



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 09, 2021, 5:30 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

The City Council will hold a Special City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. In order to protect residents, staff, and elected officials due to the novel COVID-19 virus, the frequency and length of public meetings, including the City Council, boards and commissions, will be minimized. Non-urgent and non-essential City business with expected public feedback will be postponed whenever possible. Individuals attending public meetings in person will be limited to the first six people, required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home City Council is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the City Council meeting live, online visit **live.sweethomeor.gov**. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call. Conference ID: 629 947 780#

This video stream and call in options are allowed under Council Rules, meet the requirements for Oregon public meeting law, and has been approved by the Mayor as Chairperson of the meeting. All votes will be conducted by Roll Call Vote.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Councilor Susan Coleman
Councilor Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Dylan Richards

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

ABSENT

Councilor Lisa Gourley

STAFF

City Attorney Robert Snyder

Community & Economic Development Director Blair Larsen

City Manager Ray Towry

Administrative Assistant Julie Fisher

Communications Specialist Lagea Mull

Finance Director Brandon Neish

City Engineer Joe Graybill

Engineer Technician Trish Rice

Public Works Director Greg Springman

MEDIA

Benny Westcott, The New Era

GUEST

Austin Rambin, Murraysmith

Deb Galardi, Murraysmith

New Business:

- a) Public Hearing to Consider Modifications and Adoption of a Methodology for Calculating System Development Charges

Public Hearing Opened at 5:01

Mayor Mahler read the Public Hearing Notice and explained how anyone could submit comments for online participation.

Mayor Mahler asked of the Council if there was any Exparte, Conflict of Interest, or Personal Bias. There was none.

Staff Report: Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen stated the Public Hearing tonight is the first time the public has a chance to weigh in on the methodology for the SCDs. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make comments and ask questions.

Deb Galardi, with Galardi Rothstein Group, gave a presentation with a brief overview of SDCs, Oregon Statute regarding SDCs, and SDC charges for surrounding cities and throughout the state. SDCs are fees assessed to new development, additions, and construction designed to cover the cost of expanding capacity for future growth (over a 20 year planning period) of water and wastewater utilities, streets, stormwater and parks.

There were a few questions from the Council. It was explained to the Council that after the Public Hearing, they would be making a decision on only the methodology.

Testimony in Favor: None

Testimony in Opposition: None

Neutral Testimony: None

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 PM

Community and Economic Development Director explained the next steps and timeline for SDCs updates and setting the rates.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder