

MINUTES
DAYTON CITY COUNCIL
WORK/SPECIAL SESSION
March 21, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth Wytoski
Councilor Annette Frank
Councilor Kitty Mackin
Councilor Rosalba Sandoval-Perez

ABSENT: Council President Daniel Holbrook
Councilor Trini Marquez

STAFF: Rochelle Roaden, City Manager
Patty Ringnalda, City Recorder
Josh Bilodeau, Public Works Supervisor
Steve Sagmiller, Public Works Director – *attended virtually*
Denny Muchmore, City Engineer – *arrived at 6:58 pm*

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wytoski called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor Wytoski noted there was a quorum with Councilors Frank and Mackin present in person and Councilor Sandoval-Perez present virtually. Mayor Wytoski noted the absence of Council President Holbrook and Councilor Marquez.

C. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Andrew Hildebrant, of 824 Ferry Street, Dayton, Oregon 97114, Dayton Community Downtown Association (DCDA), spoke in favor of changing city policy regarding serving alcohol within the public right-of-way.

Jeremy Koch, Dawnette Bowlin and a representative from the ByPass Bar & Grill were in attendance via zoom, but elected not to talk at tonight's meeting.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Swearing in of New Councilor

Patty Ringnalda, City Recorder performed the oath of office for new Councilor Jim Maguire.

2. Dayton High School Student Presentations

Three Dayton High School Students presented their Civic Class Projects to the Council, explaining their project ideas, proposing funding options, and answering questions from the Council:

- 1) Mia Mendoza-Locke - Accessible Playground, featuring rubber mats and a handicap accessible merry-go-round.
- 2) Michelle Sanchez – Road Improvements, five year plan to be funded by different grants.
- 3) Yajaira Milian-Vargas – Language Classes, Spanish and English classes to be offered in the Community Center.

- 4) The fourth presentation – Alderman Dog Park Improvements - was presented by Mayor Wytoski, project author Annabelle Tate was unable to attend the Council meeting.

3. Strategic Plan Goals for FY 22/23 Discussion.

Rochelle Roaden, City Manager reviewed the current Strategic Plan Goals and updated the Council on the progress of each goal. Completed goals were removed from the list and new goals were discussed and added to the plan. Added to Goal A: Complete Sewer Rate Study; Goal B: 1-Staff support to economic development, 2-Explore special event permit for private property; Goal C: 1-Improve Alderman Park, 2-Install lighting near court areas in city parks, and 3-Explore accessible playground equipment. Goal E: 1-Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training for management level staff, 2- Educate the Dayton community in public safety. Priority levels were reviewed and changed as well. City Manager is to make changes and bring the new goals back to the Council for approval.

4. Sidewalk Café Extension Allowing Tables & Chairs in the Public Right-of-Way and Allowing Alcohol to be Served in Public Places for Special Events Discussion.

Rochelle Roaden reviewed the City's history regarding the serving of alcohol within the public right-of-way stating that Businesses on Ferry Street have asked to allow sidewalk cafes and the serving of alcohol. Limited Sidewalk Café Permits have been issued due to the slope of the sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) walkway requirements. The serving of alcohol within the right-of-way has not been allowed in the past.

Rochelle Roaden proposed that the City use the parking area on Ferry Street as a walkway for pedestrians, so the sidewalks could be used as a sidewalk cafés. Denny Muchmore, City Engineer advised that Ferry Street also has a slope of up to 20% in some areas from the driving surface to the base of the curb. ADA does not allow more than a 2% walkway slope. Discussion continued and several options were explored.

The serving of alcohol in the public right-of-way and Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) regulations were discussed in length.

Council was in agreement to leave the sidewalk café language as is, allow OLCC to monitor outside alcohol use, and to change the language of Dayton Municipal Code 2.15 Drinking In Public Places, to allow outdoor alcohol service for approved outdoor cafes. Once the changes have been made it will be brought back to Council for approval.

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Councilor Mackin advised that she has been in contact with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and they have finished the Ferry and 7th Street improvements she asked for. Councilor Mackin asked that the City make handicap ramp improvements to Andrew Smith Park, stating that the ramps are rough. Councilor Mackin advised that she has been contacted by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and she is going to be recommended as the new member of the DEI committee.

Mayor Wytoski reminded Council that there will be a Dayton speaker at the LOC conference, Kathy Beckwith will be leading a session teaching listening and mediation skills to Mayor's statewide.

F. INFORMATION REPORTS

City Manager's Report.

Rochelle Roaden stated that she is continuing to send out the Friday reports. Rochelle Roaden advised that she will be attending the LOC conference after looking at the conference agenda. If any Councilors are interested in attending they are to contact Rochelle via email.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


By: Patty Ringnald
City Recorder

APPROVED BY COUNCIL on May 2, 2022

As Written As Amended


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor