

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025**

PRESIDING: Brian Hodson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Traci Hensley, Paul Waterman, Daniel Stearns, James Davis, Jason Padden, and Herman Maldonado (attended virtually at 7:24 p.m.).

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Eileen Stein, City Administrator; Maya Benham, Administrative Director/City Recorder; Emily Guimont, City Attorney; Don Hardy, Planning Director; Emma Porricolo, Associate Planner, (attended virtually), Jorge Tro, Police Chief; and Marisa Ely, Library Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS: None.

Mayor Hodson recognized Scott Sasse for his service on the Council.

SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Maya Benham, Administrative Director/City Recorder, administered oaths of office to Brian Hodson, Mayor, and Traci Hensley, Jason Padden, Daniel Stearns, and Paul Waterman, Councilors.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Robert Bitter, former City Councilor, thanked the Council for their service.

Mayor Hodson shared community announcements. A cohort of 25 people would be attending the Civic Engagement Academy starting January 9, 2025. The academy would help community members understand how city government worked with different departments sharing on a monthly basis over the next six months. He read a letter from Belinda Goody, Director of the Canby Area Chamber of Commerce, expressing appreciation for the City's partnership over the last 75 years. There was a large youth basketball tournament this weekend and a Christmas tree drop-off at Maple Street Park. Council meetings in January were changed to the second and fourth Wednesdays. He thanked the voters for re-electing him as Mayor for a sixth term and congratulated the Council members who were elected.

CONSENT AGENDA: ****Council President Hensley moved to approve the December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilor Padden and passed 5-0.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 1638 – Councilor Stearns suggested simplifying the description in the ordinance. Ms. Stein indicated there would be future changes to simplify ordinance titles.

Councilor Padden shared State law was changed several years ago, allowing annexations to be decided through city government rather than putting it on a ballot.

Councilor Maldonado joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

****Councilor Padden moved to approve Ordinance 1638, AN ORDINANCE PROCLAIMING ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF CANBY, OREGON, 3.39 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAX LOT 01900 SITUATED SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, T.3S., R.1E., W.M. (TAX MAP 3 1E 28C); AND APPROX. 0.44 ACRES OF ADJACENT NORTH HOLLY STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND AMENDING THE EXISTING COUNTY ZONING FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL FARM/FOREST 5 ACRE (RRFF5) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) FOR THE ENTIRE AREA; AND SETTING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CANBY CITY LIMITS. Motion was seconded by Council President Hensley and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Selection of Council President -

Both Jason Padden and Traci Hensley expressed interest in being Council President.

There was discussion regarding the role of Council President. Emily Guimont, City Attorney, read what the Charter explained about the role.

****Councilor Davis moved to appoint Traci Hensley as Council President. Motion was seconded by Councilor Maldonado and passed 4-2 with Councilors Padden and Waterman opposed.**

Selection of Committee Liaison assignments -

Councilor Waterman would be the Bike and Pedestrian Committee liaison. Councilor Maldonado volunteered to be the liaison for the Library Advisory Board but was not sure if it would fit with his schedule. He would let the Mayor know by Friday. If not, Councilor Waterman was interested and available. Councilor Stearns would be the Canby Utility Board liaison. Councilor Padden would be the Heritage and Landmarks Commission liaison. Councilor Davis would continue to be the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board liaison. Councilor Padden would continue to be the Planning Commission liaison. Council President Hensley would continue to be the Traffic Safety Commission liaison. Councilor Stearns would continue to be the Transit Advisory Committee liaison and the Bridging Cultures liaison. Councilor Davis would continue to be the Canby Adult Center and Fire District liaison. Council President Hensley would continue to be the Canby School District liaison. Mayor Hodson (with Council President Hensley as an alternative) would continue to be on the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee as well as serve on its Executive Committee) and on the Metro Mayor's Consortium (as well as its Executive Committee and Chair for the board's Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee). Councilor Padden would continue to be the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition liaison. Council President Hensley would continue to be the French Prairie Forum, Positive Aurora Airport Management, and Aurora Airport Masterplan Plan PAC liaison.

Liaisons allowed access to the Council for boards, committees, and commissions. The objective was answering questions, listening and taking notes, not rendering an opinion or speaking on behalf of the Council, and bringing information back to the Council. Any decisions or opinions must be done as a group at a Council meeting.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Mayor Hodson announced City Day at the Capitol on January 28.

Councilor Padden recommended lobbying for the City's own specific requests, not just the League of Oregon Cities' priorities.

Mayor Hodson thanked staff for the lights around Wait Park during the holidays. In December they had submitted a letter of support for the Aurora Airport. He and Eileen Stein, City Administrator, met with Representative Drazan to discuss funding for the new Water Treatment Plant and to push against unfunded mandates and loss of home rule. The Council Goal Setting meeting was for January 31 and February 1.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Padden asked that everyone keep the first responders and people in California fighting the fires in their thoughts. He planned to attend the Civic Engagement meeting. He asked for an update on legal services expenditures. He asked Council to consider becoming a paying member of the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition. He thanked everyone who voted. He wanted to represent the citizens and make decisions that were best for the City as a whole.

Councilor Maldonado congratulated all of the new and returning Councilors.

Council President Hensley agreed that they represented everyone and she thanked all who voted.

Councilor Davis congratulated everyone as well. He, Scott Schlag, Finance Director, and Eileen Stein, City Administrator, met with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair to discuss the parks budget. He reported on the trips offered by the Canby Adult Center and possible funding for the new facility. They were fully staffed and the design for the new facility had been submitted to the Planning Department for a permit. He volunteered at St. Patrick's Food Bank. The St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Crab Feed would be in March and they were in need of silent auction items. He also attended the Chamber Luncheon.

Councilor Stearns echoed the congratulations. He suggested creating a Council policy for dealing with complaints from employees and a Work Session on public safety in the City. He thought Economic Development should focus on bringing higher paying jobs to Canby. He had reservations about purchasing property for an athletic facility when there was property owned by the School District that could be used.

Councilor Waterman thanked the community for voting for him and looked forward to working with the Council.

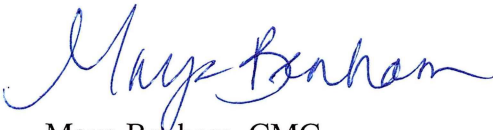
CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS: Ms. Stein shared information about the December monthly budget reports and upcoming Civic Academy.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Adopted Ordinance 1638.
3. Selected Traci Hensley as Council President.
4. Selected Committee Liaison assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Maya Benham, CMC
City Recorder



Brian Hodson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood