



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 24, 2022, 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 of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. To view the meeting live, online visit <http://live.sweethomeor.gov>. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128, choose option #1 and enter the meeting ID to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: 821 273 997#

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Lisa Gourley (5:40 PM)
Councilor Susan Coleman
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Councilor Dylan Richards

STAFF

City Manager Pro Tem Christy Wurster
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher

MEDIA

Benny Westcott, The New Era

New Business:

- a) Discussion Only - Vacant Commercial Buildings

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Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen presented information regarding current status of the vacant building ordinance. The Ordinance was implemented by City Council just prior to the Pandemic. There was a suggestion on a potential Vacant Building Plan, stronger enforcement of the current ordinance, or some other measures to help create a vibrant downtown.

There was discussion on what the Council goal is regarding the topic. Options brought forward by staff included increasing enforcement of existing ordinances and illegal uses or violation of development code, creating appearance standards, adding insurance requirements, vacant building plan, implementing fees or fee waivers, and exemptions.

Consensus of the Council was to schedule an Administration, Finance, and Property Committee meeting with business owners to discuss vacant commercial buildings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder