



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:32 PM – Monday, February 1, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

Genna Dorow

Maria Quezada

Councilmembers Absent:

Angel Garza

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER. M/S Lallas/Quezada

Councilwoman Dorow trying to connect during votes and was not available for voting.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Tim Unruh, Building Inspector

Heather Miller, Code Enforcement

Terry Clements, Public Works Director

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Everett/Snyder

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CONSENT OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Lallas/Snyder

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CURRENT BUSINESS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON RENTAL HOUSING LICENSING AND INSPECTION

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director reminds Council of the issues previously discussed regarding Rental Housing in the community of Othello and the purpose of presenting to adopt the Rental Housing Licensing and Inspection Ordinance.

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney goes through the Ordinance and notes all the changes made to the Ordinance since the previous Public Hearing per staff or Council requests.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support, neutral, and opposed of the proposal.

Eugene Bains, 645 N. 4th Ave. ask City Attorney why the time frame for the duration of the Ordinance is five years instead of six years if the inspections are done every three years.

Lolo Garza, 605 N. 12th Ave. forwarded an email to Mayor Logan by Leo Galleta and states he did not prepare that email with Mr. Galleta. Garza asks if email will be shared with Council. Mayor Logan says he will circulate email to entire Council. Garza is in favor of the "Sunset" Clause mentioned by the City Attorney.

Mayor Logan asks Council for their opinions regarding the Sunset Clause. Councilwoman Dorow believes changing the duration to six years instead of five as mentioned by Mr. Bain is a good idea.

Councilman Everett asks if the Ordinance will come back as review in five or six years or will it automatically “go away”. Councilman Snyder agrees Ordinance needs to be reviewed in six years.

Councilman Erickson has no comment. Councilwoman Quezada agrees with Councilman Everett and Snyder.

Further discussion and questions were asked to the City Attorney regarding the “Sunset” Clause.

Councilman Lallas is in opposition to the Ordinance and reserves his right to vote when it comes time to vote regarding the matter.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Testimony at 7:21 p.m.

Councilmen Everett and Snyder and Councilwomen Quezada and Dorow say no to the Sunset Clause.

Councilman Erickson is noted as “undecided” as he would like to see the Landlords comments before making a decision.

Heather Miller, Code Enforcement Officer explains how this Ordinance would be a tool.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announces Tuesday, February 9, 2021 the City Council has a joint meeting with the Othello School Board at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK