



## Harrisburg City Council Minutes June 26, 2018

The Harrisburg City Council met on this date at the Harrisburg Senior Center, located at 354 Smith St., at the hour of 6:30pm. Presiding was Mayor Robert Duncan. Also present were as follows:

- Kimberly Downey
- Robert Boese
- Mike Caughey
- Adam Keaton
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge
- Finance Officer Tim Gaines
- Public Works Director Chuck Scholz

Absent was City Councilor Sarah Puls.

### The matter of a Discussion with Other Agencies

**Linn County Sheriff's Office Report:** Sergeant Greg Klein was present and noted that Councilor Mike Caughey had brought to his attention that the citations and warrant numbers were off in the report. He needs to find a different way to review the columns, and to clarify those. There are a lot of abbreviations and acronyms; so, it takes a while to review the report, and to figure it out. He reviewed the report summary for May, noting that there were 28 traffic citations, and 56 traffic warnings. There was a total of 188 complains/incidents that were investigated, with 55 hours spent in traffic, and 23.5 hours spent on administrative issues.

Downey said that she went online to listen to the scanner and wasn't able to. Sergeant Klein told her that the frequencies changed slightly on the scanner. He also shared that there wasn't anything particularly outstanding in the month of May. They are still looking into the guy in the skate park who left the gun. They sent it off to the District Attorney to review. He also noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was rapidly coming up. They have a meeting coming up on Monday to go over everything. Downey had also noticed that the sheriff's name hadn't changed yet. Sergeant Klein said that June 1<sup>st</sup> is when it changed, so the changes haven't all been made yet. He then added that the new person, Mike Mattingly, would be working on the Neighborhood Watch programs. He will want to come maybe next month. His goal was to meet with the Neighborhood Watch groups and hold about 4 or 5 meetings throughout town.

The matter of Approving the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; by Approving Resolutions to Increase Water Rates (Resolution No. 1193), Sewer Rates (Resolution No. 1194), Storm Use Fees (Resolution No. 1195), and to approve Budget Appropriations for 2018-2019.

**Staff Report:** Finance Officer Gaines said that he was mainly there to answer any questions.

- Caughey asked what the percentage of increase was for the rates?
- Gaines told him it was 1.5%. There were no changes that were made to the budget by himself, since the Budget Committee had adopted it.
- Caughey said that was his next question.
- Keaton **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1193, “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR USERS OF THE HARRISBURG MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1164, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 578, SECTION 5, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”, Resolution No. 1194, “A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG ESTABLISHING A SEWER USER FEE, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1165, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 579, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”, Resolution No. 1195, “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STORM DRAINAGE RATES FOR USERS OF THE HARRISBURG MUNICIPAL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1149, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”, and Resolution No. 1196, “A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, OREGON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.”** He was **seconded** by Downey, and the **City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolutions No. 1193, No. 1194, No. 1195, and No. 1196. The vote approved the Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and raised all utility rates by 1.5%.**

The matter of Approving State Revenue Sharing Resolutions.

**A Public Hearing was opened at the Hour of 6:51pm to Allow the Public to Discuss the Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds. As no one was present for the budget, the hearing was closed at the hour of 6:52pm.**

**Staff Report:** Latta noted that in order to obtain state revenue sharing, that the City was required to hold this public hearing, and to allow discussion in relation to the use of those funds.

- Caughey **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1197, “A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE CITY OF HARRISBURG IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUE SHARING MONEY IN FY 2018-19”, and Resolution No. 1198, “A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF HARRISBURG’S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES IN FY 2018-2019.”** He was **seconded** by Downey, and the **City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolutions No. 1197, and No. 1198, and thereby approving the use of the State Revenue Sharing Funds.**

The matter of Considering a Resolution to Support the City’s 2018 BUILD Grant Application, and Approving Resolution No. 1199.

**Staff Report:** Latta had talked about the grant at the previous meeting, where he had told them that we removed the park and boat ramp from the mix and were going to focus on transportation goals. However, he wasn’t sure if we would be able to continue or not in this year. He is trying to get some answers from the railroad lines, and in particular to obtain clarity on Sommerville

Ave. We are trying to determine if we should go under or over both the UPRR and BNSF lines. We are working with them now. If it doesn't happen this year, that's still ok. It may mean that we don't get to apply this year, but we are almost to the point of being ready and can easily apply next year. If he isn't 100% ready by July 19, then he'll hold off, and then have it ready to go next year. There is still a chance to iron this out, and for the railroads to support this application.

- Keaton **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1199, "A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2018 BUILD DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION."** He was **seconded** by Downey, and the **City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1199, and thereby supporting the City's application to the 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant program.**

The matter of Discussing the League of Oregon Cities 2019 Legislative Priorities.

**Staff Report:** Latta said that this can take as little, or as much time as the Council wishes to explore it. Every other year, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) convenes its legislative policy committees and asks for Oregon cities to determine what their priorities are. He's participated on two of these committees; transportation, and community and economic development. He can give the background and concepts on those two committees, but if he can't answer questions on the other committees, we can come back in July, and he'll have answers. We do need to decide by the end of July; the League meets in August to finalize its priorities. They want not only the City's top 4 priorities, but also the bottom 4 priorities. He does want to note that the LOC focuses on all the priorities on this list.

City Council discussed the subjects on the list from the LOC, with the overall interest being in PERS reform. Latta noted that Puls had sent he and Eldridge her list as well, which was similar to his own. Each Councilor went over the topics most and least important to them. There was some confusion about the wetlands development. Latta told the Council that this was in relation to both the Army Corp of Engineers, and DSL being involved as regulatory agencies on wetland issues in Oregon. The Army Corp doesn't have timelines related to their approval process, while the DSL does have a 120-day time limit. Latta felt this was an important issue, as it would certainly assist with processing wetland permits if the DSL could be the sole regulatory agency in relation to the approval.

When property tax reform was mentioned, Downey asked about this option, and Keaton felt that as screwy as it is, it needs to be fixed; however, anything new makes it worse. He's very skeptical about this one. Downey asked if this would fix that system? Latta told them that Salem are the only ones who can fix this. It's the first time since the last short session in which legislature talked about doing something about it. It's a LOC priority, so regardless of whether or not it's on this list, they will still be working on this. If it's detrimental to cities, they will take a very defensive posture on it. Downey felt strongly about mental health; however, she wasn't sure about the speed limit methodology issue. Latta told her it doesn't apply to Hwy 99, because it's a state highway. Also discussed was the safe routes to school matching program, because it's very hard for smaller cities to meet the 40% match requirement. Keaton also really liked the infrastructure financing issue, because anything related to the infrastructure was cost prohibitive. Keaton wasn't certain what least cost public contracting was about. Caughey thought the title was misleading; Latta agreed. This is an issue that says that if a city doesn't base a bid winner on a least cost basis, that it doesn't get state revenue sharing gas tax. However, the LOC caught that it actually reads that even if one city doesn't follow it, that all the

rest of us get disqualified. The transportation committee asked ODOT to provide clarification on that, but the replacement wording was still not very clear. Therefore, they are asking for it to be removed.

City Council agreed on several of the items that they found least appealing, such as beer and cider tax increases, and the tobacco taxes share increase. Speed cameras weren't a concern, nor auto theft, or wood smoke. The lodging tax issue wasn't really concerning as well.

**Latta noted finally, that the top 5 items he had on the most important to City Council list, based on feedback from Council were as follows:**

- **S: Qualification Based Selection**
- **I: Infrastructure Financing and Resilience**
- **O: PERS Reform**
- **BB: Wetland Development Permitting**
- **M: Mental Health**

**The least important to Council were as follows:**

- **W: Speed Cameras**
- **D: Beer & Cider Tax Increase**
- **C: Auto Theft**
- **X: Speed Limit Methodology**

Latta asked Council which of the top five items did they want to discard? He said that really, the qualification-based selection was one that the LOC was working really hard on. Downey felt that they were all important, but to her, that one was less than the others. Keaton asked how confident Latta was on the qualification-based selection issue, and Latta told him that Beaverton was pursuing it, as was himself, and at least 7 to 10 cities were lobbying on it. He reminded City Council that the LOC will continue to work on all of these; they are just looking for the 4 that all the cities want them to focus on the most.

***Council Consensus was to scratch off the Qualification Based Selection from the top items of importance to the City Council.***

**OTHERS:**

- Latta reminded the City Council that in July, the business meeting was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month; and there would be only one meeting. He hoped that we would be able to bring the Burton St. Improvement District to that meeting; we anticipate that the final results will be well below what our estimate was.
- Scholz added that if you see Don Costello, be sure to say congratulations to him. He will be celebrating his last day with the City on Friday after 14 years with the City.

**With no further business, the City Council adjourned at the hour of 7:25PM, in order to start the HRA Board Meeting.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Recorder**