

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

5:30 p.m.

Mayor Stromberg called the Study Session to order at 5:32 PM.

Members Present: Councilor Rosenthal, Seffinger, Lemhouse, Morris and Slattery. Councilor Darrow was absent.

I. Public Input (15 minutes, maximum)

None.

II. Look Ahead review

Interim City Administrator, John Karns went over the current Look Ahead.

Council discussed dates for when the State of the City will be presented. Staff will bring back a date.

Council requested to discuss issues regarding Will Dodge Way in the near future. Staff would confirm a date with Chief O'Meara and bring back to Council.

III. North Main Road Diet project update

Public Works Director, Paula Brown gave an update of the North Main Road Diet project. Engineering Services Manager, Scott Fleury, Transportation Commission Chair, David Young and from Southern Oregon Transportation Engineering, LLC, Kim Parducci were also present to discuss the item.

Ms. Parducci gave Council an update.

Projects discussed:

- Removal of the Helman Street / North Main Street signal.
- Re-striping Bush Street which will widen the center.

- Cross walk improvements and pedestrian island at N. Main and Van Ness Avenue.
- Cross walk improvements at North Main and Nursery Street. Including rapid flashers
- Improvements on North Main and Main Street.
- Improvements on

Ms. Brown spoke that the project information will be on the City Website.

IV. Water treatment plant siting and status update

Ms. Brown gave an update of the Water Treatment Plant siting project.

She explained that Ashland has a 7.5-million-gallon requirement for the City. She suggested doing a cost analysis of updating the existing plant or building a new plant. Ms. Brown spoke that Staff has spent several years working on this plan.

V. Pioneer Hall structural and facilities improvements

Ms. Brown spoke that Staff needs to look at the deficiencies and how to correct these deficiencies. Staff will bring back final engineer design and cost estimates.

Councilor Slattery questioned the cost of \$41,000 to do a final architectural and engineer design.

Ms. Brown explained the need for this cost. Councilor Lemhouse spoke regarding the historical significance of Pioneer Hall and questioned if it is worth the money to preserve this building. Mr. Karns spoke that Pioneer Hall is being used often by the Boy Scouts. He spoke that it is rented out a lot on Saturday nights for Parties and receptions; it is also used as a winter shelter 3 nights a week. Councilor Morris spoke to the importance to finding out what is needed to be done for this building.

The Study Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Stromberg