



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

Available online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81182860851>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Richer

Council President Van Damme

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Student Councilor Marston

Present Via Zoom

Councilor Morse

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Brent Bybee – Principal Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zorba Stathakis came to the meeting and provided positive feedback regarding the public summit for La Pine 2045.

He stated that he would like to see more walking and bicycle paths within the City. He also suggested more trashcans be available around town to prevent litter.

Lastly, he stated there is a lack of curb side recycling services for citizens and that the Council should consider approving this added option with Republic Services.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Wullschlager added to the agenda a staff report regarding Transportation SDCs which will be discussed in Other Matters.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 05.08.2024 Regular City Council Minutes
 - a. Public Comment Form

Councilor Morse abstained from the motion due to her absence at the last meeting.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Audit Services Contract

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report regarding the recent request for proposal (RFP) that was issued for a City Auditor. He stated that staff received three proposals from Aldrich CPA's and Advisors LLP, Sensiba LLP, and Pauly Rogers and Co., P.C. These proposals were scored by himself and Finance Director Ivans. Overall, Sensiba LLP received the highest marks. The contract will be for five fiscal years, with the final audited year being FY 2028.

There were no questions or comments from the Council.

Council President Van Damme made a motion to authorize City Manager Wullschlager to enter into a contract with Sensiba, LLP to conduct City audits through Fiscal Year 2028. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Republic Services – Annual Financial Information and Projection Report

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report. He stated that Republic Services is proposing a 3% increase to the waste management services for the citizens of La Pine.

Courtney Voss attended the meeting representing Republic Services. She gave a brief presentation on Republic Services and the request for a rate increase.

She also presented to the Council a proposal seeking authorization to provide curbside residential comingled recycling services. She explained the benefits, fees, and timeline that would be associated if approved.

There was discussion about the cost if citizens had the right to opt out of comingled recycling versus if it was a mandatory service. It was asked that Ms. Voss submit different proposals for residential customers for the Council to review.

Lastly, she presented a carryout/up the drive rate service which is a when Republic Services collects the customer's garbage receptacle at the house instead of curbside. She is asking the Council to approve the rate increase to \$10.00 per month. This is an optout option service in addition. Republic Services offers it at no cost for customers with disabilities.

The decision was tabled to the next meeting in June.

OTHER MATTERS

City Manager Wullschlager presented to the Council a staff report regarding Transportation System Development Charges (SDC). He gave background information regarding the City's original adoption of a Transportation System Plan (TSP) which included recommended SDC's as a funding source for future transportation improvements. He stated that in 2020, the Council adopted Resolution 2020-08, a resolution adopting an SDC charge methodology and a schedule of fees for the City's transportation system.

He further stated due to public concern over SDC development expenses, city staff reviewed and calculated the transportation SDC for similar use per all other surrounding communities in Central Oregon. He explained the two types of calculations are used, which include pm peak hour trip method and a SDC's per unit of scale. He said that the City of La pine uses both techniques, and it is at the discretion of the City as to which to utilize. He concluded, with the understanding that methodologies are not linear, and that the City of La Pine compared to other cities in the region is medially priced.

After consulting the City's Attorney, and the original project manager that participated with drafting the City's original methodologies for SDCs, it was strongly recommended that the City not waive SDC's arbitrarily. Staff presented possible solutions to the Council to consider. He explained in detail how each methodology would be calculated and impact the City.

Lastly, he explained if the City were to reassess its Transportation SDC methodology this would likely result in an increase of SDC cost to developers. There was a discussion about scenarios in which a SDC methodology would be implemented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

Principal Planner Bybee thanked the Councilors that were facilitators at the Community Summit for La Pine 2045 and gave an update about the event. He explained that the maps that were used in the exercise will be digitized and compared for review.

He listed the other community events that staff will be attending in the upcoming months.

He gave an update on Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) and explained that the process is still in the beginning phases.

He further stated that city staff has applied for the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant. If awarded, it will fund the City's TSP update that will coincide with the comprehensive plan update.

He gave a brief update on the current planning applications.

City Manager Wullschlager informed the Council that the Newberry Regional Partnership (NRP) will be having an event regarding options for homeowners to interact with local insurance providers. This is based on the ongoing concern over homeowner policy rate spikes and cancellation.

He also provided an update on the Newberry lift station and stated that it has leveled out since the last report. He stated that the City will proceed further with a capital improvement plan to rebuild the lift station.

He gave an update on the industrial lift station and stated that it has had multiple catastrophic failures including a gate valve failure. USDA will allow the City to include the rebuilding of this lift station with the water and wastewater expansion project.

He said that the eastside sidewalk improvement project has entered into the design phase.

Lastly, he gave an update on the road improvement on 2nd street.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Student Councilor Marston stated that the Highschool Principal would like to know if the youth of La Pine will be involved with the comprehensive plan update. Principal Planner Bybee clarified that the voice of the youth is very important. He said that Student Councilor Martson is a member of the Steering Advisory Committee (SAC) and is invited to any meeting that they hold.

Student Councilor Marston stated that the learning levy was denied in the recent election. However, it will be on the next election's ballot and if passed will expand the school's shop program.

Lastly, he said that trimesters were approved for curriculum and explained that this will allow for students to have enhanced electives and more concentrated studies.

Council President Van Damme made a comment on the La Pine 2045 Community Summit. She stated that the public had a lot of positive feedback regarding the map exercise. She also thanked city staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Shields did not have any comments.

Councilor Ignazzitto also made a positive comment on the Community Summit. She stated that at her table the goals were on track with the current plans for the City.

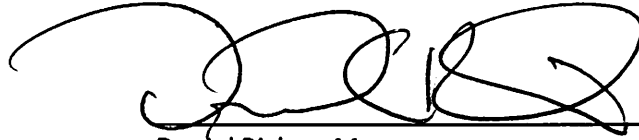
Councilor Morse thanked everyone for participating in the Community Summit and the council meeting.

Mayor Richer thanked everyone for participating in the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Daniel Richer, Mayor

Date: 12 JUNE 24

ATTEST:



Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder