

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
March 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 6:31 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Angel Garza, Corey Everett, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Perez-Ozuna.

Absent were: Councilmember Genna Dorow & Larry McCourtie

Council carried a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Dorow & McCourtie. M/S Garza/Lallas

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Bain/Everett.

JENN STEVENSON – OLD HOTEL ART GALLERY – CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM

Jenn Stevenson, Old Hotel Art Gallery Director, presented a PowerPoint to Council regarding a \$56,000 Heritage Capital Project Grant they are up to receive from the Heritage Capital Projects Program. She reviewed the work that has been done to the Old Hotel in the past 5 years and what work would be done if they were given the funds requested. Ms. Stevenson also mentioned during the presentation that the grant is a 2:1 match grant and the work they have accomplished on the building is their match. She asked the council and community members for a letter of support to the legislature for all 35 projects being considered to help push funding as a whole and not individually. Ms. Stevenson also handed council informational flyers on the Old Hotel, the Heritage Capital Projects Fund Program and an invitation to a local event being held at the Old Hotel. Mayor Logan asked if all the projects were for tourism improvements and was explained that some of the improvements were for tourism and some were archival projects, property purchases and anything with regards to heritage.

JANELL WOOD – COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTATION

Janell Wood, Community Member, gave a presentation on the how the City of Othello can be impacted if a Community Center was to be acquired and established with the help of Columbia Basin Health Association, the Othello School District and the City of Othello. The presentation also showed the current situation of Othello and how Othello can improve in regards to job opportunities, education, family living, and community living. Councilmember Lallas asked if Mrs. Woods has already spoken to the main players mentioned and she commented that she has spoken to some of them individually and others together. There was brief discussion on how the ideas presented would be funded in regards to establishing and sustaining the community center. Mrs. Wood also announced there would be another meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, March 14th from 4pm to 6pm.

GRANT REQUEST FOR HWY 17 INTERSECTION STUDY

Community Development Director, Travis Goddard, informed Council that the Regional Transportation Council (QUADCO) is starting their new 2 year funding cycle and have put out requests for planning grants. Mr. Goddard requested permission to submit applications for HWY 17 study at Lee Rd and Main St as there will be some projects that will effect both intersection on HWY 17.

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CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE UPDATE

Community Development Director, Travis Goddard, gave a brief update on each of the 5 critical area ordinances individually that he has been working on due to a planning only grant the City has received from the Department of Commerce. The 5 critical area ordinances are the Wetlands Ordinance, Frequently Flooded Areas Ordinance, Habitat (Fish and Wildlife Habitat) Ordinance, Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) Ordinance and Geo Hazards Ordinance. Mr. Goddard mentioned that he has taken the ordinances to the Planning Commission and has had discussions regarding each one individually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Logan announced Council will now adjourn at 7:42 pm to go into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session is expected to last 5 minutes. No action will be taken during the executive session. Also in attendance was the City Administrator, Wade Farris. The meeting was called back to order at 7:47pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 7:47 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
REBECCA PEREZ-OZUNA, Deputy City Clerk