

**City of Hood River
City Council Work Session
November 12, 2019**

Council: Mayor Kate McBride, Mark Zanmiller, Megan Saunders, Tim Counihan, Jessica Metta, Erick Haynie

Staff: City Manager Rachael Fuller, Planning Director Dustin Nilsen, Fire Chief Leonard Damian, City Recorder Jennifer Gray

Absent:

I CALL TO ORDER – Cell Phone Reminder – 6:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement Statement and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McBride stated she wanted to speak about the Rand Road property purchase. She wanted to clarify the City's actions at the last City Council meeting regarding the potential property acquisition. First, the purchase and sale agreement would need to be authorized by City Council in a public meeting. The meeting two weeks ago did not authorize the purchase. Should the City be satisfied with their diligence on the property, this would likely to occur after the first of the year. The resolution two weeks ago was the first step authorizing staff to peruse a bank loan to allow the City to move quickly, should City Council finalize the agreement. A property acquisition of this type, would allow the City to make tangible progress on important City Council goals, including housing and trail connections. Next steps would likely include retaining a development consultant to put together a request for proposals for the development community. This step would include an opportunity for public involvement. With regards to funding, the City has access to funding sources that can't be used for other purposes besides housing. For example, \$400,000 may be available in State funds that was going to be used for the Morrison Park project. Other eligible sources of funds, including a portion of the City's construction excise tax, approximately \$200,000 and the affordable housing reserve fund of \$100,000. Those are specific for affordable housing. A loan would allow the City to seek other sources of funding. She knows she speaks for her colleagues when she says the City Council welcomes the public's questions and comments on this topic and on any other matter. For the past several years, the community has been in conflict regarding an affordable housing development, using a portion of Morrison Park. This issue has divided the community. As we begin to heal from this conflict, the City Council wants to hear the public's ideas about how they can come together, to tackle the important issues faced in the community.

II BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Arthur Babitz, Hood River, OR – stated during the recent ballot measure discussion, he consistently heard from people who said they support the City's affordable housing efforts, but do not like the idea of putting housing in parks. He takes these people at their word on this. They also told him, one project like Morrison Park is a drop in the bucket and he agrees. He is here to suggest with everyone's attention freshly directed to this issue, that they seize the initiative and make a bold move to address the fundamental problems with affordable housing in Hood River. The lack of sufficient

funding to acquire property. He proposed the City go to the voters to request a 5-million-dollar affordable housing bond which will allow the City to acquire land for its own use, or by land trust for housing, authorities to actually build the housing that is needed in the community. The timing is good because the 13-year Fire Bond is about to expire, perhaps creating a little more room for a tax measure. It's never easy to ask the public for taxes but three decades of experience tells them, without property for housing it won't be built. He believes this is the time to lead on this issue. They need to help the public understand the lack of affordable housing is a threat to our community. A Hood River without housing for service workers, those trying to start a family or start a career is a very different place than where we all cherish. A Hood River without room for entry level employees is far less attractive to employers who provide the bulk of jobs. Affordable housing is not about a handout but about maintaining a functioning economy. He is speaking to Council about this today, so they have plenty of time to mull this over before the upcoming Goal Setting session. He hopes by that date, Council will have their heads wrapped around this issues and proposal and give it the discussion it deserves.

John Boonstra, Hood River, OR – he stated in the past week, more than 11,000 scientists worldwide released a report saying that the climate crisis is a “climate emergency.” These scientists acknowledge that while politicians and business representatives have adopted measured goals to address the climate crises over the past 40 years, they have failed to address the urgency of our predicament by claiming that necessary solutions are politically too ambitious. In my life as a clergy person I have learned that moments of crisis can simultaneously be spiritually charged moments of possibility.

While the climate crisis is an overwhelming global catastrophe, we hold a small slice of it on our local plate here in Hood River. And on that plate, is our slice of opportunity.

Our local response to the climate emergency is our self-defining moment. The Hood River Energy Plan offers us a goal of 30% reductions in county wide use of fossil fuels by 2030. It does not go far enough. It should not take us 30 more years (2050) to reach net zero by reducing municipal net greenhouse gas emissions. When we measure our goal setting by what we think is practically feasible given our current economic constraints, we risk limiting our resolve, diminishing our potential, underestimating our capacities and low-balling our expectations. Reaching net-zero by 2050 is too little and too late in this current emergency.

Lyric Emmons, Hood River, OR – she stated she commented at a previous City Council meeting about the importance of declaring Hood River to be in a Climate Emergency. I could talk more about why we need this, but I think you all already know why we do; we need to keep Earth habitable and safe for all generations to come, not just our own. It is our responsibility to do so. To not act now would be downright selfish. There may be things that are holding you back from taking action (fear of change, fear of reputation, or fear of public backlash), but in the grand scheme of things, these don't matter. In order to survive, we have to give up some things and step out of our comfort zone. We must take action. The science behind climate change is clear, and there is more than enough evidence to support it. Every day, thousands of people are gathering and making their voices heard. They are all saying the same things; “our mother is on fire” and “there is no planet B.” Now is the time to listen to these voices and make the changes the people are asking for. Thank you for listening, and for your service to Hood River.

Taylor Gautier, Hood River, OR – he moved to Hood River so his children could grow up and experience a wonderful environment and community. Hood River has delivered that and more, with one exception in particular, biking. His ask to City Council is please provide him with a route map that would ensure a safe biking route to school for his son. He elaborated on his reasons for this request. He asked as Council considers their goals for 2020, to remember their children do not stop

growing. If they wait for 1, 2 or 10 years, how many children will not even have the opportunity at all to experience the freedom of having their own means of transportation to and from school. How many will learn from their actions. The time is now, please consider working on safe routes to school as a way to begin realizing a better future for everyone.

Dan Ball, Hood River, OR – he is representing the City Tree Committee. He gave Council an update on the Tree Committee. He is now the Chair of the Committee. Tina Lassen and Tim Counihan are new members. They are going to be working to be more active in 2020. They are very interested in the new City website. They would like to have a presence on the website to give information on tree benefits, maintenance and protection. That is their focus for the coming year. They look forward to working with Council and the community.

Susan Crowley, Hood River, OR – she distributed a handout to Council. She stated during the last couple of weeks, there has been talk about trust and a feeling that decisions were being made privately behind closed doors, not in public session. She was surprised by the feedback from Councilors. She thought about it and realized Council firmly believes they are acting appropriately, with regard to executive sessions. She believes Council is not. Her handout reviews the statutes that apply to executive session; decisions are to be made in public. She stated it seems even though Council announces an executive session, the public has no sense there is a public part in the meeting happening. Council then goes out of the executive session and makes a decision. She stated in the meeting minutes of March 6, 2018, it shows Council coming out of Executive Session and decided to authorize the purchase option agreement for Morrison Park. Crowley claimed Council did not come out of Executive Session to do this, and the minutes make that clear. The notice that went out to the public, was not obvious there was going to be open time for the public to come back in to see the decision made by Council. She suggested a way to take care of this is when the Executive Session is announced in the future, if there is an awareness Council might come to a decision and a conclusion. Come back and announce a public session. The public would have an awareness they can be in the meeting.

Tracey Tomashpol, Hood River, OR – she requested the Planning Commission make their audio recordings freely available on the City's website. She spoke about some of the barriers that the public has to attending City meetings. She hopes live streaming of meetings will happen in 2020. In regard to the Planning Commission Reappointment Process that will go before Council later this evening, she disagrees with the portion of the process that states Council may choose to reappoint a Planning Commissioner, without advertising an opening at their respective terms. She believes better outreach needs to be done when a vacancy is advertised.

Lottie Bromham, Hood River, OR –. “On Friday, I was emailed the revised version of the Climate Resolution I helped propose over 3 weeks ago. And, I quickly realized that you have failed the children of this city in the same way Government officials all around the world have. On the cover letter for this resolution, it says that that there would be no environmental impact if you were to accept it as it is now, and I agree. You have smoothed over the urgency of this matter and have turned it into a sweet, symbolic gesture that will have little to no impact on the climate emergency we are in. You have filled this Resolution with weak words that give favor to irresponsibility instead of accountability. You have even gone so far as to eliminate the portions of this document that laid out concrete steps for how a city should go about reducing fossil fuel emissions. You think this is ok because, alas, you have the Energy Plan to fall back on, but many of the components of the Energy Plan haven't even been addressed yet. And some, may take years to come to fruition because of a lack of funding and a lack of perceived urgency. What's more, you have extended the municipality's zero carbon deadline to 2050. The

implications this ensues are more than selfish. Entire countries have pledged to end carbon emissions by 2050, yet you all seem to believe that Hood River's municipality is incapable of this. By pushing this deadline back, you are casting the hopes of this town onto the youth and forcing us to clean up after your messes once you're gone. Because after all, many of you will be dead by 2050. And, I...I will be 48 years old and living on an earth that may look vastly different than the one you have gotten to enjoy for all of your adult lives. We are told to trust grownups. We are told that you know what you're doing. Prove it. Do not schlep this colossal responsibility onto children. Instead, stand for something real, not symbolic. In your goal setting sessions, prioritize the environment. Move up the zero-carbon emissions date to 2035 because rapid, effective action needs to be taken in order to reverse the effects of climate change. And I can say one thing for sure, if nothing is done, the children of this town will not forgive you."

Brian Towey, Hood River, OR – he stated bicycling has always been apart of his life. He was a kid that rode his bike to school and continued through adulthood. The one thing that Council cannot do is reduce parking requirements for new development. It seems there has been a trend to do that. If Council wants bicycle transportation to be a part of the transportation system, all Council needs to do is not reduce parking requirements for new development. That will make bicycles more viable.

Peter Cornelison, Hood River, OR – he thanked City for taking the (HRVHS Earth Action Club and www.CGCAN.org) request for a Climate Emergency Resolution seriously. They appreciate the time that Councilors Counihan and Sanders took time to redraft the resolution. He shared a few thoughts from Eric Strid who couldn't be here tonight. Eric did the massive calculations necessary to come up with the energy use baseline for the HR Energy Plan, so he knows the numbers. If the city achieves their part, a 100% municipal reduction by 2050, that'd be less than 5% of the county goal, but it's probably more critical to also to have an actionable and nearer range target of 45% municipal reduction by 2030. However, nothing significant will change without the public aggressively participating. Thus, we need to wake up citizens and solicit their help. He would like to see the resolutions separate what the city commits to vs what it's asking citizens to do. The resolution should ask all city residents to read and respect the Emergency Warning the 11,000 scientists recently published warning of "untold human suffering". The good news is that the co-benefits of decarbonization are large and growing; thus, even the most skeptical climate denier can't deny the wisdom in reducing fossil fuel usage. The resolution lacks the development of a specific 10-year "Climate Mobilization Action Plan" to guide the climate emergency response, as well as all climate mitigation, resilience, adaptation, engagement, education, advocacy, and research and development programs as called for in the original.

The six key objectives 11,000 scientists called for immediately:

1. Immediate phasing out of fossil fuels;
2. Replacing large-scale land clearing with reforestation efforts;
3. Cutting pollutants like methane and soot;
4. Stabilizing global population;
5. Greatly reducing the amount of meat and animal products we consume;
6. Shift the economy from "excessive extraction of materials and overexploitation of ecosystems" to "a carbon-free economy that explicitly addresses human dependence on the biosphere;

Brian Carlstrom, Hood River, OR – he stated the divisiveness caused by the issue of parks will be diminished if Council immediately zones Morrison Park back to park zoning, now that the developer has backed out. The healing that Mayor McBride hopes for will then begin. He suggested the City look at a property on Cascade that is for sale. It currently has 12 units with a potential for 35 new

units. He also suggested a City owned campground could help handle the influx of visitors during peak times. He suggested the City work with the Port of Hood River; the area across from the event site, could be used as a campground.

Jim Klaas, Hood River, OR – He reviewed the election results for the Parks Measure. He believes the results would have been more lopsided if Councilor Zanmiller, Counihan, Metta and Saunders had not violated Hood River City Council procedures when they published letters to the editor urging voters to vote no. The actions of these Councilors were an attempt to influence the outcome of an election in temper of the democratic process. This type of violation should be dealt with swiftly and severely. You are allowed to have your own personal opinions, but you must state them. Councilor Haynie wrote a letter as well, but he referenced it was his personal opinion. He stated now that Mid-Columbia Housing Authority has backed out and based on the election results, it is time for the Council to listen to the people and rezone Morrison Park back to Open Space Public Facility. This should be done immediately or explained why it is not.

III PRESENTATIONS

1. Locals Wednesday Downtown

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Kate Schroeder, along with Stephanie Adams and Alisha Nightingale presented information regarding Locals Wednesday.

DBAC, HRDBA and The Chamber are respectfully requesting that the City allow locals to park for free downtown on Wednesdays from either 3-6 pm or 4-6 pm to support an initiative they are creating called Locals Wednesdays (LWD). After further consideration, they feel that offering free parking starting at 3 pm will bring more families to shop and visit after school. The request is for a one-year pilot program, with a future consideration to offer this program year-round depending upon it's measured success after one year. The meeting packet contains the full request and details of LWD. If approved, LWD would begin January 2020.

Council discussed and agreed they were in support of Locals Wednesday. Before approving the free parking request, Council requested more information to be brought back at the November 25 meeting; estimated revenue loss, a plan for signage at Downtown stores and restaurants to inform the public about the free parking and measurables to track success.

2. Community Land Trust for Housing

Anne Medenbach from Big River Community Land Trust presented information regarding the community land trust model. The organization is requesting a letter of support, for their 501(c)3 application. The PowerPoint presented by Medenbach has been added into the record. Medenbach stated she is here tonight asking for Council's signature on the letter of support for their IRS application. This is the first step in the process. This will allow them to continue the momentum they have gained so far.

Council stated they are supportive of the process. Council requested Staff to bring back the letter at the meeting with follow up information requested by Council.

WORK SESSION

IV OPEN WORK SESSION - 7:54 p.m.

V AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

VI DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Westside Concept Plan - Parks Framework - D. Nilsen

Nilsen presented a PowerPoint presentation. It has been added to the record.

During public hearings on July 29, August 19, September 16, 2019, October 21st, and November 4th, 2019 the Planning Commission sought feedback from the public regarding the Westside Area Concept Plan Report's "Park & Open Space Framework." As part of the Commission's review and deliberation over this Framework a number of recommendations have been identified for consideration by the City Council.

The overall parks and open space concept features a connected system of open space created through the coordinated planning of the following concepts:

- Up to three new neighborhood parks to serve the Westside Area.
- Possibly a new community park, with a location to be determined in a future update of the Park and Recreation District's Master Plan.
- A riparian corridor and off-street path adjacent to Henderson Creek, preliminarily sized at 25 feet on both sides of the creek, measured from the centerline.
- The Westside Trail corridor and Ridgeline Trail corridor.
- Retention of tree groves throughout the project area as much as practical.
- Limited development of terraced areas that are 25% slope and greater, except where needed for street connections and pedestrian connections, resulting in a network of public and private open spaces that can benefit birds and wildlife.
- Open space tracts and community gathering spaces that are designed as part of Planned Unit Developments, and higher-density and mixed-use projects.

The Land Use Framework in the Westside Area Concept Plan Report anticipates approximately 11 acres of neighborhood park land will be needed. The needed acreage calculated in the Concept Plan Report is preliminary; the plan assumes and recommends that it be officially determined as part of an update to the Hood River Valley Park and Recreation District's Master Plan which currently is being updated.

The precise locations of parks have yet to be determined but the concept is that one neighborhood park should be located within each of the three residential neighborhoods, with the possibility of a community park of 20-30 acres that may or may not replace a neighborhood park within the Westside Area. The Park and Open Space Framework identifies "target areas" for neighborhood parks (see Figure 20 of meeting packet). These areas are based on a preliminary evaluation by the project team of the following criteria:

- Available buildable land (no existing development or environmental constraints);
- Proximity to natural features that could be incorporated into the park (however, a grove of trees north of Sherman Ave. and east of 30th St. was cut down after preparation of the Concept Plan Report);
- Central location within the neighborhood; and
- Accessible by future pedestrian connections.

The neighborhood park target areas are preferred locations; they are not intended to be mandatory locations. Flexibility will be needed to acquire land for parks through a variety of means including advance acquisition, dedication during the development review process, gifting, etc. The Park and Open Space Framework is intended to be flexibly applied, and to help

inform future efforts by the Hood River Valley Park and Recreation District to develop an updated Parks Master Plan.

Request to Council is to accept the Parks Framework and direct staff and the Council's Parks subcommittee to continue using the Parks Framework and Planning Commission recommendations to inform the Multi-jurisdictional masterplan development process and any subsequent Code or Plan changes.

There was discussion regarding parks and trails.

Councilor Saunders asked if there is a debate about size of parks and number of parks, she asked if saying they want 3 parks at 3-4 acres in size, would tie them to that or will they have flexibility.

Fuller stated it is going to be flexible. This is a great opportunity for Council to provide input to the steering committee that can go into the Masterplan, using this as a basis. If there is a preference of level of service or size, it would be helpful to have that input now. All of the tools will need to be flexible, because they will not know exactly when the opportunities will come up or where. Geography could be a factor in some cases. Fuller reminded Council will have another opportunity to discuss this, when the Parks Masterplan come back to Council.

Motion: I move to direct staff and Council's Parks subcommittee to continue using the Parks Framework and Planning Commission recommendations with the two changes discussed this evening. For neighborhood parks, adding 2-3 acres, including trails. For limiting development on terraced areas, and make sure they are clear parks and open space are okay to have steep slopes. Using those recommendations to inform the Multi-Jurisdictional Masterplan development process and any subsequent code or plan changes on tonight's consent agenda.

First: Saunders

Second: Metta

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed

Ayes: McBride, Zanmiller, Saunders, Counihan, Metta, Haynie

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: None

2. Planning Commission Appointment Process Update -- D. Nilsen
Nilsen presented a PowerPoint presentation. It has been added to the record.

At Council's request, Staff has brought back the Planning Commission appointment process for discussion.

During the closing weeks of 2018, and after a Planning Commission recruitment and advertising that resulted in no new volunteer applications, staff and Council discussed the process in which the city recruits and fills Planning Commission vacancies. At Council direction staff met with the Mayor and Council representatives and subsequently produced a short memo to aid in the

establishment of a process for the appointment of Planning Commission members. With direction of the Council, staff then initiated a selection process using the approved pilot.

The pilot selection process was characterized by a similar open call for applications with a longer open window for submissions. All candidates who applied were interviewed outside of the public meeting forum by a selection committee comprised of the Mayor, a Council representative, and staff representative. Each candidate was reviewed, scored, ranked, and a recommendation was made to Council to appointment of the selection committees' consensus highest scoring applicant.

The intent of the pilot was to expand the opportunity for staff and Council representatives to interact with candidates, to allow candidates a greater opportunity to ask candid questions beyond those scripted and exchanged in a public meeting, to provide an increased number of opportunities for candidates to provide details of qualifications in writing and outside the script of the public meeting, and to develop a multistep vetting process in lieu of an exclusive public interview before the Council and public. The pilot process culminates with Council's authority to make the appointment.

During the Council meeting, where the candidate recommendation was made, members expressed concern that the Council's public facing portion of the process and discussion may have been limited beyond what it had anticipated. There were requests to broaden the Council appointment options after the selection committee review and recommendation rather than focusing its appointment authority on the recommended candidate(s).

Based on Council's feedback Staff prepared an update for Council's consideration. This is Council's appointment process and have full authority to decide whether it's to their liking or not.

Open Advertising: The recruitment and personal touch needed to find volunteers to serve the community and in support the land use planning process can be daunting but critical in developing an inclusive and effective Commission. Seeking candidates should not have a limited season, but rather ongoing. Advertising for the opening should support focused efforts of the Council and City to fill the vacancy, and advertising is recommended to remain open until filled.

Candidate Applications: Staff suggests that a short cover letter and bio be submitted with the application that includes some predeveloped questions that focus on previous relevant service, or general interest serving. (The previously used questions for the written submission are attached)

Candidate Interview: All candidates and applicants would be interviewed by a small selection committee comprised of at least the Mayor, Council representative, and a staff liaison. In previous discussions Planning Commission has also made its desire to serve on the committee be known. Each candidate would be interviewed, reviewed, and ranked based on qualifications, eligibility, and ability to serve the needs and roles of the Commission. (The previously used questions for the interview are attached)

Candidate Recommendation: After all candidates have been interviewed and ranked by the committee, the overall applicant roster (unranked) and highest-ranking candidate will be forwarded to Council as a and may include a recommendation to appoint. Scores and rankings may be maintained for future candidate recruitment and transparency.

Council Selection: At its regular meeting, council would be provided a roster and candidate recommendation. Prior to scheduling a Council agenda item for to make the appointment of a candidate, Council will review the recommendation and roster. where it could At its discretion,

Council may choose to schedule a candidate or selected candidates interview before the entire body, reject the recommendation, or accept the recommendation and approve the matter as regular business at a future meeting.

Reappointments: At its discretion Council may choose to reappoint serving members without advertising openings at the end of their respective terms or choose to open recruitment and interview new candidates and incumbent members for positions and vacancies.

Councilor Metta suggested making a change regarding the process of reappointments. She suggested that they should always advertise for the opening, rather than just reappoint without advertisement. Council agreed with the change.

Nilsen stated the past reappointment language stayed on because it was originally what was presented to Council last March.

Planning Commission Chair Arthur Babitz added there was a request for Planning Commission to be involved to give input during the process. The Planning Commission understands the chemistry of the group and they understand what they are missing. It would be helpful if they can be involved in some way and communicate with whomever is evaluating the candidates.

There was continued discussion regarding the interview and selection process.

Councilor Haynie believes the Council should have the ability to vote on the entire slate of candidates, not just the recommended candidate by the sub-committee.

Councilor Counihan stated he would be fine not doing interviews at a Council meeting if he had more access to information that came out of the interviews by the subcommittee. That is where he feels he is not getting the information he needs. It's not that he doesn't trust the subcommittee, it's just the process.

Council will have the opportunity to review the recommendation. Council will decide how to proceed. Additional information will be provided to Council from the subcommittee on all of the candidates, after they are interviewed. Council agreed to have the opportunity to vote on all of the candidates. Council agreed to include the Planning Commission in the process; type of involvement will be determined at the time of a vacancy.

VII ADJOURN WORK SESSION – 9:47p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

I OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 9:47 p.m.

II AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – addition to the consent agenda; Approval of Westside Concept Plan - Parks Framework

III CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Westside Concept Plan - Parks Framework

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
First: Saunders
Second: Metta
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion passed (roll called)
Ayes: McBride, Zannmiller, Saunders, Counihan, Metta, Haynie
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Excused: None

IV REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS

1. City Engineer Transition Contract – Approval for Sole Source
Resolution 2019-15 - W. Seaborn

Resolution 2019-15 exempts the City from a competitive process for execution of a transition/ interim personal services agreement for city engineer services, along with the proposed agreement, and related exhibits.

State law and the City code require minimal public process for the city to contract for personal services, but typically these laws require a public search for qualified firms and individuals with little regard for cost, and then the city enters into negotiations with the most qualified firm or individual, at which point cost and price can be considered to a limited extent.

The City has contracted with Bell Design Company since 2011 as the city engineer of record following a competitive process. The City Manager plans to hire, in-house, an individual who can perform the functions of city engineer of record, with the option of continuing to use an outside consulting firm (such as Bell Design Company or other qualified firm) for special projects that require particularized skill or are more time-consuming than a single person can handle. Consequently, the city manager proposes to terminate the city's on-going contract with Bell Design and enter into a maximum 12-month transition/interim contract with Bell Design. During the interim/transition period, the city would hire an in-house city engineer. At that point the City may complete a competitive process for identifying a consulting engineering firm(s) to handle the specialized and more time-consuming projects that exceed a single person's capacity to perform.

Staff recommendation is a 2-part recommendation: first approve an exemption to the competitive procurement requirements that would otherwise apply and second to approve execution of a personal services agreement with Bell Design for interim city engineer services, not to exceed 12 months in duration.

Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2019-15 and to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Personal Services Agreement for interim City Engineering Services with Bell Design Company, not to exceed 12 months.
First: Metta
Second: Saunders
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion passed
Ayes: McBride, Zannmiller, Saunders, Counihan, Metta, Haynie
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Excused: None

V REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. Department Heads
 - 1. Announcements
 - 2. Planning Director Update

VI MAYOR

- 1. Climate Change Resolution 2019-16

Public Purpose: Creating a more environmentally sustainable community is a 2019 Council Work Plan Goal and one of the strategies outlined to achieve the goal is implementation of the Hood River County Energy Plan.

Background: On September 23, the Hood River Valley High School Earth Action Club and Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network presented a resolution declaring a climate emergency for consideration by the Hood River City Council.

Following discussion by the City Council, two councilors were appointed to draft an alternate resolution for consideration.

The proposed resolution recognizes the problem of climate change and re-affirms the City's commitment to addressing it by committing to steps already being taken by the City and to other actions within current policy direction/resource allocation. The proposed resolution is focused on City operations and supports partnerships/outreach to the larger community. The proposed resolution identifies the need to develop adaptation and resilience strategies that have implications to City operations and to the broader Hood River community.

In addition to supporting the Hood River Energy Plan with staff and fiscal support, the City of Hood River is currently recruiting for a Management Analyst position. One of the duties outlined in the position, among others, is to conduct a baseline inventory of energy use in City facilities and operations and to bring project and policy options to reduce energy use to Council for consideration.

Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2019-16, resolution affirming strategies to reduce Hood River's contribution to global warming and to mitigate the effects of the climate crisis on the health and welfare of the citizens of Hood River, with the change of aiming for a target reaching net zero by 2035.

First: Saunders

Second: Counihan

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed (roll called)

Ayes: McBride, Zannmiller, Saunders, Counihan, Metta, Haynie

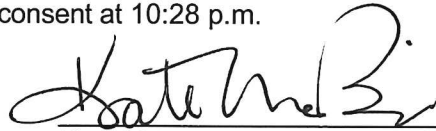
Nays: None

Abstentions: None

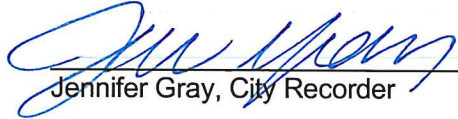
Excused: None

VII COUNCIL CALL

VIII ADJOURN – Adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:28 p.m.



Kate McBride, Mayor



Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

Approved by City Council on 1-27-20