



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, November 27, 2023

Council Chambers/Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor, Shawn Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Dave Rehaume, Police Chief
Abner Garza, IT Director
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director
Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

CITIZEN INPUT

Jake Mendez Jr., approaches Council about vehicles not yielding to pedestrians and the police needs to be more present at big events when there are a lot of pedestrians.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Danae Valdez
Genna Dorow
Mark Snyder
Corey Everett
John Lallas
Angel Garza

Council members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Dorow/Garza

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Accept Lions Park Connectivity Trail Project
- C. Accept Asphalt Repair Project 2023
- D. Accept Scootney & 14th Safety Improvements Project
- E. Accept Lions Park Basketball Court Project

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified and as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council.

Accounts Payable Check No. 58990 to No. 59051 in the amount of \$413,235.42.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023.25 AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT FOR A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

Valerie Hernandez, Park and Recreation Coordinator presents a resolution and facility use agreement between the City and the Holiday Committee to host the 5th annual A Christmas Miracle on Main Street.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023.25 AND THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT. M/S Everett/Dorow

Council carried a motion to WAIVE THE SPECIAL EVENT FEE OF \$464. M/S Everett/Snyder

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023.22 TO ADOPT COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney presents the final revisions to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Conduct.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023.22 ADOPTING THE REVISED CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT. M/S Dorow/Valdez

ADOPT ORDINANCE 1607 REPEALING AND REPLACING TITLE 8 CHAPTERS 10, 11, AND AMENDING TITLE 8 CHAPTER 14 SECTION 10 OF THE OHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney presents amendments to the Othello Municipal Code to adopt the state-controlled substance law.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE 1607 REPEALING AND REPLACING TITLE 8 CHAPTERS 10, 11, AND AMENDING TITLE 8 CHAPTER 14 SECTION 10 OF THE OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE. M/S Snyder/Dorow

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE MULTI FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION AREA

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 6:25pm.

Councilman Angel Garza recuses himself due to conflict of interest and steps down from the dias.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director explains when the MFTE program was adopted by City Council it included commercial zones and R-3 and R-4 Residential zones. Later the Sand Hill Estates 4 & 5 were rezoned to be included in the R-4 zone which now would meet the criteria to be included in the MFTE program under RCW 84.14.040.

There was no public testimony.

Councilman Everett comments that the MFTE program should have never been passed and it do not make sense to expand.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 6:31pm.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE ORDINANCE 1605 AMENDING OMC 3.40.040 TO ADD THE AREA NORTH OF SAND HILL ESTATES THAT HAS BEEN RECENTLY ZONED R-4 TO RESIDENTIAL TARGET AREA "A" OF THE MULTIFAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM. M/S Lallas/Valdez

4-1 vote

In support- Valdez, Dorow, Lallas, Snyder

Opposed- Everett

APPROVE MBRAR GAS STATION SHORT PLAT DEFERRALS

Anne Henning, Community Development Director explains Columbia Northwest Engineering, on behalf of Mohinder Brar (Mbrar Investments LLC) and Paramjeet Brar (Romana Investments LLC), applied for a short plat of 6.4 acres to consolidate 2 tax parcels into one platted lot east of Highway 17 and north of Main Street/Cunningham Road (the Waterhole 17 gas station site). The application requests to defer street improvements and to defer connection to the city sewer main. The Planning Commission recommends the deferrals be approved due to existing conditions of the site and the area.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE DEFERRAL OF THE REQUIREMENT TO CONNECT TO THE CITY SEWER MAIN, WITH THE CONDITION THAT A COVENANT BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY TO GUARANTEE THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE. THE PROPERTY OWNER

SHALL MAKE THE CONNECTION WHEN DETERMINED BY THE CITY TO BE REQUIRED. M/S Lallas/Valdez

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE DEFERRAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR FULL-WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO CUNNINGHAM/MAIN STREET INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ASPHALT, STORMWATER DRAINAGE, CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK, AND STREET LIGHTING, WITH THE CONDITION THAT A COVENANT BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY TO GUARANTEE THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL MAKE EACH IMPROVEMENT WHEN DETERMINED BY THE CITY TO BE REQUIRED. M/S Lallas/Valdez

TOURISM UPDATE

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer gives an update on the changes made on the tourism fund allocations per the Council requests.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explains this is the final budget discussion to make any final adjustments for the 2024 budget. Council reviewed the proposed budget and make adjustments where necessary.

1ST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 BUDGET

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 7:50pm.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer gives a staff report.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 7:52pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 7:52pm.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer gives a staff report of the six year plan of capital projects with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 7:55pm.

APPROVE ORDINANCE 1606 FOR 2024 AD VALOREM

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explains the each year as part of the budget process, Council must pass an ordinance fixing the amount provided by Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes upon property in the City of Othello for collection in the following year.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AD VALOREM TAX ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. M/S Snyder/Lallas

EXECUTIVE SESSION: REAL ESTATE

Council adjourned at 7:57pm to go into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. The executive session expected to last 10 minutes. It was extended twice totaling to an additional 10 minutes. Council was back in session at 8:21pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announces this was the last meeting for City Attorney, Kelly Konkright as he has accepted a position for Spokane Valley.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECIEVE

- Elevate Othello December 8th Community Dinner and Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

By: _____

Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

