

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2019**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Brian Hodson.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Tracie Heidt, Greg Parker, Traci Hensley, Tim Dale, Shawn Varwig, and Sarah Spoon.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney; Kim Scheafer, City Recorder; Julie Wehling, Transit Director; and Irene Green, Library Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathleen Myron, Carol Kramer, Katherine Christiansen, Sarah Rodriguez, Carol Rosen, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Roger Reif, Karen Batridge, Chris Waffle, Rina Bicknell, Denise Fonseca, Linda Warwick, Pam Jenkins, and Bill Fenton.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hodson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the opening ceremonies.

State of the Library Presentation – Kathleen Myron, Library Board Chair, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the State of the Library 2019. She discussed what the Library was today, quick statistics, accomplishments, teen programming, adult programming, community outreach, partnerships, what was coming soon including Library of Things (LoT) and Chromebooks, Library District Task Force, and future needs and wants. The recommendations of the Library Board were for the City Council to meet with the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and insist the library boundaries be adjusted to reflect the actual community service area; appoint two members to the Library District Task Force; and provide assets necessary to continue growth.

Councilor Heidt asked about the two members that needed to be appointed to the Task Force, were they to be community members or City Councilors.

Ms. Myron clarified the Task Force would involve some City Councilors, Library Directors, and knowledgeable citizens familiar with the library as well as people in the unincorporated areas. They were still working the details out. The Task Force would be meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.

Councilor Heidt remarked on the growth of the library's programming in the last three years.

Councilor Varwig commented how the library was doing a wonderful job.

Councilor Parker congratulated them on the teen programming. He encouraged them to pay attention to the changing demographics in the City and serving underserved populations.

Mayor Hodson asked when the Task Force would begin their work.

Ms. Myron said it was moving slowly, but right now it was looking to be summer.

Mayor Hodson clarified there needed to be two members from each library district. He would also be discussing the redistricting with the County Commission.

Irene Green, Library Director, said the district boundaries were supposed to be looked at every 10 years, and it should have been done in 2010.

Mayor Hodson thanked them for their hard work.

Councilor Spoon agreed that because they were at the edge of the County they had unique geographic challenges for budgeting. She thought as a team they could advocate for the library because they provided services to the community that filled needed gaps.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Carol Kramer, Canby resident, had attended the meeting on April 3 and the Mayor stated that he had an invitation to visit Willamette University regarding their LGBTQ program. She thought it would be important to return with what he learned and share the information with everyone.

Mayor Hodson said he hoped to meet with them by the end of May.

Ms. Kramer said the *Canby Herald* article said that he had apologized but there was lack of clarity about what the apology was for.

Mayor Hodson would have to review the conversation for those details.

Sarah Rodriguez, Canby resident, was representing the Canby Transgender Alliance. At the last meeting several people testified at great emotional expense and risk to personal safety. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the comments made at that meeting. A few members had questions from the last meeting, and hoped to hear about the progress in the next few months. They wanted to know when and how the Mayor would provide the information from Canby's Charter demonstrating that the Mayor could refuse recognition of any specific group, when a list of proclamations since the Mayor took office would be provided, when he would be meeting with the schools and Police Department, if he responded or met with members of the transgender community, and if he would be issuing a proclamation for International Transgender Visibility Day.

Mayor Hodson said he had reached out to the person who had requested the information about the Charter and would be forwarding where she could find that information. He was working out dates to meet with the School Superintendent and Police Chief. He had responded to several people, but not all yet, and had meetings already and more meetings scheduled. In regards to issuing a proclamation about Transgender Day, he was uncertain. A few Councilors would be reviewing the list of proclamations issued and discussing whether a process for proclamations needed to put in place.

Rina Bicknell, Canby resident, was a recent graduate of Willamette University and was offering herself as a resource if the Mayor needed to use her as a resource. She had worked with the Queer Student Union when she was a student there.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:** Mayor Hodson said the feasibility design layout meeting for the Ackerman Recreation Complex had been rescheduled to next week. A goal for having a community open house had also been pushed out. The construction project on I-205 was nearing the deadline in order to get funds released for the next phase of the project. There were 293 crashes in ODOT Region 1 in highway

construction zones in the last year. A County Advisory Committee was being formed regarding the Vehicle Registration Fee funds and projects. They would be focusing on safety, congestion, and local road improvements. Canby would receive approximately \$330,000 annually starting in 2020 and the Council would be working on the use of those funds. Metro was working on a T-2020 transportation bond. Shred Day would be held at the Clackamas County Event Center tomorrow. Resumes and applications were coming in for the City Administrator recruitment.

**COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:** Councilor Heidt said the Planning Commission was still having work sessions regarding the development code.

Councilor Parker said the Bike and Pedestrian Committee would be meeting next week. The Heritage and Landmark Commission would be giving a presentation at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Hensley said a referendum was being distributed for the Vehicle Registration Fee. She wanted to know if the County was moving forward with the plans for the fee or if they were waiting to see if the referendum was successful.

Mayor Hodson clarified the County was moving forward with the plans and was also working on getting more information out about the projects that would be done with those funds.

Carol Rosen, *Canby Herald*, stated they needed to have 10,000 signatures by May 8.

Councilor Dale said all the power in Canby came from Bonneville Power Administration. Every two years they reset the rates that they would be charging municipalities which would be increased by 4.4%. Canby Utility said they would be proposing a rate increase of 5% as they had to account for all the administrative expenses as well. The rate increase would go into effect in October.

Councilor Varwig said the Canby Fire Board would meet next week. For the recent food drive, the library donated almost 800 pounds of food to the Canby Center.

Councilor Spoon said First Thursday would be on May 2. A lot of businesses were having activities. She attended the Canby Center fundraiser last Saturday along with Councilor Parker. The Canby High School Band won six first place trophies. The Speech and Debate Team would be going to the State tournament tomorrow. The new Canby football coach's name was Jimmy Joyce. She asked why all the Councilors were not asked about the process for proclamations.

Mayor Hodson said he was starting with a small group and then they would bring it to the whole Council.

Councilor Spoon recommended he seek a varied viewpoint for the process.

**CONSENT AGENDA: \*\*Councilor Dale moved to adopt the minutes of the April 3, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting; reappointment of Edward Warnock to the City Budget Committee for a term to end on June 30, 2022; appointment of David Horrax to the Canby Utility Board for a term to end on February 28, 2022; reappointment of Doug Birkeland to the Heritage and Landmark Commission for a term to end on June 30, 2022; reappointment of Ryan Oliver and Barry Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for terms to end on June 30, 2022, and the reappointment of Andrea Warnock to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term to end on June 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hensley and passed 6-0.**

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Special Transportation Funds (STF) Legislative Letter – Julie Wehling, Transit Director, said she had concerns regarding the Special Transportation Funds (STF) and how the Governor’s original budget did not include any of these funds. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means added STF funds, however it was less than previous years. This was a statewide transit fund and supported programs for seniors and people with disabilities. Canby Area Transit had received \$120,000 annually for operating and in some years received more money for capital projects. These funds should not be confused with the new Statewide Transit Improvement Funds (STIF) which were to address low income transportation, students, and improved connections between regions. New projects were only eligible for the STIF funds, not existing services. The STIF funds could not cover the STF programs. She had written a letter for the Mayor to sign stating their position on this matter.

**\*\*Councilor Spoon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached correspondence to the appropriate members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means regarding reductions in STF funding. Motion was seconded by Councilor Parker.**

Councilor Spoon thought they should support this effort because they were providing service to their most at-risk citizens. She had talked to citizens where CAT was their only way to get their basic needs.

Councilor Heidt thought the letter should be personalized and sent to each of the Committee Chairs.

Councilor Varwig agreed.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Councilor Parker asked for talking points so that when they ran into legislators they could talk to them about this issue. At the Adult Center Board of Directors meeting there was a concern by one person who couldn’t get from the Oregon City Transit Center to the Amtrak station. He asked about the status of bus shelters.

Ms. Wehling said all of the information had been gathered so she could apply for bus shelters the next time a grant was available.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS:** Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney, said he and the Chief of Police had picked two dates that they were available to meet with the Mayor. He also explained the process for public records requests.

Kim Scheafer, City Recorder, said all of the Council’s Agenda, minutes, and packets were available on line and could be easily accessed by the public.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** None.

**ACTION REVIEW:**

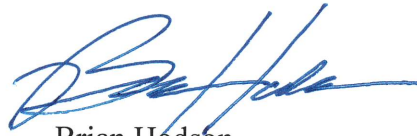
1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign a letter to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means regarding reductions in STF funding.

There was no Executive Session.

Mayor Hodson adjourned the Regular Meeting 8:18 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer, MMC  
City Recorder



Brian Hodson  
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes - Susan Wood