



# CITY COUNCIL

## Work Session Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular work session meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present were Councilors McCarthy, Linton, Barron, Hardin, Myers, and Duron. Councilor's Primmer and Peterson were excused. Staff in attendance included City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Captain Scott Clark, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

### **League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Legislative Priorities Discussion and Recommendation**

City Manager Byron Smith reviewed the staff recommended LOC Legislative Priorities as published in the City Council agenda packet, to include:

1. Infrastructure Funding
2. Shelter and Homeless Response
3. Employment Lands Readiness and Availability
4. Restoration of Recreational Immunity
5. Resilient, Futureproof Broadband Infrastructure and Planning Investment
6. Alcohol Tax
7. Operator in Training Apprenticeships
8. Full Funding and Alignment for Housing Production
9. Lodging Tax Flexibility

City Manager Smith completed the review with the Council and stated that although all 23 policy priorities that LOC has listed are important, each City is only allowed to identify 3 to 5 legislative priorities that they would like LOC to take into the coming two-year legislative cycle. Although the 9 priorities above were more thoroughly reviewed, the first 5 priorities are what staff is recommending that the Council adopt.

Councilors spoke regarding other priorities that they felt were equally as important, to include: Behavioral Health Enhancements, Addressing Energy Affordability Challenges From Rising Utility Costs, and Continued Addiction Policy Reform, and thanked City Manager Smith for the great recommendations and explanations he brought forward.

City Manager Smith stated the Council will be asked to make a decision to adopt up to 5 priorities during the regular City Council meeting to follow.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the work session meeting at 6:30pm and stated the Council will take a short break and then convene for their regular council meeting at 7:00pm.