

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday June 16th, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom Meeting.

Members Present: Rachel Brunner, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Hermann, Rick Ryland, Karly Spell, Mayor Ken Williams, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Also Present: City Administrator Darin DeHaan, Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton and Kim Wetzell.

Absent: Roger Cain

Chairman Mark Hermann called the meeting to order.

Karly Spell moved to approve the May 19th, 2020 minutes, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Darin DeHaan started the discussion for Ordinance 2020-106 Chapter 32-88 Driveway Specifications and Driveway Width. He would like the ordinance amended to include additional language such as asphalt driveways for commercial properties, damaged curb to be repaired by property owner if damage is caused by property owner and driveway width be changed. Curbs are being damaged from residents driving over them as they enter their driveway. Terry Plemmons would like to see that residents are required to replace the curb and gutter at the time they replace the driveway. Mayor Ken Williams asked if residents would be responsible to replace curb if larger vehicles other than the homeowner damaged the curb. Terry Plemmons did not see that being an issue but if that became an issue the City would repair the curb. Jeff Hallock asked if the term "parkway" should be changed to "terrace" since this is the term commonly used. Rachel Brunner asked if we should use the term "required" as well. Terry Plemmons said it would be much easier if it is required to replace the curb and gutter when a driveway is replaced.

Karly Spell moved to accept amendments to Ordinance 2020-106 Chapter 32-88 Driveway Specifications and move to City Council for approval, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Darin DeHaan started the discussion for Ordinance 2020-XXX Dumpster regulations. He has been working with Terry Plemmons and they would like to create a new ordinance to regulate dumpsters. A resident would be required to apply for a permit if the dumpster would be on or cross public property. This would allow the Street Superintendent to investigate for possible damage to sidewalks and curbs. There is also an issue with dumpsters being left on city streets for extended amounts of time. A 30-day time limit would be added to ordinance with possibility for an extension if needed. Rick Ryland asked about dumpster needing to be behind fencing or in an enclosure. Darin DeHaan said that there have been multiple complaints of overflowing dumpsters at apartment buildings. Rachel Brunner asked if future locations should be required to enclose the dumpster. Fees for the permit for a dumpster would be set by the City Council.

Terry Plemmons, Mark Hermann, and Rachel Brunner walked through town working on the tree replacement program. A large majority of the trees are Sugar and Red Maples. They discussed the damage to sidewalks and issues with power lines. They are researching different species that would be beneficial to the City and preparing a list of local growers and nurseries for residents. They also recommended that trees be planted diversely so that the City doesn't lose multiple trees to environmental causes.

Mayor Ken Williams said that the Zoning Map discussion will remain on the agenda and is an ongoing project.

Rick Ryland asked about the repairs being made to the sidewalks along route 2. Terry Plemmons said that this is a state project to make old sidewalks ADA compliant. The street department is also working on replacing bad squares of sidewalk and would like recommendations from residents. They are currently working on 10th street.

Mark Hermann moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Adjourn: 6:09 PM

Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk