2020 City Council Meeting Synopsis

January 13, 2020 Meeting

1. Mayor Rich delivered the State of the City Address.
2. Mayor Rich appointed the following Commission Chairs:
   - Airport: Councilor Linda Fisher-Fowler
   - Economic Development: Councilor Brian Prawitz
   - Historic Resources Review: Councilor Ashley Hicks
   - Library: Councilor Andrea Zielinski
   - Parks and Recreation: Councilor Alison Eggers
   - Public Works: Councilor Bob Cotterell

   Rich appointed Councilors Cole and Prawitz to serve on the MedCom Board.
3. Accepted Nick Marshal and Kenneth Fazio’s resignation from the Budget Committee, with regrets.
4. Accepted Tim Allen’s resignation from the Economic Development Commission, with regrets.
5. Council made the following Commission appointments:
   - Airport: Clint Newell
   - Economic Development: Mickey Beach and Misty Ross
   - Historic Resources Review: Nicholas Lehrbach
   - Library: Marcia Belzner and Francesca Guyer
   - Parks and Recreation: Kyle Bailey, Robert Grubbs and Leila Heislein
   - Public Works: Noel Groshong, Vernon Munion and John Seward

6. Introduced Brice Perkins as the new City of Roseburg Public Works Director.
7. Accepted Tom Ryan’s resignation with regrets from the City Council, declared City Council Position 2 in Ward 2 as vacant and directed Staff to solicit applications from persons interested in filling such vacancy.
8. Councilor Cotterell was elected to serve as Council President for 2020.
9. Approved the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.
10. Approved the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Special Goal Setting Meeting.
11. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-01, entitled, “A Resolution Adopting the Goals and Action Items for the City of Roseburg for 2020-2022.”

February 10, 2020 Special Meeting

1. Interviewed applicants Sheila Cox and Jeffrey Weller for the Ward 2, Position 1 vacancy. Ashley Taylor withdrew prior to the meeting.
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2. Accepted Gary Leif’s resignation from the Economic Development Commission, with regrets.
4. Finance Director Ron Harker provided the Quarterly Financial Report and summarized the City’s financial position for the General Fund, major operating funds, proprietary funds and Urban Renewal funds through the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2019-2020.
5. Received the City Budget Calendar and processing schedule for fiscal year 2020-2021.
6. Approved the minutes of the January 27, 2020 regular meeting as amended.
10. Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with UVDC to provide $60,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund to provide funding for project management services related to the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center project.
11. Authorized staff to submit a Declaration of Official Intent to reimburse project costs to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center project.

February 24, 2020 Meeting

1. Mayor Rich congratulated Officer and K9 Handler Chris Bonebrake for receiving Officer of the Year at the Roseburg Optimist Respect for Law Banquet.
2. Gary Chasteen asked Council for assistance with parking issues by Little Brothers Pub.
3. Bonnie Bischke suggested closer review of the new Airport Master Plan to make sure the same safeguards were in place.
4. Todd Boyd explained the Roseburg Senior Center had been a victim of graffiti multiples times and asked Councilor Hicks to cease comments and photos on the Next Door social media site stating it was a derelict building.
5. Bill May, John Berman, Raymond Pieren and Vickie Murphy expressed support for Councilor Hicks and the work she had done with homeless camp cleanup efforts.
6. Manya Nicholson, James Wilkerson, Christina Rose and Melody Jones shared concerns regarding Councilor Hicks.
7. Tami Riessbeck, Sheri Minskom and Diana Larson all spoke regarding homelessness.
8. Approved the minutes of February 10, 2020 Special Meeting.
10. Recommended approval of the OLCC New Outlet Application for the Sunnyside Theatre located at 663 SE Jackson Street in Roseburg, Oregon.
13. Arlen Bischke, Vicki Murphy, Patti Benedict, Bonnie Bischke and Christina Rose discussed concerns regarding Councilor Hicks.
14. Tami Riessbeck and Travis Jordy asked Council to be concerned about the whole city and not just the Shadow Ranch area because the same issues were everywhere.
15. Diana Larson, Bill May and Raymond Pieren discussed support for the work Councilor Hicks had provided to help cleanup homeless camps.
16. Taresa Golsworthy suggested to use empty buildings such as the former downtown Rite Aid as a shelter option.
17. Susie Johnston-Forte confirmed she too was aware of issues for drug addiction, alcohol, mental illness, housing shortage and people on the streets.
18. Approved that Councilor Hicks violated Council rules, Roseburg Municipal Code 2.34.090, by failing to adequately separate her personal opinion from City Council position in the matter of an unsheltered camp on General Avenue Roseburg using social media to publically express her opinion and the result of that public posting caused a significant group of people to believe Council was intending and recommending unsheltered people establish an unsheltered person camp on General Avenue, on City owned property. Further, that the social media post caused such consternation by residents of that area, Councilors and Staff were required to repeatedly attempt to calm the public’s concern, additionally, Councilor Hicks was recommending folks violate municipal ordinance regarding criminal trespass and illegal camping.
19. Approved to impose sanctions for Councilor Hicks’ violation of Council rules, Municipal Code 2.34.090, by removing all travel funds for Councilor Hicks, except the annual League of Oregon Cities Conference, and removing her as Chairperson of the Historic Resource Review Commission.
20. Approved to have sanctions effective immediately until December 31, 2020.

March 9, 2020 Meeting

2. Supported the submission of an open letter to citizens as a guest editorial from the Council.
3. Approved the February 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
4. Held a public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant Close Out for the UCAN Head Start Project, read the public notice and directed Staff to officially close out the Head Start CDBG grant.
7. Adopted Umpqua River Trail as the official name of the City of Roseburg’s multi-use path.
8. Approved to modify the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Standby Power Project in the Water Capital Improvement Fund.
9. Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Agreement for Transit Services between the City of Roseburg and the Umpqua Public Transportation District with the City providing $60,000 per fiscal year through June 30, 2021.
10. Awarded funding request in the proposed amount of $21,500 for the Downtown Roseburg Association & Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers (Roseburg Summer Steelhead Concert Series).

March 23, 2020 Meeting

1. Proclaimed April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
3. Approved the minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting.
5. Authorized the use of an interstate cooperative purchasing agreement and exemption from competitive bidding to award the purchase of play equipment and playground surfacing to Ross Recreation for $106,192.52 utilizing H-GAC cooperative pricing for the Beulah Park renovation project.
7. Adopted the Findings of Fact and Order approved by the Planning Commission for File No. LUDR-20-001.
9. Authorized a new Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Glide School District for the School Resource Officer Program with a fee of $90,438.00 for the FY 20/21 school year.

10. Authorized a new Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Roseburg School District for the School Resource Officer Program with a fee of $150,000.00 for the 20/21 school year.

**April 27, 2020 Meeting**

1. Mayor Rich honored volunteers who have donated their time and efforts for the betterment of the Roseburg community and proclaimed April 2020 as Volunteer Recognition Month.

2. Mayor Rich proclaimed April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day and recognized the importance of trees as a resource and aesthetic enhancement in our community.

3. Mayor Rich proclaimed May 2020 as Historic Preservation Month and recognized the importance of celebrating the role of history in our lives.

4. Appointed Mr. Jeffrey Weller and Mr. Jerry Smead to the Budget Committee.

5. Accepted Kerry Atherton’s resignation from the Planning Commission, with regrets.

6. Approved the minutes of the March 23, 2020 regular meeting.

7. Cancelled the May 25, 2020 Council Meeting, reserving the option to call a special meeting should the need arise.

8. Recommended OLCC approval of all 2020 renewal applications received from licensees in the City of Roseburg.

9. Accepted the City Manager’s report regarding the emergency procurement of a new large turf mower.

10. Accepted the City Manager’s report regarding the emergency award of the 2019 ADA Project to Freedom Builders for $212,786.00.

11. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-04, entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Maximum Amount of $69,000 to be Used Towards Debt Service for the Roseburg Regional Airport.”


13. Michael Kraus, via email comment, questioned the need for routine maintenance and accounting issues regarding the Schools Bond Levy and suggested a choice of multiple levels of funding.

14. Alex Palm, President for Roseburg Schools Political Action Committee, via email comment, supported the School Bond Levy, asked for Council’s support and stated it would assist many of the goals and visions the City of Roseburg had set for growth and development in the city.


16. Directed Staff to delay annual fee increases until May of 2021.
17. Authorized cancellation of the Parking Enforcement Services Contract with DRA by mutual consent effective March 31, 2020, and authorized the City Manager to negotiate a settlement/payment agreement for the outstanding balance.

**May 11, 2020 Meeting**

3. Approved minutes of the April 27, 2020 regular meeting.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-08, entitled, “A Resolution Amending Library meeting Room Fee, Adding a Community Development Department Re-Inspection Fee, and Adjusting the Non-Carrier W/Facilities in the Right-of-Way but no City Customers Fee.”
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-09, entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing and Supporting Application for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Recreational Trails Program Grant.”
7. Adopted Order No. 2020-01, Extending the Declaration of Emergency in the City of Roseburg.
8. Delegated authority to the City Manager to complete the necessary documents to finalize the grant and ensure the proper use of structure as required by the CDBG grant.

**June 8, 2020 Meeting**

1. Mayor Rich proclaimed the month of June 2020 as Bike Month and urged citizens to share the road safely with bicycles and to participate in safe active transportation activities including our community’s Move More Challenge during the month of June.
2. Approved the May 11, 2020 meeting minutes.
3. Recommended approval of the OLCC additional license application for Evergreen Enterprises, Inc. dba Denny’s #7743 located at 350 W Harvard Avenue in Roseburg, Oregon.
4. J.K. Lamm asked Council for follow up information regarding progress or changes for the unhoused issues along the south Roseburg riverbanks.
5. T. Moyer asked Council why law enforcement contacted OSHA regarding an Executive Order violation for a local business that opened.
6. Held a Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Grant (CDBG) close out. Directed Staff to officially close out the Housing Rehabilitation CDBG Grant.
Development Block Grant Funds for COVID-19 Emergency Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance Programs,” and directed Staff to move forward with the CDBG application process.


10. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-12, entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a Cares Act Grant.”


12. Authorized the City Manager to provide $50,000 to Adapt for FY 19/20 startup funding for the Sobering Center.


June 8, 2020 Roseburg Urban Renewal Agency Board Meeting

1. Approved the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes


June 22, 2020 Meeting

1. Approved minutes of June 8, 2020 regular meeting.

2. Approved minutes of June 15, 2020 Special Work Study Session meeting.

3. Held a public hearing to amend RMC Title 12 for Land Use Development Regulations, File No. LUDR-20-002. John Kennedy, Planning Commission Member, felt the amendments were an improvement from the current code.


5. Held a public hearing to vacate a portion of City right-of-way, File No. VAC-20-001.


8. Anvil Northwest provided a destination marketing program presentation.

10. Awarded the 2020 Pavement Management Program Overlay Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Knife River Materials, for $921,727.60.

11. Authorized a task order with Century West Engineering for construction management services for the 2020 Pavement Management Overlay Project for an amount not to exceed $63,993.00.

12. Approved the award for four 2021 fully equipped and up-fitted Police utility vehicles in the amount not to exceed $221,876.80.

**July 13, 2020 Meeting**

1. Proclaimed July 2020 as Parks and Recreation Month and recognized the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-14, entitled, “A Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency Due to the Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic.”

3. Katie Fischer, Roseburg Public Library, provided a brief presentation about her time and work at the Library as a RARE AmeriCorps Participant through the University of Oregon.

4. Manya Nicholson, shared via email prior to the meeting, her discontent for the graffiti-like cruise that took place demonstrating large groups of people without a mask, including a Councilor.

5. Approved the June 22, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

6. Approved the June 29, 2020 Work Study Meeting Minutes.

7. Recommended Approval of the OLCC New Winery Outlet application for Urban Blendz, LLC located at 2405 NE Diamond Like Boulevard, Suite 120 in Roseburg, Oregon.

8. Declared the vacancy on the Planning Commission, with condolences.

9. Held a Public Hearing regarding a Fire Engine Cooperative Purchase.

10. Approved the purchase of the triple combination pumper and auto extrication equipment in the amount not to exceed $632,000.”

11. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-15, entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Transportation Growth Management Grant to Create a Bicycle Network with Clearly Designated Bicycle Routes within the City,” and directed Staff to move forward with the TGM Grant application process.


July 27, 2020 Special Meeting

1. Interviewed Jaime Yraguen, Stephanie Newman and Erica Mills for the two Planning Commission vacancies.

July 27, 2020 Meeting

1. Approved to invite State Legislators, Parole and Probation, Rogue Retreat, Law Enforcement and Judges Mahan and Simmons to the August 3, 2020 Work Study Session.


3. Janet Lamm, via email, shared her concern about campers and illegal fires in the Micelli Park/railroad property and asked to consider having them trespassed for the safety of those living in and around that area.

4. Approved minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting.

5. Approved minutes of the July 20, 2020 Work Study Session meeting.

6. Held a public hearing regarding a special solicitation and exemption approval process for an engineering services contract for the Douglas Avenue project.


9. Rejected all bids received for the Stewart Parkway Bridge End Panel Repair Project.

10. Directed Staff to submit City Council’s top three priorities to the League of Oregon Cities Board by August 7, 2020.

11. Dick Dolgonas, via email, shared his support for the Business Use Right-of-Way permit program and said it was a practical way to help local businesses that was safe and not detrimental to the neighborhood.

12. Jessica Hand Blue Zones Executive Director, via email, expressed her support for the Business Use Right-of-Way permit program stating it provided numerous benefits to the downtown district and was a creative response to critical business needs.

13. Susie Johnston-Forte Downtown Roseburg Association Executive Director, via email, supported those endorsing the opportunity for the Business Use Right-of-Way permit program.

14. Approved the proposed Business Use Right-of-Way Permit program and application.

August 10, 2020 Meeting

1. Approved the July 27, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.


3. Approved the August 3, 2020 Work Study Meeting Minutes.

5. Approved the purchase of a new breathing air compressor from Cascade Fire Equipment Company in the amount not to exceed $53,220.00 utilizing the interstate cooperative purchasing agreement through NPPGov.


7. Directed Staff to begin the process of preparing draft municipal code language related to temporary shelters and other temporary housing for Council consideration.

8. Council agreed to hold Work Study Sessions on August 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm (via Zoom) and on August 31, 2020 at 6:00 pm (in person) regarding homelessness.

**August 24, 2020 Meeting**

1. Accepted Mr. Chris Berquist’s resignation from the Airport Commission, with regrets.

2. Received an update from Mr. Phil Scheuers regarding the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center funding next phases.

3. Approved the August 10, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

4. Approved the August 17, 2020 Council Work Study Session Meeting Minutes.

5. Adopted Order No. 2020-03, extending the Declaration of Emergency in the City of Roseburg to December 31, 2020.

6. Authorized the submission of a grant application for the Safe Routes to School Program for improvements to Douglas Avenue.

7. Peggy Madison supported bike lanes, sidewalks and a speed limit reduction on Douglas Avenue to make walking and biking to school safer for children.

8. Andy and Carla Chase supported a speed limit reduction on Douglas Avenue and enforcement.

9. Burt Tate, Bike Walk Roseburg, supported a speed limit reduction on Douglas Avenue and provided a petition of signatures from residents.

10. Jim O'Neil supported a speed limit reduction on Douglas Avenue due to continued growth and new housing development.

11. Richard Cremer, Attorney at Law, supported a speed limit reduction on Douglas Avenue.


13. Awarded a consulting services contract for the Standby Power Generation Projects to RH2 Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $198,588.00.

14. Awarded the 2020 Storm CIPP Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Michels Corporation, for $657,729.00.

15. Awarded a consulting services contract to RH2 Engineering for completion of the Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for an amount not to exceed $49,988.00.
16. Granted preliminary approval of the Umpqua United Soccer Club’s conceptual improvement plans for improvements to the Fir Grove Soccer Complex in Stewart Park subject to final approval of the City Council with the condition that all funding is secured prior to beginning construction of the project; and to authorize staff to negotiate a new, 20-year lease with Umpqua United Soccer Club.

17. Lance Colley, JMEC Consulting, on behalf of UUSC (Umpqua United Soccer Club), supported potential improvements to one or two soccer fields to accommodate competitive and recreational soccer and other local sports at the Fir Grove section of Stewart Park, and to develop agreements that would outline future expectations to move forward with the project.