

**Culver City Council Meeting
Sept. 18, 2023; 6:30 p.m.**

Culver City Council Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bart Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION: Pastor Rick Herbert from Juniper Community Church led the invocation. **ROLL CALL:** Luke Middleton, Tim Woods, David Beck, Bart Carpenter, Chuck Rushing, Josh Thody, and Scott Ough were all present. Donna McCormack, Jered Reid, and Kim Symons were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Jered Reid requested the agenda be amended to move the executive session until after adjournment as no action is anticipated following the executive session. He also reported the video equipment was not functioning tonight so ZOOM was not available, but it will be fixed as soon as possible. Beck moved to approve the agenda as revised. The motion was seconded by Thody and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - Minutes of Aug. 21, 2023; Approval of Financial Report and Authorization to pay the bills and the additional bills: Thody declared a conflict of interest indicating he is a business owner, and the city has an account with him. Rushing moved to approve the consent agenda and Beck seconded the motion which passed with Thody abstaining and all others voting in favor.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Presentations: Jim Gordon and Rick Brown were not present. McCormack reported he told her they had concerns about the council not passing the proposed ordinance to ban the sale of drug paraphernalia and they told her they planned to urge the council to reconsider. There were no other public comments.

OLD BUSINESS: ORD 2023-07 PARK REGULATIONS ORDINANCE: Reid reported the Park Committee reviewed the proposed ordinance which amends the current park regulations. They recommended approval with changes and those changes have been included in the ordinance. Also included are some changes to make it clearer. Section 12.04.270 was added to clarify substances that would be prohibited. He also included Section 12.04.140 which includes the language that was approved in the camping ordinance passed in June. The council discussed the ordinance and asked for clarification on certain sections. The council discussed sections relating to animals indicating they should be allowed “off leash” only in the ball field area and requested removing the section relating to “Park Animals”. There was also discussion about the Park Director discretion throughout the ordinance as well as questions about special events and vehicles being allowed in the park. Questions were also asked about possible violations of people’s right to gather, legal gender rights and signs. Reid will revise the ordinance and present it again at the next meeting.

Crawdad Festival Financial Information: McCormack presented the financial information with the additional expense information. Woods asked about the labor costs and was advised it was about \$10,00 which is similar to prior years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metolius IGA: Reid presented the IGA and explained with the small staff and budgets of both cities, it is advantageous to borrow equipment and labor as the needs arise. This agreement formalizes those activities. Kim Symons indicated the city works well with Metolius and coordinate projects so this agreement will be beneficial for both cities. Woods moved to approve the proposed Cooperative Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Ough and passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

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Committee Reports: Linda Victorine reported the Urban Renewal District accepted Jack Ickler's resignation and thanked him for his many years of service on the board. She also reported that Cindy Dix was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Barbara Frazier. The next meeting will be held on November 7th.

Patti Carpenter reported Joe Krenowicz has submitted his resignation from the Chamber of Commerce with his last day being October 31st.

Staff Reports: Nuisance Abatement Officer, Brent Schulke was not in attendance, but a written report was presented to the council.

Public Works, Kim Symons reported: 1) they have been painting the crosswalks and stop bars on the streets. 2) They are planning to put a new roof on the dug-outs next week. 3) They are beginning to winterize the park and getting the ditches cleaned up for winter too.

Administration, Donna McCormack reported: 1) The city received a request from Juniper Cove to consider allowing beer/wine throughout the park for the Crawdad Festival. She explained that they are requesting the change so families can eat together. Now children are not allowed inside the beer garden so parents must separate to enjoy a beer. She asked if the council wanted to allow alcohol outside of the beer garden during the event or if they wanted staff to get more information on how it could work. After discussion, Councilors Middleton, Woods, Beck, Ough, Rushing and Carpenter all indicated they did not want the change. Councilor Thody indicated he would consider the idea but wanted more information. Staff was directed to relay the decision not to pursue the request. 2) The Oregon State Parks Grant Application is expected to be approved. 3) The councilors attending the LOC Conference confirmed they are attending. 4) Thody and Middleton indicated the Urban Renewal District will be working on a downtown beautification project which will include creating a plan so they would like to postpone the sign committee meeting. 5) The Handbook Committee scheduled the meeting for Oct. 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Attorney Report, Jered Reid had no additional report.

Council & Mayor Reports: **Middleton** had no report. **Woods** provided a copy of Culver Municipal Code 2.02.080 and explained the Mayor met with the Fire Department (FD) and he felt that was his responsibility. He indicated that he wanted to be invited if the Mayor was going to meet with them but when he was unavailable at the time they wanted, they met without him and would not reschedule. He indicated the FD is his commission and the Mayor met with the FD and agreed to start the process to "sell City Hall and to start the process to join the district". Mayor Carpenter said he did NOT agree to "sell City Hall and to start the process to join the district", he only met with them to see if they were interested in beginning discussions about it. There was nothing except "Are you interested in talking?", there were no decisions or even any details discussed. Woods was concerned about the Mayor making decisions outside of his commission and he has concerns about how the city commissions and the Mayor function. He requested direction/guidance from the council.

Councilor Beck had no report. Ough expressed concern about Councilor Woods feeling as though the Mayor was "stomping on his toes". Jered Reid explained that the ordinance is very clear regarding staff but he has not evaluated the ordinance and there could be many interpretations. He cannot provide clear legal direction; the council may want to consider reevaluating the ordinance. Councilor Thody indicated he concurs with Councilor Ough. Woods indicated he understands the idea of a community building but opposes a new city hall. He had no report other than his previous comments. Rushing reported he hears Councilor Woods is feeling attacked and

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out of the loop but talks have to begin somewhere and the Mayor should initiate those talks and bring reports and ideas to the council.

Mayor Carpenter explained he wanted to sit down with the Fire Chief to find out if they were interested in further discussions. There are all kinds of things that would need to be discussed before any decisions can be made. He just wanted to find out if they were interested in talking and yes, they are.

Woods asked the council for direction in his role as Fire and Buildings Commissioner. He feels it is his responsibility to make contact and discuss it with the fire department, not the Mayor's. Jered Reid indicated the ordinance is not clear and he would have to research the basis of the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Rushing made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Beck and passed unanimously at 8:10 p.m.

The **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session as authorized pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection was opened at 8:15 p.m. with all the city council and attorney attending. It was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Recorder