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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL April 25, 2016 Visioning Meeting Minutes**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Aumsville Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present were Mayor Harold White, Councilors Robert Baugh, Jr., Nico Casarez (arrived at 7:12 pm), Brian Czarnik, Trina Lee, Della Seney (arrived at 7:06 pm), and Lorie Walters. City Administrator Pro-Tem (CA) Dave Kinney and Administrative Assistant Lora Hofmann were also present.

**Exempt Records** – The council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 pm under the authority of ORS 192.660.2(e) to conduct negotiations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. ***Any executive session discussion is off the record, matters discussed are not to be disclosed. Executive session adjourned at 7:16 pm***

The Visioning meeting reopened at 7:17 pm.

### **Executive Session Outcome – land acquisition**

Councilor Czarnik made a motion to accept the offer from Robert Nagle to donate a parcel of land east of 9798 Willamette Street as an addition to Highberger Park and to authorize the mayor to execute the necessary documents. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor White, Councilors Baugh, Casarez, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Baugh made a motion to accept the donation of land from the Cascade School District for the construction of the Aumsville Elementary sidewalk east of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and to authorize the city administrator and mayor to prepare and file the necessary documents with ODOT as part of the City's grant agreement. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor White, Councilors Baugh, Casarez, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. The motion passed unanimously.

**Contract Review: Sanitary Sewer Main cleaning contract award.** CA Kinney explained that the low bidder is not able to complete the work during the time period the city would need it done. The second lowest bidder was only about \$8.60 more than the low bid. Councilor Czarnik made a motion to award Dick Welker Construction of Albany the bid in the

amount of \$49,988. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor White, Councilors Baugh, Casarez, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Visioning Plan: Park Master Plan Design**

CA Kinney explained that the Vision Plan needs to be updated and brought current, i.e. some of the projected projects need to be moved and given new dates. He reported on the park advisory committee recommendations for the next 20 years.

The proposed new vision for Highberger Park is to add landscaping for the wetlands and to add fitness stations along the trail. CA Kinney had a call from Jerry Flowers about the possibility of growth to property on the east side of Bishop Road and whether the city would be interested in expanding their park system, if he should have control of the property.

Aumsville Ponds – CA Kinney asked for the history of the negotiation between Marion County and Aumsville regarding acquisition of the ponds. Mayor White explained that there was a discussion started about six years ago and it went nowhere. Lately there has been more interest from Marion County and the plan has been brought up again. There was discussion of CA Kinney's recent meeting with Marion County Parks and Marion County Public Works. There was also discussion between council of what the county has in their budget for maintenance and how they rely on volunteers to take care of county parks. CA Kinney pointed out the wetlands at the ponds. ODOT deeded it to the county in the early 1990's and put some restrictions on the property. It is supposed to stay as a natural area with minimal improvements; to include a covered shelter and some parking. They talked about the needed maintenance to the trails. CA Kinney said he would add interpretive signs and talked about an inventory of the plants that may have been completed by OSU. Trail development would need to monitor the effect on the plants and turtles. CA Kinney asked if council is interested in pursuing acquisition, and they indicated they were. He will talk with John Lattimer and the Marion County folks.

CA Kinney then explained the recent Oregon Supreme Court case about recreational immunity and whether it extended to city employees personally. He said there is some risk because the trails are not maintained as well as they should be. There are some steps that are in bad shape. He said that should be part of the discussion with the county to address those problems. Councilor Walters asked if this will affect the summer reading program. CA Kinney said it comes down to keeping records of inspections and maintenance. She posed a question about a child that acts recklessly. CA Kinney said that the person would have to sue the individual public works employees to break the immunity. The main thing is to make sure that we are taking care of maintenance. Councilor Walters asked if there would be a benefit to get outside contractors to do work vs. having the city employees be the general contractor. It was discussed, including what rises to the level of negligence. There is a very good possibility that it will be addressed at the legislative level. CA Kinney said there is a need to get one of the public works staff certified through a class that meets a requirement for certified playground inspector. Councilor Casarez said that the surveillance we have in our park would document a child that is making poor safety choices. CA Kinney said that he wants to note that there is some required improvements to the park.

Consideration of Porter Boone Park's future included acquisition of the current Marion County

shop area, now that Marion County has purchased the old garbage company's property. CA Kinney said that the only concern he has is if there is a possibility of brownfields from the county's use of oil/diesel. The county would not be able to remove themselves from the responsibility of that, if there were issues. He talked about the possibilities with the current structures at the shop area and if one of the buildings could be rehabilitated for recreational use, in particular with the PARC kids' program. There was discussion of driveway improvements, or the movement of a driveway, if the shop property is obtained by the city. He asked if he should be pursuing the shop property with John Lattimer. Council were in agreement that they would like to know whether the county is interested and what they might be thinking. Councilor Baugh pointed to an area on the map that the city owns that isn't being used since Mill Creek Road was changed.

CA Kinney spoke of the future plan for Mill Creek Park to add a small BMX bike area. He talked about the two proposed areas for the park. The police department wants the area that is closest to Mill Creek Road for ease of monitoring activity. Mrs. Carpenter said they would be interested in selling their property in the future – not anytime soon. She expressed her concern about the language, noise and activity at a BMX area. They talked about the change that might come about to the playground area if the access to the park is changed (driveway). They brought up the concern about moving the playground area closer to the creek. There was discussion of flooding issues and whether that was pertinent. CA Kinney brought up the potential connection to the ponds from Mill Creek Park and how that might happen.

Wildwood Park – issues were restroom, parking, and land acquisition. He said that a restroom is needed with the popularity of the park. They talked about various locations that have been explored for the restroom's location. CA Kinney said there is a need for some added shade and suggested a pergola, but not a full building. He pointed to the newly acquired area and said he wonders if it is best suited as an open field play area. When it is warm, there can be 20 or 30 cars lining the street. There was discussion of out-of-towners' use. CA Kinney said that the best way to solve the parking issue is to obtain the property to the east, but that is a long way off. They discussed the safety issue of kids going out into the street between cars and Councilor Walters said she wondered if a crosswalk would at least direct people into one place for crossing. Councilor Seney said they haven't had enough time to see if the new signs are making a difference. She said that she wondered if using the easement between the two parks as a parking area might work.

Tower Park – The only changes identified were to make landscape modifications and get something more permanent for the covered area. They talked about the Tower Well maintenance and what impact it will have on Saturday Market and parking. CA Kinney shared the desire to have a drinking fountain and the logistics of that with DEQ restrictions. They also discussed potable water access and how the style and material makeup (steel, polished rocks) of a drinking fountain is important. Mayor White asked when they might see the proposed Parks Master Plan, and CA Kinney said it would probably be the first of June.

Councilor Casarez said that he loved hearing the different voices in the park advisory committee batting ideas around. They talked about the people that showed up to talk about future park plans and CA Kinney said he was a bit surprised that there didn't seem to be any

