

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

Oregon

City Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 27, 2021

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Hank Williams

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hank Williams	Mayor	Remote	
Neil Olsen	Ward I	Remote	
Kelley Johnson	Ward II	Remote	
Melody Thueson	Ward III	Remote	
Tanea Browning	Ward IV	Remote	
Rob Hernandez	At Large	Late	7:13 AM
Michael Parsons	At Large	Late	7:08 AM

Staff members present: City Manager Chris Clayton; City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer; Police Chief Kris Allison; Police Captain Dave Croft; Captain Scott Logue; Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore; Human Resource Director Elizabeth Simas and City Recorder Deanna Casey.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Max's Mission

Representatives from Max's Mission and the Jackson County Library provided an explanation regarding placement of an overdose emergency box on the outside of the Central Point Library building.

Julia Pinsky explained that Max's Mission is a small non-profit out of Medford. They work to save lives that may be lost to overdose.

Mahmood Modha representing Jackson County Library Services explained that the library system is very happy to be able to provide these boxes at all 15 library locations. Provided statistics for overdoses in Jackson County.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Melody Thueson, Ward III
SECONDER: Tanea Browning, Ward IV
AYES: Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

- A. Approval of April 22, 2021 City Council Minutes
- B. Police Week Proclamation

VII. BUSINESS

A. 1416 : Proclamation of 2020 Employee Recognition

City Manager Chris Clayton presented the proclamation recognizing the 2020 Employees who won awards for their contributions to the City:

Employee of the Year - William Hetrick, Information Technology Specialist

Manager of the Year - Derek Zwagerman, Building Division Manager

Rick Bartlett Safety Leadership - Desiree Badizadegan, Police Support Specialist

Team Work Award - Human Resources

Growth and Achievement Awards - Officer Joe Vargas, Kenny Parent, Justin Gindlesperger

Public Works Leadership Award - Josh DeHaan, Sr. Utility Worker

Public Works Customer Service Award - Cyndi Weeks, Account Clerk

Police Life Saving Award - Corporal Duston Fender, Officer Tyler Aplin, SRO Heather Ashwill, Officer Cameron Cunningham, and Officer Cassidy Walters

Police Alameda Fire Recognition - Captain Scott Logue, Detective Josh Abbott, Detective Jarod Pomeroy, and Officer Lou Fulmer

The City extends its sincere thanks to those listed above and all of the City employees for their dedication and commitment to Central Point and our community.

RESULT: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance No. _____, Ordinance Vacating a Public Utility Easement over the Portion of the Former Public Alley and Amy Street vacated by Ordinance No. 1837 on August 14, 2003 Per ORS 271.130

City Manager Chris Clayton read the legislative pre-hearing statement. There were no conflicts of interest stated by the Council.

City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer explained the city vacated unimproved portions of Ash and Amy Streets in 2003 for the purpose of installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of utilities. The city received approval to construct a new Public Works facility in the area. The easement is no longer needed for public purposes, and conflicts with the location of the new facility. The city provided notice of the vacation by publication in the local newspaper, and posting on the property. The proposed vacation will not substantially affect the market value of the surrounding property.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Michael Parsons moved to second reading an Ordinance vacating the public easement over the portion of the former public alley and Amy Street vacated by Ordinance No. 1837 on August 14, 2003 per ORS 271.130.

RESULT:	1ST READING [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/10/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Michael Parsons, At Large
SECONDER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

IX. ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Authorizing Partial Termination of Easement

Mrs. Dreyer stated in order to construct the Public Works facility at Ash and S. Haskell Street a portion of a 10-foot waterline easement needs to be terminated. A portion of this waterline easement extends across the property and conflicts with the location of the new facility. The waterline easement will be relocated and the old waterline that is currently being removed.

Kelley Johnson moved to approve Resolution 1663, of the City Council of the City of Central Point authorizing the release and termination of a portion of a 10-foot wide waterline easement created by Partition No. P-72-2007.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
SECONDER:	Tanea Browning, Ward IV
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

B. Resolution No. Ratifying the General Services Collective Bargaining Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Agreement

Human Resource Director Elizabeth Simas presented the General Services Collective Bargaining Agreement through June 30, 2025. The bargaining unit ratified the agreement on May 13, 2021. She explained the proposed salary increases; health insurance costs to the employees and PFMLI. Contract changes include the definition of a part-time employee without benefits; requires employees to give additional notice time when requesting flex-time, compensatory time off, and scheduled appointments. Allows changes to permit employees to use the federal GSA website for meals when traveling for City business, includes Central Point recreation programs in the City's fitness reimbursement program and retains City's authority to determine which programs it will reimburse.

Melody Thueson moved to approve Resolution 1664, A Resolution Ratifying the General Services Collective Bargaining Agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melody Thueson, Ward III
SECONDER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

C. **Resolution No. , A Resolution Approving the Revised Management Compensation Plan and July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 Classification Pay Plan**

Mrs. Simas explained the few changes to the Management Compensation Plan are in regards to First Tier Managers; Part Time employees; Health Insurance, and Holidays. We have also included a new title of Construction Services Supervisor.

She explained the pay structure for the Classification Pay Plan. Part A of the plan is for General Service Bargaining Unit showing a 1.7% salary increase effective January 1, 2022. Part B of the Pay Plan is the Police Bargaining Unit showing a 3.5% salary increase as negotiated in their contract for July 1, 2021. Part C of the Pay Plan is for management, is updated to reflect the minimum and maximum of the Human Resources Assistant and addition of the Construction Services Supervisor.

Melody Thueson moved to approve Resolution No. 1665, A Resolution Approving the Revised Management Compensation Plan and July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 Classification Pay Plan.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melody Thueson, Ward III
SECONDER:	Rob Hernandez, At Large
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

X. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Williams reported that he:

- Attended the Budget Committee meetings.
- Attended the Central Point Chamber meeting sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Attended a Fair board meeting. They are planning the Rodeo for September and talked about the 4th of July Fireworks.
- Attended a Main Street Mayor's zoom meeting.

XI. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Chris Clayton reported that:

- City Hall is now open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. He has been meeting with other cities and they are still doing virtual meetings. We hope to go back to in person meetings towards the end of June. He is hoping that the Governor will begin relaxing COVID restrictions by that time.

- Staff is concerned about the prevailing wage legislation approved by the state. This will increase the cost of projects across the state.
- He is setting up a tour of the Urban Campground for June 11th at 3 p.m.
- The Medford Water Commission will be allowing us to tap into their water line along the greenway to install fire hydrants.
- Staff will be meeting with School District No. 6 to discuss a land swap.
- The 4th of July parade will be a little different this year. We have created a route that will take it through neighborhoods on the west side of I-5.
- The Grange Hall on Pine Street may be coming up for sale. The city will be looking into purchasing the property for the Urban Renewal Agency.

XII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Michael Parsons reported that:

- He attended the local Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting. He was introduced and welcomed as a citizen observer by Eric Guyer, Director of Jackson County Community Justice; Chair of Public Safety Coordinating Council. Jasmine Ramirez the Public Safety Coordinating Council Coordinator; Jennifer Lund, CEO of Jackson Care Connect, and Julia Jackson, Director of Behavioral Health, Jackson Care Connect, made presentations.
- He attended the Rogue Valley Sewer Service Budget Meeting as a committee member. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the devastation of the Almeda wildfires in Phoenix and Talent the district remains well positioned thanks to Carl Tappert and his staff at RVSS.
- He attended the Central Point Budget Committee meetings.
- He attended a "Rethinking Homelessness" Webinar. The speakers were the Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and officials of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- He attended a Central Point Little League Softball game and Traeger Auction. He spoke with many citizens, checked out the property, and will be proud that the City will be upgrading the facilities.
- He attended the Study Session in April.
- He attended the RVSS Board meeting.
- He attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

- He attended a second Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting. Medford Deputy City Attorney Eric Milton was the opening primary speaker. Discussed was Martin vs. Boise and Blake vs Grants Pass- the ramifications of those decisions and how the city of Medford is proceeding in their process of enforcing the Greenway Ordinance. There was a presentation by Medford Police Chief Clauson which addressed a "what now" position, and a presentation by Jeff Brown from the Addictions Recovery Center, who lived the life of an addict for many years. He found recovery, went on to College, he's now degreed, and has gone on to help literally hundreds who were in his shoes in prior years and helped them in their battles to overcome addiction. His story is a truly overwhelming story of success.

Council Member Rob Hernandez, and Council Member Melody Thueson reported that they attended the Central Point Budget Committee meetings.

Council Member Tanea Browning reported that she attended:

- The LOC Spring Conference.
- The Chamber Greeters.
- The LOC Spring Conference and several LOC Business Meetings. They are working on a game plan for next year to make events regional so they can include more cities.
- the Family Nurturing Center meeting.
- the Central Point Budget Committee meetings.

Council Member Kelley Johnson reported that she attended:

- The Central Point Chamber meeting.
- The Central Point Budget Committee meetings.
- The RVCOG Board meetings.

Council Member Neil Olsen reported that he:

- attended the Central Point Geocache Challenge.
- Attended the Central Point Budget Committee meetings.
- Responded to a letter received from Allen Broderick suggesting the city make a political statement by opposing public health measures in place to combat the COVID pandemic. Mr. Olsen stated that weighing the options between economic issues and the health of our citizens ~~should not be used as a political statement.~~ **It's difficult, Dr. Shames is trustworthy, the vaccine is safe and effective. (Amendment approved at the June 10, 2021 Council meeting)**

XIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Kris Allison reported that:

- The Department has a new hire as of last week. This is a lateral hire.

- There will be DARE Graduations, but we are not sure if we will be able to invite Council members to attend this year.

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore reported that:

- Costs for the operations center are going up. We are delaying most of our projects because of the increase in costs.
- The city and chamber are planning on a Fourth of July event at Pfaff Park this year.
- There will be a Made in Southern Oregon event in June.
- There will be a Jackson County fair this year.

City Attorney Sydnee Dryer updated the Council on the Medford camping ordinance. As expected there has been legal action filed in Federal Court.

City Manager Chris Clayton reported for:

- Finance Department. They have been attending webinars regarding the Treasury Guidance on the American Rescue Plan.
- Planning Department. We expect to receive plans for a Grocery Outlet in the next couple weeks.

IT Director Jason Richmond reported that they have been experimenting with solar power video cameras in the parks. We will have remote access to them.

Human Resource Director Elizabeth Simas reminded the Council of Tom Humphreys retirement party.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Neil Olsen moved to Adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

The foregoing minutes of the May 27, 2021, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of June 10, 2021.

Dated: 6/10/21


Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:

