



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on June 28th, 2022.

- ★ All members of Council were present. Mayor Ware presided.
- ★ Nate Conroy, RAIN (*Regional Accelerator Incubator Network*), gave his quarterly report on recent activities and developments. Conroy is working with the local Chamber of Commerce and three entrepreneurs in Brownsville. Brownsville is part of nine cities working on regional economic development effort under the name of REAL (*Rural Economic Alliance*).
- ★ Council held the final public hearing for the fiscal year (FY) 2022.2023 budget.
- ★ City Administrator Scott McDowell gave a brief cybersecurity presentation as required by City/County Insurance (CIS). During the Pandemic, cyber crime exploded nationwide causing insurance coverage changes and increased all associated concerns & challenges with technology based systems.
- ★ Council unanimously passed a 7% rate increase for water & sewer services starting July 1st, 2022.
- ★ Council passed Resolution 2022.16 which officially adopted the FY 2022.2023 budget. Mayor Ware, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Thompson, Councilor Neddeau, Councilor Humphreys voted in favor and Councilor Chambers and Council Craven voted against. Councilor Chambers and Craven were not in favor of a new e-book system for the Library due to all future related expenditures and operational concerns. Total budget is \$8,644,883.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Resolution 2022.17 which showed year end transfers for FY 2021.2022.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Ordinance 789 to repeal the Transient Room Tax, as an emergency. The City will no longer collect this 6% tax as of June 30th, 2022.
- ★ Council authorized advertisements for the November Election. Mayor Ware, Councilor Thompson, Councilor Hansen and Councilor Neddeau are up for election in November. Mayor Ware and Councilor Neddeau have declared that they will not seek re-election.
- ★ Council adopted revised Public Works Standards. Council originally adopted Public Works Standards in 2014. Standards guide all development as it pertains to public civil engineering and certain other public processes required by local, State & Federal law.
- ★ Council approved Staff recommendations for the Central Linn Recreation Center renovations project. Staff recommended the following items:

Add Alternates

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| #2 | New Windows throughout the entire building - \$38,195 |
| #8, 9, & 10 | Seismic Life Safety items - \$34,000 |
| #12 | Exterior Painting [Windows & Time] - \$46,000 |

Notes

- ▶ Create a catering kitchen. A commercial kitchen adds over \$250,000 to the project.
- ▶ Select composite flooring over wooden flooring. Composite flooring saves nearly \$100,000 and provides some operational advantages.



- ▶ Recommendations scope would total at **\$ 1,542,821.**

Funding | Community Outreach Options
Financing Options

Scheduling | Bid November 2022
Begin Construction June 2023
Finish Construction October 15, 2023

★ Council authorized Staff’s League of Oregon Cities Legislative Policy recommendations. The League requests member cities to vote on policy objectives prior to ‘long sessions’ of the State Legislative Assembly. The League of Oregon Cities performs lobbying services for all cities in the State of Oregon. Brownsville is a member city. The choices were as follows:

- 1) Economic Development Incentives
- 2) Address Measure 110 Shortcomings
- 3) Cybersecurity & Privacy
- 4) Attorney Client Privilege
- 5) Funding for recovery of abandoned Recreational Vehicles.



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