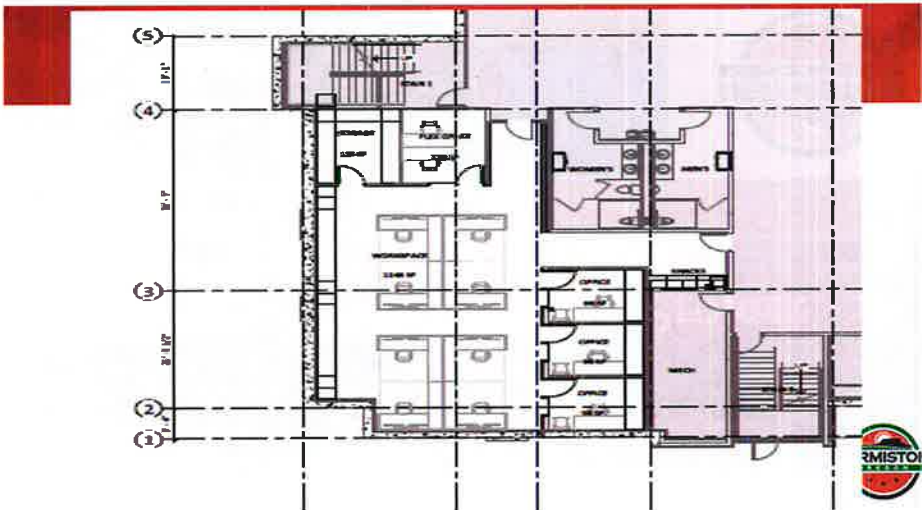






## Harkenrider Center

- Project – Finish Basement Space (3,800ft<sup>2</sup>)
  - Design is essentially the same as in January
  - GMP is \$786,310



## City Hall – IT Space

- Project – Finish Future Growth Space (1,500ft<sup>2</sup>)
  - Design essentially the same as January
  - GMP is \$365,142



## The Arc Building (USO)

- Phase I Projects
  - Replace roof
  - Update/add electrical
  - Repair foundation in the rear of the building
  - Rebuild Front Entry Ramp
- GMP is \$137,331



Comments/  
Questions?

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## Hermiston Urban Renewal Area (HURA)

- Property Tax Revenue has gone above projections
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Gateway Project – 50% Complete
  - Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and ADA ramps are complete
  - Paving is expected be installed by the end of April.



## General Fund

- Monthly Revenues are slightly below projections (~\$53,000)
- Annual Revenues are slightly ahead of projections (3.9%)



## General Fund

- Monthly Expenses below projections by 25%
- Annual Expenses below projections 10.3%  
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## Utility and Street Funds

- Corrections
  - 1% should be black
  - -2% should be red



## Capital Projects

- Lead and Copper testing – 100% completed with no lead present
- Gladys/Main/Newport – Construction this summer



## Capital Projects

- Teen Adventure Park – Open to public use; May 11 ribbon cutting/skatefest
- Hangar Replacement – Old hangar removed



Discussion

Questions?

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