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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Members Present: Shannen Knight, Christina Fadenrecht, Owen Zentil, Bob McCarthy
Members Absent: Vicki Olson
City Councilors Present: Mary Baumgardner
Staff Present: Darren Wyss, Planning Manager

Staff Liaison: Darren Wyss dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov

1. Call to Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. New member Christina Fadenrecht introduced herself.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes: 08.29.2023

Member Knight moved to approve the 08.29.23 meeting notes. Zentil seconded. **Ayes: McCarthy, Fadenrecht, Knight, and Zentil. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. 4-0-0.**

4. Discussion: Proposed Council Rule Changes

Member Knight expressed her concern regarding the proposed alteration to the duration of public testimony at meetings, advocating for it to remain 5 minutes instead of 3 minutes. Councilor Baumgardner discussed the purpose behind the proposed modification to the time allocated for public testimony. McCarthy encouraged the City Council to acknowledge public testimony, so commenters feel heard. Fadenrecht observed that condensing public comments into meeting minutes leaves room for potential misinterpretation and is not a common practice. She suggested that people submit written testimony to summarize their comments. Councilor Baumgardner stated that opportunity to submit written comments in the minutes is the current City Council practice. Fadenrecht supported reducing the comment period to 3 minutes per speaker for efficiency and to allow more speakers the opportunity to speak in a timely manner. She did not think it was realistic or sustainable to have the Counselors summarize every comment during the meeting because the comment could be inappropriate, or they're asking a question, or the Councilor needs more information to address the comment.

Members supported reducing public testimony to 3 minutes for the City Council but keeping 5 minutes for the Planning Commission. They supported giving discretion for additional time.

5. Discussion: Council Liaison Report from CAGs

McCarthy noted that Member Olson submitted comments for the format for CAG Reports to the City Council. Members discussed the format and content for CAG reports to the City Council. The CCI provided

feedback to the City Council on the proposed CAG report format. They recommended that the report include the number of public attendees, all comments the public made, and a summary of agenda topics and any recommendations discussed at the CAG meeting.

6. CCI Announcements

None.

7. Staff Announcements

Wyss noted that the City Council adopted Clear and Objective updates to the Development Code. Councilor Baumgardner provided a brief update on the proposed Recreation Center.

8. Adjourn

McCarthy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.