

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

Oregon

City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2019

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	
Brandon Thueson	Ward III	Present	
Tanee Brownning	Ward IV	Present	
Rob Hernandez	At Large	Present	
Michael Parsons	At Large	Present	

Staff members present: City Manager Chris Clayton; City Attorney Dan O'Connor; Police Chief Kris Allison; Police Captain Dave Croft; Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore; Community Development Director Tom Humphrey; Principal Planner Stephanie Holtey; Community Planner I Eileen Mitchell; and City Recorder Deanna Casey.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Council Member Recognition

City Manager Chris Clayton introduced Megan Davis-Lightman our Strategic Plan facilitator. She will be working with the Council on the Central Point 2040 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Clayton and Mayor Williams recognized Council Member Brandon Thueson and presented him with a plaque thanking him for all the work he has done as a City Council Member since elected in 2015. They congratulated him on his new appointment as Josephine County Judge and expressed our best wishes for him and his family in the future.

2. Victim's Advocacy Presentation

Police Chief Kris Allison introduced Ashley Bowden the City of Central Point Domestic Violence Advocate. The City was one of 9 cities nation wide to be awarded a grant to have an advocate like this. Ms. Bowden presented statistics for the 2013-2015 year span of domestic violence in our area. She explained the support she is able to provide Central Point victims. Chief Allison presented success stories that she has seen over her career.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of September 12, 2019 City Council Minutes

Mike Parsons moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

VIII. ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Amending CPMC 8.38.010 regarding Garbage Removal

City Manager Chris Clayton explained that the current municipal code regarding garbage removal is not clear who is actually responsible for refuse removal. Language is being suggested that in the event of a dispute, the owner is ultimately responsible to comply with the Central Point Municipal Code 8.38.010 Garbage Removal. It is up to the property owner to decide how the monthly bill will be paid and to ensure that garbage removal is done.

Brandon Thueson moved to second reading An Ordinance Amending the Central Point Municipal Code Section 8.38.010 in Part regarding Garbage Removal Service.

RESULT:	1ST READING [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 10/24/2019 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Brandon Thueson, Ward III
SECONDER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

B. Resolution of Intent Authorizing Formal UGB Amendment Application Finalization and Submittal

Principal Planner Stephanie Holtey stated that over the last year the city has updated several elements of its Comprehensive Plan to evaluate land needs relative to the available buildable land supply in the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

To submit a complete application to Jackson County, the city is required to pay the planning fees. These fees have been approved in the 2019-2021 Budget. Staff is requesting authorization from the City Council to finalize and submit the formal application based on the land needs and proposed acreage. We estimate completion in the Spring of 2020.

Taneea Browning moved to approve Resolution No. 1599, A Resolution Declaring the City Council's Intent to Initiate an Amendment to the Central Point Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and the Comprehensive Plan to Add Land from the City's Urban Reserve Areas (URAs) CP-2B, CP-3, CP-4D, and CP-6A for the City's 20 year (2019-2039) Housing, Employment, Parks and Public Facility needs.

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

IX. BUSINESS

A. Transportation Update (Quilty)

Transportation Representative Mike Quilty presented a letter from Governor Brown urging the Transportation Commission and agencies to combat the impacts of climate change by implementing the statewide transportation strategy (STS). She is requesting reduction of GHG Emissions and implementing a planning rule for jurisdictions to meet those reduction targets. She has indicated that she will use executive privilege to force the cap and trade items to help reduce greenhouse gases. He also updated on CMAQ funds being spent in Eugene, Salem and now the Portland areas reducing the amount of funds available for the rest of the state.

B. 5G Technology Update (Clayton)

City Manager Chris Clayton explained that the city has received several emails and letters from citizens against 5G Technology. He played a short video that briefly explained what 5G is and that we probably will not see it in the Rogue Valley for several years. The City Attorney has provided a legal opinion regarding franchises and approval for 5G deployment in Central Point when it is available.

Community Development Director Tom Humphrey stated that we have seen an increase in small cell towers requested over the last year. Some companies are upgrading existing fixtures and others are being requested. As far as he knows they are not 5G capable.

C. Rogue Disposal & Recycling, Inc. 2020 CPI Rate Increase

Mr. Clayton explained that Rogue Disposal and Recycling approached the city with a rate adjustment a few months ago which the City approved. However, Jackson County asked to delay the new methodology until they could work with the other disposal companies in the County. Rogue Disposal is now asking to use the 2020 CPI Rate increase methodology instead of the previously asked for methodology. As per the Franchise Agreement the city is asked to accept the methodology that is presented at 1.7% adjustment. There will be a slight increase in curb pick up rates.

Mike Parsons moved to approve the Rogue Disposal and Recycling 2020 proposed rate adjustment of 1.7%.

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MOVER:	Michael Parsons, At Large
SECONDER:	Rob Hernandez, At Large
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

D. Potential Revisions to Street Tree Ordinance 12.36

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore explained that at the September Study Session the Council was briefed on some issues regarding fruiting trees and some of the problems they are causing within the Twin Creeks Subdivision. Some varieties of trees that were planted several years ago have matured and are now producing fruit and acorns which can cause a safety issue for people on sidewalks. The Homeowners Associations for Griffin and Jackson Oaks have approached the city about some flexibility to remove these troublesome trees.

The City Attorney is coordinating with staff to revise the current ordinance with language that would allow removal upon request by either the property owner or the city. There are several sections in the code that are being reviewed and will be recommended for amendments. Tonight staff is looking for a motion directing staff to continue with the revisions of the Street Tree Ordinance and eventually the Street Tree list.

There was discussion from residents from Griffin and Jackson Oaks regarding the requirement of root barriers and roots causing issues with sidewalks and creating tripping hazards. Mr. Samitore explained that the City has a grant program that is available for sidewalk issues.

The code amendments will not allow all the street trees to be removed, they will have to be replaced, the city would be allowed to make that judgement call depending on the surrounding area. The code has been amended from time to time as the city learns new and better ways to do things.

Taneea Browning moved to have staff proceed forward with changes to the Central Point Municipal Code section 13.36 to allow more flexibility to remove fruit and nut trees.

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

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams reported that he attended:

- The Medford Water Commission meeting
- A Cub Scout Pack 40 meeting. They are interested in the community center planning.
- The Chamber Mixer and Greeters.

- The LOC Conference in Bend and the Oregon Mayors Association Board meeting.
- The TRADCO meeting where the discussion was regarding the Foothills Road improvements for the City of Medford which they are calling the Mega Corridor Project. This project would connect White City to Phoenix.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Chris Clayton reported that:

- SOREDI will be attending the November 14th meeting to provide an update on their Strategic Plan Process.
- We received a letter asking the City to assign Hunter Communications Franchise to Grain Communications. This item is being reviewed by the City Attorney.
- He has received a letter from St. Vincent DePaul regarding the funds that the city has provided them to help with homeless.
- Staff has been working on Strategic Plan process. The Council will begin their work on Monday night at the Study Session.
- With Mr. Thueson leaving the Council there will be a few committee meetings that need to be represented. Mike Parsons has volunteered to attend the Jail Committee, and CAC meetings. Neil Olsen will be attending the Bear Creek Greenway and Community Center meetings.
- He attended the TRADCO meeting with the Mayor. The Mega Corridor would include a bridge over I-5 and Bear Creek between S. Medford and Phoenix.
- Council will need to elect a new Council President at the next Council meeting.
- The Council Chambers renovation is coming along, we are hoping to be back in there before the October 24th Council meeting.

Mike Quilty stated that the Mega Corridor is important to the entire valley. We need to have alternative route in case something happens to take down the viaduct. This is a very big project and is vital for the Rogue Valley, not just Medford.

Bill Walton asked the Council to reconsider the gas tax. If the Council had passed the gas tax years ago we would have enough funds to help improve the I-5 exit in Central Point.

XII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rob Hernandez reported that he attended the Study Session; SOREDI Board meeting and the Community Center Adhoc Committee meeting today.

Council Member Michael Parsons reported that he attended:

- and judged the Battle of the Bones.
- the Study Session.
- Greeters.
- an RVSS Lunch and meeting.
- the LOC Conference.
- the Battle of the Food Trucks.

Council Member Tanea Browning reported that she:

- attended the small cities meeting in Rogue River.
- attended the Chamber Mixer and Greeters.
- attended the LOC Board Meeting and Conference. Her favorite part of conference is networking with council members from all over the state.
- attended the Raining Cats and Dogs fundraiser.

Council Member Brandon Thueson reported that:

- He attended the Battle of the Bones as a judge.
- He attended the Study Session.
- He attended the Jackson County Jail Committee meeting.
- He has enjoyed his time on the Council over the last 5 years. Very proud to be a part of this council and the good work that we have done.

Council Member Kelley Johnson reported that:

- She attended the Study Session.
- She was a judge at Battle of the Bones.
- She attended the LOC Conference in Bend and that Councilmember Browning has been elected as Treasurer of the League of Oregon Cities.
- The Battle of the Food Trucks a great event, it was well attended.

Council Member Neil Olsen stated that he attended the Battle of the Food Trucks but there were so many people he didn't stay.

XIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development Director Tom Humphrey reported that:

- He attended the Destination Business Boot Camp with local business owners.

- The Planning Commission meeting will be October 15th this month.
- Community Planner Eileen Mitchell is in the audience tonight. She started working for Central Point in July.

Police Chief Kris Allison reported that:

- a 12 month investigation concluded with an arrest for drugs, guns and cash.
- Last week one of the airport caesuras stopped drugs from coming into our city.
- They have been working on a nuisance property on Greenpark Drive.

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore reported that:

- The Battle of the Bones went really well. They will have a financial report prepared for the Council.
- The Battle of the Food Trucks was well attended, they estimate approximately 5000 people attended. Over half of the vendors ran out of food by 1:00 p.m.
- They had a Community Center meeting today. He is excited about how things are moving along.
- He had several productive meetings with School District No. 6. They are working with them on a streetscape project along Highway 99 and the Rockway Extension. They have asked the city with help on the bus traffic flow at Scenic.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Thueson moved to adjourn, Tanea Browning seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The foregoing minutes of the October 10, 2019, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of October 24, 2019.

Dated:

10/24/19


Máyor Hank Williams

ATTEST:


City Recorder