November 4, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Work Session in the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Klein (Zoom); Councilor Liedkie (Zoom at 3:14 p.m.); Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Furstenau, a resident of Lewiston, spoke against changing the code for shipping containers.

Dick Riggs, a resident of Lewiston, spoke against selling any cemetery property.

Cindy Ball, a resident of Lewiston, spoke against selling any cemetery property.

Elizabeth Goetzinger, a resident of Lewiston and member of the Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission, spoke as a private citizen against selling any cemetery property.

Tami Myers, a resident of Lewiston, expressed cautious excitement about the Reimagine Downtown Lewiston project.

Dan Mader, a resident of Lewiston, spoke in support of the Reimagine Downtown Lewiston project.

Tobe Finch, President of Happy Day Restaurants, spoke in favor of the Reimagine Downtown Lewiston project.

Bob Fabian spoke regarding the cemetery property.

Dennis Hastings of Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home, spoke in support of continued development of the cemetery.

Glenn Rogers, a resident of Lewiston, spoke against allowing shipping.

Penny Barbee, a resident of Lewiston, spoke against allowing shipping containers.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Please note that identifying an item as an "Action Item" does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

A. POLICE RETIREMENT & PERPETUAL CARE FUND: An update on the Police Retirement and Perpetual Care Funds from Senior Portfolio Manager, Jeff Trudeau of US Bank - Action Item

Jeff Trudeau and Jenny Hogaboom from US Bank provided an update on the pension fund, beginning with a brief overview of how pension funds operate. They noted that an actuarial report is expected in December and invited Councilors to reach out with any questions.

Alan Johnson, retired Lewiston Police Officer and member of the retirement board, commended US Bank on their effective management of the fund.

B. MAIN STREET CORRIDOR UPDATE: An update on the Main Street "Reimagine Downtown Lewiston" project from project consultant, Welch Comer & Associates, Inc. - Action Item

Phil Boyd from Welch Comer & Associates provided an update, covering the project timeline, public outreach efforts, and design elements like two-way traffic, potential roundabouts, mid-block crossings, and parking. Upcoming dates include a public open house on November 13 and a preliminary design adoption on November 25.

C. NORMAL HILL CEMETERY MASTER PLAN UPDATE: An update on the progress of the Normal Hill Cemetery Master Plan and community input survey by Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission Chair Shirley Phillips and Public Information Officer Maurer - Action Item

Public Information Officer Maurer summarized the Normal Hill Cemetery survey results, noting that 796 responses were received, with "Option 2"—developing the entire undeveloped land without selling any property—as the preferred choice.

Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission Chair Phillips updated the Council on the Master Plan progress, clarifying that the lack of implementation was due to funding constraints rather than commission neglect. She urged the Council to consider retaining the entire property and to focus on implementing the Master

Plan.

After Council discussion, Mayor Johnson encouraged Councilors to submit any additional questions to the City Clerk for distribution.

D. **SHIPPING CONTAINERS:** A review of proposed amendments to Lewiston City Code Sections 37-129 and 37-3 regarding shipping containers, presented by Community Development Director Grow - Action Item

Community Development Director Grow updated the Council on shipping containers, which are currently prohibited by code but are common in the city. The options discussed include either enforcing the ban or amending the code to allow them. Although Ordinance 4921 passed the first reading, it was delayed after feedback regarding permit fees. Director Grow requested direction from Council on how to proceed.

After discussion, Councilors agreed that further attention was needed before making a decision and requested the issue be placed on a future agenda for review.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

Councilor Forsmann encouraged residents to vote on Election Day and reminded everyone that Veterans Day is on November 11th.

Councilor Spickelmire announced that the Veterans Day Parade will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 11:11 a.m.

B. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

None.

C. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson shared that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is using the Police Department as a staging and briefing area and has brought a Bearcat (armored vehicle) with them. Councilors were invited to view the vehicle, as the Police Department hopes to acquire one in the future.

Mayor Johnson also announced the start of the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Plan annual update process and encouraged public participation.

D. AGENDA TOPICS: Action Item

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilor Forsmann and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the November 4, 2024 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

APPROVED
11/25/2024
City Council