

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 2021**

PRESIDING: Mayor Brian Hodson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christopher Bangs, Traci Hensley, Sarah Spoon, Jordan Tibbals, Greg Parker, and Shawn Varwig.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Padden, Representative Christine Drazan, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Division Chief Matt Dale, and Division Chief Matt English.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Archer, City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator; Melissa Bisset, City Recorder/HR Manager.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

PROMOTION OF NATE WALLBAUM TO SERGEANT: Chief Tro introduced Nate Wallbaum who was being promoted from Officer to Sergeant. Sergeant Wallbaum's wife pinned on his new badge.

Sergeant Wallbaum thanked the community and City for this opportunity.

CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jason Padden, Canby resident, suggested purchasing land to be dedicated for agricultural purposes to promote the agricultural heritage of the City as part of the Park Master Plan.

Representative Christine Drazan shared that Oregon would be adding a sixth congressional seat and there was going to be a public process for redistricting of the political boundaries. She explained the virtual process for submitting boundary maps, attending public hearings, and submitting written testimony.

There was discussion regarding how if the legislature could not agree on the redistricting, it would go to a panel of judges for the sixth congressional seat and the legislative maps would go to the Secretary of State to determine.

UPDATE FROM CANBY FIRE CHIEF DAVIS:

Jim Davis, Fire Chief, gave an update on Fire Bond items. They were waiting for the building permit from the County for the north side fire station and hoped to break ground soon. One more engine, water tanker, and medic unit had been ordered and were in route. The remodel of the main fire station had been completed. They also purchased a ladder truck which was currently in service. They had stayed within budget and did what they told voters they would do. Regarding Covid, healthcare workers were being required to be vaccinated or to provide appropriate exemptions. He discussed the increase of cases and full hospitals. He thanked Cutsforths for the recent Car Show and gave an update on area wildfires and evacuation levels.

Matt Dale, Division Chief, described the impact of hospital capacities and diverting to hospitals further away. Cardiac monitors had been purchased. He described how the EMS organizations in Clackamas County had been working together on initiatives such as standard ambulance services and procedures.

Matt English, Division Chief, invited everyone to the September 11 memorial ceremony. They would also open the Peace Garden Capsule at the ceremony. He discussed the recent commercial project plans they had reviewed, neighborhood emergency preparedness teams, and intern program.

There was discussion regarding backyard fires which were still prohibited.

CONSENT AGENDA: **Council President Hensley moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and appointments of Lois Brooks, Rick Maier, and Luke Viter to the Canby Public Library Board with Lois Brooks appointed to a term expiring June 30, 2022, Rick Maier for a term expiring June 30, 2025, and Luke Viter's term expiring upon his graduation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Varwig and passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STRATEGIC INVESTMENT ZONE:

Councilor Spoon stated that it had been a while since the Strategic Investment Zone was discussed. The Industrial Park continued to grow and she had serious concerns about the impact on the community. The SIZ was a statewide program that appeared to her was intended to spur development during the recession, however they were not in that same place now. There was land in Canby that businesses were receiving a substantial tax break for, but they still created wear and tear on the City's infrastructure and impacted the Fire District. She thought they could either renegotiate with the County to pull out of this program or to direct City staff to advocate for the State to sunset this program. It was bringing in distribution centers instead of manufacturing facilities which caused a lot of traffic and few local jobs.

There was consensus for the Council to receive a background on the SIZ, discuss the pros and cons of the program and how it was being used as an economic development tool, any legal ties and if it was possible to get out, and determining next steps.

Councilor Spoon wanted to discuss another option, removing distribution centers from the SIZ.

Council President Hensley asked staff to look into the jobs per acre requirement.

Scott Archer, City Administrator, suggested a future Work Session on this topic.

Joe Lindsay, City Attorney, said Don Hardy, Planning Director, confirmed the jobs per acre requirement was still in effect.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Mayor Hodson thanked everyone who helped with the street party event. This weekend would be the Dahlia Festival and Basil Festival. He asked citizens to slow down in the school zones. He reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board who were working on the Parks Master Plan and new park signage. C4 would meet tomorrow night to

discuss transit. There had been a groundbreaking for Dragonberry Produce. All committee meetings would be going back to Zoom meetings per the governor's orders.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Parker reported on the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meeting. The Committee noted the review of land use applications had stopped due to staff turnover. The Heritage and Landmark Commission meeting would be next week to review the proposed changes to the old City Hall building.

Councilor Bangs said the Library Board would meet next week. School was back in session and sports were back. The new school superintendent would like to work more closely with the City than had been done in the past. Many construction upgrades were happening at the schools.

Councilor Spoon said a Bridging Cultures event was happening this Saturday. She thanked Canby Kiwanis for the Kiddie Caper Parade. There were openings on the Transit Advisory Committee.

Councilor Tibbals read the names of the service members who lost their lives in Afghanistan followed by a moment of silence. He formally resigned from the Council due to moving out of state.

The Mayor and Council thanked Councilor Tibbals for his service.

There was discussion regarding the process for appointing a new City Councilor.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS: Mr. Archer reported on Canby's Big Night Out, first annual Grill and Chill event on September 7, annual pool closure from August 29 to September 12, the start date for the quiet zone and arch project which would be September 13 to be completed in March, street maintenance projects done over the summer, construction on the pickleball courts at Maple Street Park starting next week to be completed by the end of the year, City's allocation of ARPA funding that had been received, and public input process for the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Council President Hensley said the Brian Hanes Band would be playing at the Grill and Chill event.

Councilor Bangs said the high school tennis courts had been unlocked and were available for the public to use.

Mr. Archer said he had met with the new School Superintendent and had attended the first day of high school.

Mr. Lindsay said the appeal hearing for the State Street multi-family apartments would be held on September 15. The Heritage and Landmark Commission would be meeting on September 9 to address the old City Hall renovations to make sure they were historically appropriate.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Hodson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Melissa Bisset
City Recorder

Brian Hodson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes - Susan Wood