

# CITY of LA GRANDE

## City Council Regular Session

May 6, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
La Grande City Hall  
1000 Adams Avenue

### ***MINUTES***

#### **COUNCILORS PRESENT:**

Stephen E. Clements, *Mayor*  
Gary Lillard, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
John Bozarth, *Councilor*  
Wayne Brown, *Councilor*  
John Lackey, *Councilor*  
Troy Pointer, *Councilor*

#### **COUNCILORS ABSENT EXCUSED:**

Justin Rock, *Councilor*

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Strobe, *City Manager*  
Angelika Brooks, *City Recorder*  
Michael Boquist, *City Planner*  
Norm Paullus, *Director of Public Works*  
Stu Spence, *Parks & Recreation Director*  
Brian Harvey, *Police Chief*

#### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mayor CLEMENTS called to order this Regular Session of the Council at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a.** Consider: Approval of Regular Session Minutes;  
*April 1, 2015*
- b.** Consider: Approval of Special Session Minutes;  
*April 6, 2015*

The following Motion was introduced by BOZARTH; LACKEY providing the Second:

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Consent Agenda as presented. **MSC.** (Unanimous)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a.** Larry Glaze/Chris Panike; *Update on School Bond Summer Project*

Larry Glaze presented the Council with a sign-up sheet to receive monthly email updates regarding the School District. GLAZE stated that the School District was in Phase One of

the bond project and gave an update regarding the Bond and the timeline for the all the different projects.

Discussion was held regarding renovations and the associated cost with the project.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Ordinance, Second Reading; *Extending the Moratorium on Marijuana Facilities*

#### **RULES OF ORDER**

Mayor CLEMENTS re-opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. and stated the Rules of Order had been read in their entirety at the April 6, 2015 Special Session of the City Council meeting.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Mayor CLEMENTS requested the Staff Report.

Mike BOQUIST, City Planner

BOQUIST stated that during the Regular Session of January 14, 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance 3219, Series 2015, declaring a moratorium prohibiting the establishment and operation of any new marijuana facilities and the expansion of any existing facilities in any area within the City Limits of the City of La Grande.

ORS 197.530 limits the duration of a moratorium to one hundred twenty (120) days, which would result in the moratorium expiring on June 13, 2015. However, ORS 197.530 also allows for the moratorium to be extended a maximum of three (3) times, limited to six (6) months per extension for the purposes of completing a Correction Program. For an extension to be justified, the City Council must adopt findings stating "the conditions giving rise to the moratorium" continue to exist. Such findings were provided in the City Council Staff Report and Draft Decision Order, dated April 6, 2015; a copy of which is now a permanent document in the master file for this Regular Session and by this reference incorporated herewith as if fully set forth.

During the April 6, 2015, Special Session of the City Council, public testimony was received from Mr. Michael Chamlee, 2405 Empire Drive, in support of the moratorium. No other public testimony was provided.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

None

#### **MOTION**

The following Motion was introduced by LACKEY; POINTER providing the Second:

**MOTION:** I move that the proposed Ordinance Extending the Moratorium on Marijuana Facilities be read for the Second Time by Title Only, put to a vote, and adopted.

Mayor CLEMENTS closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m.

At the Mayor's request, the City Recorder Read the Proposed Ordinance for the Second Time by Title Only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA FACILITIES [3222]**

**VOTE**

**MSC.** (Six of the Councilors Present and Voting in the Affirmative)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** **Consider:** First Reading; *Ordinance Regulating Conduct in City Parks and Repealing Ordinance #2849*

**STAFF REPORT**

Mayor CLEMENTS requested the Staff Report.

Stu SPENCE, Parks & Recreation Director

SPENCE stated that Ordinance number 2849, an Ordinance regulating conduct in City parks was adopted in 1993. As the needs for park users continue to evolve and to better serve the citizens of La Grande, it was necessary to update the ordinance.

SPENCE noted as discussed at the April 20, 2015 joint work session between the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the La Grande City Council, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recognizes that the current rules were out of date and recommends several updates and changes to the current Ordinance. Some of the major changes were: rules against smoking and tobacco use, language prohibiting peddling, Morgan Lake specific conduct, and added trespass language.

SPENCE stated that, furthermore, the updated Ordinance would enable staff and law enforcement to interact with park users to ensure parks were preserved for the enjoyment of all.

Brian HARVEY, Police Chief stated that the new language in the ordinance provided language for the City Police to act if someone was to violate park rules and state laws.

Discussion was held regarding enforcement of smoking and tobacco use and trespassing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

None

At the Mayor's request, the City Recorder Read the Proposed Ordinance for the First Time by Title Only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, REGULATING CONDUCT IN THE CITY PARKS OF LA GRANDE, OREGON; SETTING OPERATING POLICIES; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2849 SERIES 1993; ALL AMENDING ORDINANCES, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor CLEMENTS announced that the Council would conduct a Second Reading and consider adoption of the proposed Ordinance during the June 3, 2015 Regular Session.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Norm PAULLUS presented the Council with Calendars from the Future Stewards Day and updated them on the annual event that is held with all of the Third Grade Students in the City. He also presented the Council with the Annual Water Report.

Chief HARVEY stated that the School District and the architectural firm have been very receptive to suggestions made by the Police Department in relation to the School Bond Projects in regards to security and safety. He also wanted to thank The Observer for the publication of the Cold Cases in the paper, he stated that they have done a great job presenting the information.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Robert A. STROPE, City Manager, stated that he received word that the Small Business Association loan for the Marketplace Family Foods had been approved. He stated he would be paying special attention to the timing related to the loan closing in regards to the \$100,000 that the Urban Renewal Agency approved to ensure those funds would be distributed in the correct fiscal year.

STROPE stated that at the conclusion of the Budget Committee process the suggestion was made that a committee would be formed to discuss the General Funds. He suggested that one Work Session a month could be designated for the Council and Budget Committee members to discuss long term finances.

Mayor CLEMENTS stated that he liked the idea that the full Council and Budget Committee would be included in the committee. LACKEY stated that he concurred with the Mayor and would encourage the reformation of the Long Term Budget Solutions Advisory Committee. BROWN and LILLARD agreed with both the Mayor and LACKEY. Discussion was held regarding membership and public input during those meetings.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

There being no further business to come before the Council, CLEMENTS adjourned this Regular Session of the City Council at 6:48 p.m. The Council is scheduled to meet again in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

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Kayla M. Nichols  
Assistant to the City Manager

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Stephen E. Clements  
Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_