

**MINUTES FROM
A MEETING OF THE HINES COMMON COUNCIL
AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
June 22, 2021**

Present:

Mayor:

Nikki Morgan

Council:

Councilors Amity York, Misty Shepherd, Marsallai Quick, Robert Beers and Gary Miller were present.

City Staff:

City Administrator Letham

Public Audience:

Chris Wiseman, Daniel Crowe, Christi Banton, Kris Banton, Cheryl Smith, Louis Smith, Andrea Letham and Daniel Porter

***Mayor Nikki Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the flag salute.**

Approval of June 22, 2021 Agenda

Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the June 22, 2021 agenda. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2021 and June 8, 2021

Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the May 25, 2021, and June 8, 2021, minutes. Councilor Quick seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable for June 8, 2021 June 22, 2021 and June 22, 2021

Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for June 8, 2021 in the amount of \$16,987.01, June 22, 2021 in the amount of \$966,282.73 and June 22, 2021 in the amount of \$1,007.57. Councilor Quick seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items (Speaking time limits may apply)

Chris Wiseman – Addressed the Council about SASO (Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance). He stated it was passed in the County and would like to know if the City will adopt a similar ordinance so that the City does not use its resources to impose on the 2nd Amendment rights of the citizens of Hines, until such time as it goes to ballot to be voted

on by the people. Several counties in the state have adopted the ordinance. SB 554 takes effect 91 days after the end of the current senate session. There is a referendum in the works to repeal this bill. Councilor Quick asked why we don't wait for the state vote? Mr. Wiseman explained that currently SB 554 will go into effect and a referendum has not been introduced yet. He said currently it is very hard to voice your opinion in Salem right now as many government offices are closed to the public.

Daniel Crowe – With State offices closed to the public, passing this ordinance is a way for the City of Hines to show the State government that SB 554 is not in line with the values of the residents of Hines. He said SB 554 is also against Section 27 of the Oregon Bill of Rights. He also stated that a clause in SB 554 says that if a gun is stolen and used in the commission of a crime, the gun owner is civilly responsible for that crime. "This takes reasonableness out of the law".

***City Council Meeting was temporarily adjourned to convene the Budget Hearing at 6:46pm.**

Review of Approved Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Administrator Letham explained there was change to the budget having to do with Liability Insurance. However, there was a change to the Worker's Compensation carrier that will save the City money. Some individual line items have changed however, the overall budget remains the same.

Public Comment to Address the Approved Budget

None

Public Comment to Address the Use of State Revenues

None

Council Comment to Address Approved Budget and Use of State Revenues

None

***Mayor Morgan adjourned the Budget Hearing and reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:52pm.**

Continued Business

Resolution 2301- A Resolution Adopting the 2021/2022 Budget, Making Appropriations and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2301 in its entirety. Resolution 2301 is a resolution of the City of Hines to adopt the 2021/2022 Budget in the total amount of \$6,688,788 as read. *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2301 as read. Councilor Shepherd seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2302 – Loss Prevention Program Annual Evaluation – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2302 in its entirety. A loss control/safety committee has been created for both City Hall and the Fire Department. This program is evaluated annually. *Councilor Quick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2302 as read. Councilor Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2303 – A Resolution Declaring the City’s Election to Receive State Revenues – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2303 in its entirety. Resolution 2303 is a resolution of the City of Hines to receive State revenues for fiscal year 2021/2022. *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2303 as read. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2304 – A Resolution Extending Workers’ Compensation Coverage to Volunteers for the City of Hines – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2304 in its entirety. Resolution No. 2304 is a resolution to provide Workers’ Compensation to city volunteer classes listed in this resolution. *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2304 as read. Councilor York seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2305 – A Resolution Transferring Monies Between Objects of Expenditures – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2305 in its entirety. Resolution No. 2305 transfers monies between objects of expenditure for the 2021/2022 budget year. *Councilor Quick motioned to approve Resolution No. 2305 as read. Councilor Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2300 – A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2268, and Repealing Resolution No. 2297, and All Preceding Resolutions or Ordinances Pertaining to the Setting of Water Meter Rates and Volume Charges, and Authorizing Collection of Such Funds – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2300 in its entirety. Resolution No. 2300 allows the City to begin charging water usage effective July 1, 2021 and will charge usage based upon gallons of water used rather than cubic feet. *Councilor Quick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2300 as read. Councilor Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2306 – A Resolution of the City of Hines Oregon, Accepting Certain Identified Unanticipated Revenues, in the Form of Donations for City Park Improvement to be Added to the General Fund, and Authorizing its Expenditure – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2306 in its entirety. Resolution No. 2306 accepts a donation from Streamline Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Park improvements. *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2306 as read. Councilor York seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Resolution 2307 – A Resolution of the City of Hines, Oregon, Accepting Certain Identified Unanticipated Revenues, in the Form of Donations for the Hines Fire Department to be Added to the General Fund, and Authorizing its Expenditure –

Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2307 in its entirety. Resolution No. 2307 accepts a donation from New Sun Energy, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Fire Department. *Councilor Quick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2307 as read. Councilors Shepherd/Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Planning: Banton Variance Request – Administrator Letham read the Findings and Decision from the Hines Planning Commission for a variance for Kris and Christina Banton at 217 Jones Ave. The Banton's are requesting a shop of 1,440 sf and a roof peak of 21'. The Planning Commission approved recommending that the City Council approve the Banton's request. Councilor Quick asked Mr. Banton why such a high roof peak? Mr. Banton said the engineers said for snow load that was the height they needed. Councilor Quick also recognized that a neighbor was against the bigger shop. Councilor Beers said that 144 sf is not much bigger than what they had. Councilors discussed whether current rules need to be changed. Mayor Morgan stated that the previous shop was built by the previous owner who wanted a bigger shop but didn't get it. Administrator Letham discussed that the original intent of the mandated size was that some lots are rather small and that the oversized shops begin crowding neighborhoods. Also, the bigger the shop, the more a shop can be used for, and it could lead to industrial work in residential neighborhoods. Councilor York asked if this sets precedence? Mayor Morgan said that each variance is supposed to be based on its own merit. Councilor Quick said she thinks the original size is more than adequate. Councilor Miller sees no issue with the taller shop. Councilor York said in general she is against the bigger shop, except that the Banton's are in an area that could handle a bigger shop. *Councilor Shepherd made a motion to approve the variance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 1 Nay (Quick)*

TLT Opportunity: Plectrum Music Co. "Beer & Brats Music Festival" – Daniel Porter owner of Plectrum Music Co. and chairs the Harney County Small Business Committee. The Committee has been working on how to bring people to our community. He lived in Boise, ID and while there he organized music festivals. His idea was to host a music festival with his band. More people have become involved. The Central Hotel will bring food and supply a beer garden. Additional food vendors have committed to participating. Beverage vendors are participating. Activities for kids and families. The City of Burns has agreed to close Washington St. to through traffic between Broadway and Alvord. This year is local bands, food, merchandise vendors, and some bands from out of the area. The plan is to make this an annual event. Lots of energy gathering. He's already received confirmation on some donations. He was asked how much he was charging for the event. He said this year he is not charging anything. He is asking for donations to be able to get this event up and running. Andrea Letham spoke for Small Business Development Center in support of Dan. She said that Dan has been working with businesses in Hines to get

them involved so that it is not a “City of Burns” event, but a community event involving both cities. Councilor Beers asked if Dan is still soliciting for donations from others and was told yes. Discussion between Council members as to how much to approve. *Councilor Quick made a motion to donate \$3,059.00 from TLT funds to the Beer & Brats Music Festival. Councilor York seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, motion carried.*

TLT Opportunity: Kiwanis Club 4th of July Fireworks – *Councilor Quick made a motion to donate \$939.00 from TLT funds to the Kiwanis 4th of July Fireworks show. Councilor Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.*

Livestock Permit: Bamford/Kokesh – Chickens – *Councilor Miller made a motion to approve the livestock permit for Bamford/Kokesh allowing chickens. Councilor Shepherd seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.*

Resolution 2308 – A Resolution for a Budgeted Transfer Between Funds – Administrator Letham read Resolution No. 2308 in its entirety. Transfer of \$26,200.00 from the Sewer line item to Capital Projects/Sewer, setting aside funds to pay for future investment in the sewer fund. *Councilor Shepherd made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2308 as read. Councilor Beers seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.*

Business License: TESLA Charging Station – *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the business license for Tesla, Inc. Councilor York seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.*

Public Comment Period (Speaking time limits may apply):

Andrea Letham Small Business Development Center (SBDC) – Ms. Letham asked what the Economic Development grant is, and what are the rules? Mayor Morgan said it can be used for a multitude of things. It cannot be used for things like inventory. It has been used for beautification, structural improvements, etc. Ms. Letham thanked the City Council for their support of local business.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor York – She has been approached by residents to ask if the City would consider installing speed bumps to slow down traffic.

Councilor Shepherd – She has been approached by multiple residents thanking the City for the mosquito control.

Councilor Quick – She agrees with Councilor Shepherd about the mosquito control. She was at the Skate Park and found a sign with the park name. She asked if the City could get the bushes trimmed back so the sign is visible. She also thanked administrator Letham for his work on the 2021/2022 budget.

Councilor Beers – Thanked Administrator Letham and thanks for the mosquito control. He also suggested the Councilors research for themselves about the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance.

Councilor Miller – He really likes the idea that Dan Porter presented for the music festival. He asked if Boomer Inselman still have the money that was given by the City and was told yes. Administrator Letham will speak to him to find out whether or not he is going forward with the event that he had requested the donation for.

Mayor Morgan – We need more bike stands access. She has found one that is fairly inexpensive using recycled tires. Suggested asking Les Schwab if they will donate old tires and having Public Works put them together and install them in the Parks.

Councilor York – Was talking to a young man in the skateboard community who travels between Bend and Boise, and he told her that the skateboard community is starting to talk about our park and the improvements that have been made. She said she would talk to him again and gather his suggestions on other improvements. She will pass on ideas to Councilor Quick.

Councilor Shepherd: Asked if we could get a crosswalk painted between the north and south parks. Administrator Letham made a note to get a sidewalk painted.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

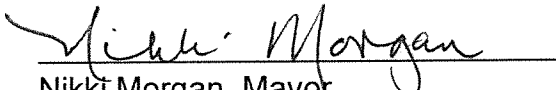
There being no further business, Councilor Beers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirby Letham

City Administrator

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 13, 2021.


Nikki Morgan, Mayor