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WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES January 19, 2017

Call to Order – 12:03 pm

Council Present:

Mayor Russ Axelrod, Council President Brenda Perry, Councilor Teri Cummings, Councilor Bob Martin, and Councilor Richard Sakelik.

Staff Present:

City Manager Eileen Stein, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, Parks and Recreation Director Ken Worcester and Assistant City Attorney Megan Thornton.

Community Comments

Alice Richmond re: the Skyline sidewalk not cleared of snow.

City Manager Report

Parks & Recreation Director Worcester informed Council about all the trees down around the City and in the parks. There are 50 to 60 trees down in Mary S. Young Park alone. Also, the Senior Center flooded. He explained what work will need to be done there.

Business from City Council

Metro Intergovernmental Agreement for White Oak Savanna Grant

Parks & Recreation Director Worcester explained that Council is here to authorize the City Manager to sign the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Metro, the last piece to move forward with the acquisition of the property. The appraisal was completed on the property a couple of years ago.

Assistant City Attorney Thornton explained all the different documents that will need to be executed to complete this acquisition.

Council President Brenda Perry moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the IGA with Metro and all necessary real property documents to purchase more property for the White Oak Savanna Park. Also to designate the White Oak Savanna as a public park and open space. Councilor Bob Martin seconded.

Community Comments

Alice Richmond questioned how the City is going to pay for this park.

Mayor Axelrod explained that no City funds would be used to purchase this property.

Ayes: Mayor Russ Axelrod, Council President Brenda Perry, Councilor Teri Cummings, Councilor Bob Martin, and Councilor Richard Sakelik.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 5 - 0

Mayor Axelrod would like to have a celebration.

Parks & Recreation Director Worcester suggested it be held at the park so we can show off the new playground.

Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI)

Mayor Axelrod received an email about the CCI meeting being cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Council added two members that brought the group up to nine and the two additional members hardly ever show. He would like to change it back to the standard seven members.

Councilor Cummings questioned if we should have two councilors on the CCI. For instance, Metro's CCI is made up of all citizens.

City Manager Stein explained the citizen advisory group training was moved from January 23 to February 27 since Council did not appoint the citizen advisory group members.

Councilor Martin suggested to Councilor Cummings that she read the document in the drop box titled "*Putting the People in Planning.*"

Councilor Cummings explained Council liaison roles to the citizen advisory groups.

Councilor Martin explained that neither the CCI nor the Planning Commission are advisory boards.

Councilor Perry stated that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) voted to move forward with the packet and West Linn was in the packet. Metro Council will have the final vote on February 1. Council sent a letter to the Community Multi-scale Air Quality (CMAQ) last year and JPACT wants West Linn and all the other cities and groups to send another letter about what a difference the Regional Flexible Funding for Transportation Projects (RFFA) makes to your community. They de-federalized some of the funding because federalizing the funding costs you twice as much money. This way it is put in our hands rather than federal hands.

Mayor Axelrod mentioned that a lot of people are upset about the Stafford urban reserves. He raised his concerns with Commissioner Martha Schrader. She said they are going to work with us on a compromise.

Community Comments

Roberta Schwarz re: KGW talking about White Oak Savanna and they are having a fundraiser at McMenamins on Monday. She wants White Oak Savanna made park space only and not open space.

Adjourn – 12:58 pm