

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Ryan	Mayor
Nancy Connolly	Council President
Andrea Blum	Councilor
Richard Esterman	Councilor Via Phone
Michael Preedin	Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Cory Misley	City Manager
Paul Bertagna	PW Director
Joe O'Neill	Finance Director
Kerry Prosser	City Recorder

Mayor Ryan called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm, and City Recorder Prosser took roll call.

1. Update of Creekside Bridge Project.

City Manager Misley reviewed the Creekside Riparian Project included retrofitting the existing ramps to the pedestrian bridge in Creekside Park to meet current ADA requirements. The original design, Option A, from Henderson Engineering, had a larger price tag than anticipated at about \$130,000. Staff was able to value engineer an Option B, which had a straight-forward design and an estimated cost of \$77,000.

City Manager Misley noted an existing Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) grant would fund about \$48,000 of the work. The City had received an extension to the original grant until December 31, 2020. The staff took the two options to the City Parks Advisory Board (CPAB), and they unanimously chose Option B.

Mayor Ryan asked about the difference in designs on the two options. Director Bertagna replied Option A was a V shape with a curved ramp designed to not extend as far into the park. Option B had less turns and would extend approximately 15-20 feet further into the park than the existing bridge.

Council President Connolly noted the original goal was to make the bridge ADA compliant, and option B was the direct approach. She noted the bump-outs on the bridge were included in Option B. City Manager Misley stated we needed to accomplish the ADA piece as soon as possible.

Councilor Preedin said with no more large events in the park; the longer ramp should not be an issue. Councilor Blum said if the CPAB was comfortable with the plan, she thought staff should move forward.

Council directed staff to move forward with Option B.

2. Discussion of Draft Resolution Rejecting Hateful Acts

City Manager Misley explained over the past several month's staff had received comments and questions relating to the national conversation on racial and social equity. In being responsive to these issues, staff had developed a draft resolution that was inclusive of many social justice issues. Staff was ultimately looking to see if the Council would like to move this resolution forward.

Council President Connolly thought we as a City and Council did not do a good job of telling the community what we were doing and how we did it. She thought we were inclusive, but the community did not see that; this resolution showed we understand our community values. She noted this also led back to goals in the Vision.

Councilor Preedin thought, as a Council, we were here to take the lead on policy. He liked that there was no mention of organizations or symbols; we did not play favorites with anybody or judge anybody. It was evident we were welcoming, protecting, and serving the community and visitors. He thought this was a clear, concise message, and he was for moving the resolution forward.

Councilor Blum said it was short and precise; it was just right.

Councilor Esterman thought it was a good idea to move forward with the resolution. It would remind people that the United States welcomes all walks of life.

Mayor Ryan thought the title could be changed; hateful acts was a strong term. He thought we could be more proactive and forward-thinking. No hateful acts had occurred in the City, and because of the title, people might assume there was an issue. City Manager Misley said staff would come back with a new title for the resolution.

3. Other Business

City Manager Misley reviewed the July/August Status Memo. City Manager Misley noted Staff would be preparing a memo similar to this for the Planning Commission in the next several months.

Councilor Blum asked that the building permit activity include a year-over-year comparison.

Finance Department: Director O'Neill

- Water start and stop services were at 47 last month, which was an indicator of growth.

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
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AUGUST 12, 2020

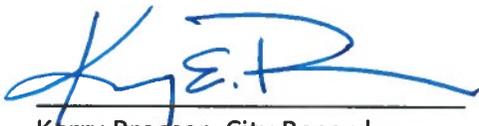
- All of the transient room tax data from July was not in, but Staff thought the numbers would be in line with July 2019.
- The Campground had shown an increase in July.
- The auditors would be doing their fieldwork remotely due to COVID-19.

Public Works: Director Bertagna

- A request for quotes for downtown snow removal had been released and were due August 26th.
- Staff was having pre-construction meetings with Abbas for Well #4
- The aeration implementation was underway and, when complete, would increase the ability to treat wastewater.

City Recorder Prosser reviewed the process for Community Grant allocation and disbursement. Council discussed how to define operating expenses for future grant applicants. A line would be added to this year's acceptance letter to remind the recipients that funds could not be used for general operating expenses, including payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Kerry Prosser, City Recorder



Chuck Ryan, Mayor