

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

Oregon

City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2022

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	Present	
Neil Olsen	Ward I	Present	
Kelley Johnson	Ward II	Present	
Melody Thueson	Ward III	Present	
Tanea Browning	Ward IV	Present	
Rob Hernandez	At Large	Present	
Michael Parsons	At Large	Present	

Staff members present: City Manager Chris Clayton; City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer; Finance Director Steve Weber; Police Chief Kris Allison (virtual); Police Captain Scott Logue; Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore; Planning Director Stephanie Holtey; and City Recorder Deanna Casey.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RVCOG Annual Presentation

RVCOG Executive Director Ann Marie Alfrey presented the 2021 RVCOG Annual Report highlighting what is available for the City of Central Point and the projects they do to support our citizens.

Food and Friends has 77 volunteers to deliver meals. They are excited to get to work at the Central Point Senior Resource Center. They started using the building on April 1st, they are trying to get ready for a grand reopening. There will be an increase in benefits for Central Point Seniors. The thrift store is still up and operating.

RESULT: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Cavin, Central Point Resident

Mrs. Cavin read into the record a letter regarding a burn barrel issue with a neighbor on Maple Street. She would like to see the City amend the code and put a ban on burn barrels. It is not fair to the neighbors when they burn trash and there is continual smoke.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of April 14, 2022 City Council Minutes

Rob Hernandez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VII. ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. _____, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Coordinated Water Rights Management and Water Sharing Plan and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same

City Manager Chris Clayton introduced Ed Olsen former manager of the Medford Water Commission. In early 2020 the Medford Water Commission and the Partner Cities of Talent, Ashland, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Central Point, and Jacksonville completed a joint water rights strategy related to the water rights authorizing diversion at Medford Water's Duff Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on the Rogue River. This plan proposes an approach to sharing water supply to meet combined short-term and long-term water supply needs. An intergovernmental agreement for Phase 1 was developed and presented to the Council earlier this year. The partner cities are now seeking approval of the IGA. Medford Water Board will complete the adoption process after each individual city council considers adoption. However, the document will be returned for additional approval if significant changes occur after Central Point City Council approval.

The Medford Water Commission and the Partner Cities worked together to develop the proposed IGA under the following principals to share water rights already purchased:

1. Medford Water would be the Managing Agency for the Partners, but will not have a fiduciary responsibility to the other Partners but will be compensated for that role.
2. The agreement must be consistent with the City of Medford's January 1, 1999, City Charter.
3. The agreement must ensure that Medford Water retains control of its water rights, the Duff WTP, and related infrastructure.
4. The agreement should relate only to water rights associated with the Duff WTP and not to the Big Butte Creek water rights.
5. The Phase 1 IGA would provide for water sharing among the Partner Cities and would seek commitments to develop a Phase 2 agreement. Medford Water would not be bound to enter into a Phase 2 agreement.
6. Medford Water could withdraw from the sharing agreement.
7. All cities will retain their water rights. If one city withdraws from the IGA the others remain in effect.
8. The agreement does not bind a party to enter into Phase 2.

Legal counsel of all parties have reviewed the IGA. This agreement is intended to be

supplemental to the Treat and Transport and wholesale water agreements that already exist between Medford Water and the partner cities.

Chris Luz, former Phoenix Mayor

Mr. Luz thanked Mayor Williams and City Manager Clayton for hammering the Water Commission over the years. He is concerned about the cities who have purchased enough water rights and will be loaning to cities who have not. Phoenix and Talent over purchased water rights and have been paying the maintenance fees. He would like to see a reimbursement program in place for these cities.

Tanea Browning moved to approve Resolution No. 1704, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Coordinated Rights Management and Water Sharing Plan and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same.

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

B. Ordinance No. _____, - An Ordinance Amending Central Point Municipal Code Charters 3.25.090, 3.26.080, 11.16.080, 11.20.070, and Chapter 13.16 Regarding Discounted Utility Fees for Extreme Hardship

Finance Director Steven Weber explained that the city has offered any household with city water and other city fees the eligibility to participate in the city's utility rate discount for extreme hardship discount based on multiple criteria, including income limits.

The Central Point Municipal Code mentions this discount program in various chapters. Staff has determined it would provide clarity to create a separate code section for the utility discount program and direct each of the fee chapters to the new section. Amendments were also made for consistency between current policy and the code with regard to income limits equal to 150% of the Federal poverty guidelines.

Kelley Johnson moved to second reading an Ordinance Amending Central Point Municipal Code Chapters 3.25.090, 3.26.080, 11.16.080, and chapter 13.16 Regarding Discounted Utility Fees for Extreme Hardship.

RESULT:	1ST READING [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/26/2022 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
SECONDER:	Tanea Browning, Ward IV
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

C. Resolution No. _____ . Scheduling Biennial Election of Central Point City Officers on November 8, 2022

City Manager Chris Clayton explained the proposed resolution sets the date for the next general election of city officers to coincide with the statewide General Election

on November 8, 2022. The filing period begins July 11, 2022 through August 29, 2022. Election packets are being prepared by the City Recorder.

Rob Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 1705, Scheduling Biennial Election of Central Point City Officers on November 8, 2022.

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

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Citizens Advisory Committee

City Manager Chris Clayton explained there are two vacancies on the Citizens Advisory Committee. We have received four applications but only three were able to interview before tonight's meeting. The interview committee is interested in interviewing the fourth person before filling both vacancies.

Mayor Williams stated that he is recommending appointment of Paul Contreras to the Citizens Advisory Committee and wait to appoint the second vacancy until all applicants have been interviewed.

Neil Olsen moved to appoint Paul Contreras to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

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

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams reported that he attended a fair board meeting where they talked about the Rodeo, and the Central Point Chamber Mixer.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Chris Clayton reported that:

- The first notification has been sent for a chronic nuisance house on Grand Avenue.
- He and Finance Director Steve Weber met with representatives from Avista Utilities.
- On Monday final documents for the Greenway were signed. The next step is to Annex the property into the city limits.
- The Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo is May 12-14. We are recommending cancelling the first meeting in May so Council can attend the Sponsor Dinner and event.

- He attended a meeting regarding the Little League Field Complex.
- We will be having a health and safety fair in June for City Staff, providing basic health screening options.

XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Melody Thueson had no report.

Council Member Michael Parsons reported that:

- He attended the Study Session.
- He attended the Chamber Greeter's event.
- He attended the Rogue Valley Sewer System Board meeting. The Board filled a vacant seat with Jim Lewis of Jacksonville.
- He attended the monthly Jackson County Local Public Policy Coordinating Committee meeting. They had a presentation by Pause First Academy and author of "Mindfulness for Warriors" a program of prevention and harm reduction for First Responders.
- He attended and chaired the RVSS budget committee meeting.

Council Member Rob Hernandez reported that he:

- Attended the Study Session.
- Attended the School District 6 Bond oversight committee meeting.
- He attended the Jackson County Fire District No. 3 Budget Committee meeting. He was appointed as Vice Chair.
- He attended the Community Center meeting with Jackson County.

Council Member Tanea Browning reported that:

- She has done a lot of traveling as LOC President this year and we have the best water. She had traveled for 16 weeks all over the state and our water is the best water in the state.
- She has concluded most of her LOC travels. She attended the LOC Spring Conference in Hermiston, there was a great turnout and a great event.
- She attended the Study Session.
- She attended the Chamber mixer at The Point.
- She continues to work with the Infrastructure Cabinet for the Governor's office.

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Council Member Kelley Johnson reported that:

- She attended the Study Session.
- She attended the RVCOG Budget meeting. The Board of Directors meeting covered challenges state wide.
- Jackson County has been approved for 48 new full time mental health employees.

Council Member Neil Olsen stated that he attended the Study Session.

XII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Director Stephanie Holtey reported that they are preparing for the Planning Commission meeting next week.

Captain Scott Logue reported that:

- There has been some improvements regarding Grand Avenue, we will continue to communicate with the neighbors and the property owner.
- Two people are moving through the interview process.
- Today he did a news interview with Channel 10 regarding the effects of Measure 110 and local police departments. He thinks it will be aired next week.
- Made in Southern Oregon is Saturday May 7th.

City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer stated that we will be having an Executive Session tonight under ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Counsel.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Counsel

City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer stated that no action will be taken after the Executive Session and the regular meeting will adjourn as soon as the Executive Session adjourns.

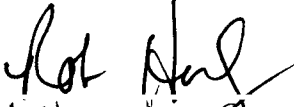
Tanea Browning moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Michael Parsons seconded and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

No further action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

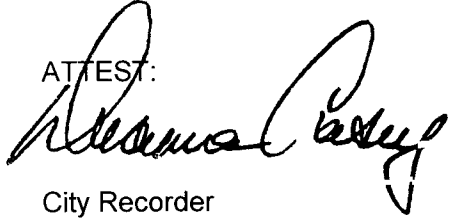
The foregoing minutes of the April 28, 2022, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of May 26, 2022.

Dated: 5/31/22


Roberto Hernandez, Council President

for
Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Casey', written over the printed name 'Rebecca Casey'.

City Recorder