

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 2, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Mayor and City Councilors attended the meeting virtually. The public was asked to view the meeting live on CTV Channel 5 or on YouTube. Seating was available in the Council Chambers in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding social distancing.

PRESIDING: Mayor Brian Hodson.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney; Jerry Nelzen, Public Works Lead; Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director; and Melissa Bisset, City Recorder.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the Work Session to order at 6:04 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WALNUT STREET EXTENSION:

Jerry Nelzen, Public Works Lead, said since October 2019 they had been working with the property owners for the Walnut Street extension to 99E in the Industrial Park. They were ready for the City to move forward with the project. He suggested in house engineering to get the project going and securing the right-of-way property.

Mayor Hodson asked what work had already been done on the project. Mr. Nelzen said a topographical survey had been done for the elevations for sewer service. Staff had talked to all of the property owners and they were on board. Staff had also put out some RFPs for bids through different City Administrators. Staff also met with ODOT and Clackamas County to discuss the process. The next step was to procure the right-of-way.

Councilor Parker said the City had promised when the Industrial Park was built that the City would do all it could to build out the park. He thought they should not wait for the Sequoia intersection to reach failure before starting this project and there were a number of projects that would be coming on faster than they imagined. He suggested that they pursue this. He asked how much bid activity they would get for the project.

Mr. Nelzen said it was hard to say right now, but he thought it would be about two bidders.

Councilor Parker thought it would be best to go with Curran-McLeod for the engineering and then see what the Public Works department could do. It was owed to the property owners and he did not want to lose the right-of-way.

Councilor Varwig asked if staff had an idea of where the road would go. He wanted to make sure if they got the right-of-way, they would know the placement of the road and would not have to get additional right-of-way. Mr. Nelzen was positive they would get the correct right-of-way as there was only one good place because of the pond and wetlands. Everyone was on board for that direction.

Councilor Varwig was in support of getting the right-of-way as soon as possible.

Mayor Hodson asked if the project could be done in two years. Mr. Nelzen explained that getting a connection would take longer than two years.

Mayor Hodson said there was a level of urgency to get the project done.

Mr. Nelzen thought that they could get the project done in a reasonable amount of time.

Councilor Spoon thought that the project should move forward as there was opportunity for the right-of-way and that could change.

Council President Dale asked what right-of-way acquisition would entail.

Joe Lindsay, City Attorney, explained there were opportunities to trade land and not pay out cash. Everyone in the area was aware that when they put a road in there it would allow the property owners to develop. They were willing to come to the table and get agreements in place.

Council President Dale thought that was something they should move on. He had concerns about funding the development. There needed to be a balance between the civil engineering P.E. stamp of approval for the plan and ODOT would also need that level of engineering and getting the right-of-way agreements going.

Mr. Lindsay said they could move forward with the right-of-way agreements and revisit the costing later. Staff was asking if they were going in the right direction and using in house staff first to get to yes on some of the preliminary discussions.

Council President Dale stated that he wanted confidence to know where the road would go and that the areas that would be acquired would be what was necessary for the road. Mr. Lindsay explained how the boundaries for the road were known and where the right-of-way would be needed.

Council Parker asked when the project could be added to the Transportation System Plan. Mr. Lindsay noted that the urgency was understood and staff would move forward with amending the TSP.

Mayor Hodson noted that there was consensus from the Council to move forward with acquiring the right-of-way. They would also need to master plan this area in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Melissa Bisset, CMC
City Recorder



Brian Hodson
Mayor