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# CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2023

Council President Primmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Barron, Duron, Linton, Hardin, McCarthy, and Peterson. Mayor Drotzmann and Councilor Myers were excused. In attendance was City Staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Student Advisor Julissa Gonzalez-Mendoza was also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

### Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None Given.

### Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Duron moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-I, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Committee Re-Appointment Confirmation of Mark Gomolski for: Hispanic Advisory Committee Position #1- term ending 06/30/2027
- C. Committee Appointment Confirmation of Albert Munoz for: Hispanic Advisory Committee Position #5- term ending 06/30/2025
- D. Committee Re-Appointment Recommendation of Jennifer Roberts for: EOTEC Advisory Committee Position #4- term ending 06/30/2026
- E. Committee Appointment Recommendation of Drexlyn Bailey for: EOTEC Advisory Committee Position #3- term ending 06/30/2026
- F. Minutes of the May 8th Public Safety Committee Meeting
- G. Minutes of the June 12th City Council and HURA Meeting
- H. Final Plat- Highland Meadows Phase 2 4N2814AA TL 102- 942 E Highland Ave
- I. Final Plat- View Wood Estates Phase 1 4N2814AD TL 902- 920 E View Drive

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Hearing- Exemption from Public Contracting Competitive Bidding Requirement (Construction

Manager/General Contractor) – Downtown Projects (See Resolution 2285)- Hearing no conflicts of interest from the Council, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Council President Primmer opened the hearing at 7:03pm.

City Manager Smith and Scott Rogers, Project Executive for Wenaha Group, gave information regarding the proposed exemption from public contracting to an available alternative method referred to as Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), reviewed the Findings of Fact as supplied in the agenda packet, and answered questions from the Council.

### Public Testimony

Neutral

Ryan Severs, Hermiston- Asked if Scott Rogers is the Project Manager and if he would be the liaison between the contractor and City.



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Mr. Rogers stated he is the Project Executive and would be the liaison between the contractor, architect, and City

There were no proponents or opponents present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 7:20pm.

Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Peterson seconded to approve the Findings of Fact as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2281- Awarding a contract for the Highland Avenue Overlay Project.**

Assistant City Manager Morgan presented information regarding awarding the Highland Ave Overlay Project to Granite Construction.

After further discuss, Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2281 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2282 - A resolution supporting submission of a grant application to the State of Oregon TGM program for modernization of the Hermiston Transportation System Plan.** - City Manager Smith explained the grant application process to help fund the updates needed for the Transportation System Plan.

After further discussion, Councilor Linton moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to adopt Resolutions. 2282 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2283- Establishing "No Parking" on East Fourth Street from Main Street to the alleyways on both the North and South.** - Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan gave information regarding the proposed street changes to accommodate the increased traffic in this area.

**Public Comment**

Michael Dunn, Hermiston- stated he is against the proposed street changes as it would remove the only parking areas for his home as he lives in the residence by the car wash that has been discussed.

Slade Smith, Hermiston- Stated he understands changes are necessary to accommodate growth but would like the Council to install angled parking in other areas if the three parking spaces near his business are to be removed and suggested that the city consider planning for long-term downtown parking lot options as well.

Ryan Servers, Hermiston- Asked that the Council consider not allowing left turns in this area instead of making the other recommended no parking changes.

Phillip Spicerkuhn, Hermiston- stated he is against the proposed street changes as it would remove much needed parking for all businesses who operate in the downtown, including his, and parking in this area provides a safety buffer between vehicles and pedestrians.



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After further discussion, Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Duron seconded to table Resolution No. 2283 until further study of additional parking options and safety statistics can be obtained and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2284- Award Design Contract for Library, Harkenrider Center, City Hall Projects – Hacker Architects** City Manager Smith gave information regarding awarding the design contract to Hacker Architects for downtown projects.

After further discussion, Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Peterson seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2284 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2285- - Authorize Alternative Procurement Method (Construction Manager/General Contractor) – Downtown Projects (Public Hearing)**- City Manager Smith stated this item was discussed during the Public Hearing.

After further discussion, Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2285 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Authorizes a Lease/Option Agreement with Kayak Public Transit on “Lot 7” at the Airport for the purposes of facilitating construction of a Bus Barn.-** Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding authorizing an agreement with Kayak Public Transit to lease approximately 1 acre of light-industrial land located on Airport Way to potentially construct a bus maintenance and storage facility.

After further discussion, Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve the lease as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Renew a Transportation Services Agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) for the Hermiston HART Bus Route.-** Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding renewal of the transportation agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to continue to provide the HART intra-city bus route

After further discussion, Councilor Linton moved and Councilor Duron seconded to renew the Transportation Services Agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for the Hermiston HART Bus Route. Motion carried unanimously.

### **May 2023 Financial Report**

Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to accept the May 2023 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

**Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee-** Councilor Barron stated the Committee met, heard presentations from various non-profit organizations, and are recommending awarding various amounts of TRT



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funds to applicants, including the Cinco de Mayo Organization who submitted a late application, for the Council to review and approve.

### **Council President’s Report**

Council President Primmer stated for many years the City had placed American flags throughout Hermiston’s downtown and other areas during specific times of the year but has not seen that happen this year.

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated the City had previously contracted with Boy Scouts to provide this service but this has changed to the Hermiston High School. He will follow up with the point of contact from the High School for this service.

### **Council Reports**

Councilor Harding asked what the City’s plan was for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

City Manager Smith and Councilor McCarthy gave information regarding events at the Aquatic Center, Butte Park, and Firework show.

Councilor Duron thanked the UCFD1 for their efforts to contain the fire on Highway 730.

Councilor Barron thanked Made to Thrive for all they do for people throughout the Community.

Councilor Linton also thanked UCFD1 for their efforts on Highway 730 and all those who participated in the Juneteenth event including Council Myers for her support attending the event.

### **Youth Advisory Report**

Youth Advisor Julissa Gonzalez-Mendoza gave information regarding various activities and volunteer opportunities available for students throughout the community that are involved in school clubs and encouraged youth to participate in these activities for personal growth and development.

### **City Manager’s Report**

None given.

### **Adjourn City Council Meeting**

Council President Primmer adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:35pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

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Doug Primmer, Council President

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, City Recorder