



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 08, 2024, 5:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Greg Mahler
Councilor Lisa Gourley
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Josh Thorstad
Councilor Dave Trask

ABSENT

Councilor Angelita Sanchez

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager Pro Tem / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Assistant City Manager Pro Tem
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Blair Larsen, Community & Economic Development Director
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

MEDIA

Sarah Brown, The New Era
Shayla Escudero, Albany Democrat-Herald

GUESTS

Joe Graybill, Planning Commissioner
Jamie Melcher, Planning Commissioner
Nancy White, Planning Commissioner
Henry Wolthuis, Planning Commissioner
Larissa Gladding, Winterbrook Planning
Jesse Winterowd, Winterbrook Planning

City Council / Planning Commission Joint Work Session

a) Housing Production Strategy

Director Larsen introduced Winterbrook Planning, the City's consultant, and reviewed the history of the development of the Housing Production Strategy (HPS). He noted that the HPS was required by State law as Sweet Home's population now exceeds 10,000.

Larissa Gladding reviewed the current housing needs in Sweet Home including affordable housing to meet the needs of low-income and extremely low-income households, as well as accessible housing for those with disabilities. She noted that the HPS would provide strategies to address needs and create opportunities. She reviewed the proposed strategies which included:

- Publicize and clarify existing 2022 lower-income and middle housing code provisions
- Increase participation in Housing Rehabilitation Partnership Program
- Affirm fair housing commitment
- Middle housing prototypes and local production
- Medium and high-density residential plan and code updates
- Modify System Development Charges (SDC) fee schedules and exemptions

Ms. Gladding reviewed next steps including a joint adoption hearing planned for November 12, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder