



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2023, 6:30 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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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.

Meeting Information

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

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

STAFF

City Manager Kelcey Young
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Communications Manager Adam Leisinger
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Police Chief Jason Ogden
Police Captain Ryan Cummings
Library Services Director Megan Dazey

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MEDIA
Benny Westcott, The NE

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to approve the consent agenda by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad

- a) Request for Council Action - 9th Avenue Waterline Replacement Project – Contingency Budget
- b) 10th Avenue Electric Vehicle Charging Station Contract
- c) Application for Naming Publicly Owned Facilities: Graybill Plaza
- d) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 6 for 2023 - Procurement Policy

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2023-03-28 City Council Minutes
- b) 2023-04-11 City Council Minutes - WS

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

- a) Communication Regarding Police Involvement in Schools

Robert Egner spoke to the Council on the unacceptable situation at Foster School and the communication failures on the part of the School District and the City.

City Manager Young stated as a parent of a child at Foster School, she has empathy for parents and stated the communication could have been improved. City Manager Young commended the officers. Moving forward the City and the School District will make sure to better inform the community of any incident of concern regarding the safety of children and schools. City Manager Young thanked Captain Ryan Cummings and Police Chief Jason Ogden.

Chief Ogden apologized for the lack of communication. He stated on Sunday, March 19th a resident near Foster School experienced a mental health crisis and was taken into protective custody. The resident stated he had firearms in the home. The Police requested an Extreme Risk Protection Order from the Judge to remove and firearms. Later, during the removal of the firearms from the home, officers noticed what looked like bullet holes in a window and determined there were shots fired from the home towards Foster School. Criminal charges were filed.

The Council expressed their concerns for the safety of our schools and children.

- b) Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Lagea Mull, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the Triennial Report of the Visitor's Center. She presented statistics from the last several months and reported on upcoming events.

- c) FAC Presentation

Brock Byers, reported shelter statistics from FAC. He noted for being a conservative community, Sweet Home has been the most progressive in Oregon addressing issues regarding homelessness. Sweet Home has the first low barrier shelter in Linn County and the only shelter that allows pets. Brock Byers reported on availability, statistics of the visitors, data on emergency service calls compared to call volume before FAC opened.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Mental Health Month Proclamation
Mayor Colman read the proclamation regarding May as Mental Health Awareness Month.
- b) Proclamation - National Day of Prayer
Mayor Coleman read the proclamation regarding the National Day of Prayer.
- c) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 5 for 2023 - City Council FY 2023-2024 Goals
City Manager Young introduced the Council Goals as identified by the Council during the City Council Work Session.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 5 for 2023 - Adopting the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and City Council Goals made by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad
- d) Public Hearing: Legislative Amendment LA23-01 (HNA) - Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023.
The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 PM.
Mayor Coleman asked the Council if they had any Exparte, Conflict of Interest, or Bias regarding Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023. There were none.
Staff Report - Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen reported receiving a grant from DLCDC for a Housing Needs Analysis, which will project needs for housing and includes Buildable Land inventory.
Consultant Tim Wood, explained the purpose and process, as well as made policy recommendations.
The floor was open for Public Comment. There was none.
The Public Hearing was closed at 7:57 PM.
Motion made to move Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023 to first reading by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad
- e) Public Hearing: Zone Map Amendment ZMA23-01 - Ordinance Bill No. 10 for 2023.
The Public Hearing was opened at 8:07 PM.
Mayor Coleman asked the Council if they had any Exparte, Conflict of Interest, or Bias regarding Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023. There were none.
Staff Report - Community and Economic Development Director explained the applicant is changing zoning from R1 to R3 which is the designation on the Comprehensive Map. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and recommended approval.
Testimony in Favor: Eric Lund, the applicant, spoke in favor of the application.
Testimony in Opposition: None
Neutral Testimony: None
The Public Hearing was closed at 8:12 PM.
Motion to approve the request and move Ordinance Bill No. 10 for 2023 to first reading made by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023 was read in its entirety.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 9 for 2023 to second reading made by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad

Ordinance Bill No. 10 for 2023 was read in its entirety.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 10 for 2023 to second reading made by President Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, President Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

None

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

None

Reports of Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Health

Councilor Gourley reported the committee is actively planning the Health Fair. Western University students are ready to present at the next meeting to report their findings.

Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Culture

Councilor Gourley reported the committee has met three times now, and she is appreciative of the energy of the members. The committee is working on projects that include painting businesses and adding murals.

Administrative and Finance/Property

- a) 2023-03-23 Administrative, Finance, and Property Committee Minutes

Park and Tree Committee

Councilor Trask reported the Park and Tree Committee is full and he is excited about that.

Reports of City Officials:

City Manager's Report

City Manager Young announced the Budget Committee meeting was set for tomorrow at 6pm. The next City Council Workshop will include training on Land Use. The LOC is offering a Zoom meeting on Urban Renewal Districts and she urged any councilor interested to contact her. City Manager Young reported she is working on funding for emergency shelters for families and children who are experiencing homelessness. City Manager Young announced a Volunteer Fair on June 3rd at Sankey Park and urged anyone interesting in volunteering or any organization who needs volunteers to attend. City Manager Young thanked the community who have utilized her Office Hours, and announced times from 1-2:30 PM on Thursdays.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman stated that because Councilor Sanchez prompted the Council to declare an emergency regarding homelessness, Linn County also made an Emergency Proclamation. The City and County are now potentially eligible for funding from the State because of those efforts.

Mayor Coleman thanked the efforts of Santiam Sound, who organized a community clean up. Mayor Coleman attended for part of the event and learned there was over 600 pounds of trash collected.

Mayor Coleman congratulated Councilor Richard's sister who signed to play at Pacific College.

Library Services Director

Community and Economic Development Director

- a) Community & Economic Development Department Report

Public Works Director

- a) Public Works Monthly Report

Finance Director

- a) Finance Department Report - March 2023

Police Chief

Pro Tem Mahler explained a situation he recently experienced an emergency and did not get an answer twice when he dialed 911. Pro Tem Mahler was concerned and suggested the Police Department dispatch serve all agencies to enhance and improve emergency services in our community.

City Attorney

None

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez thanked the Police Department for their part in keeping our schools and community safe. Councilor Sanchez announced today is the last day to register to vote and ballots can be dropped off at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder