

## City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

**Members Present:** Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Liz Hiemstra, Mark Herman, Rick Ryland, and Karly Spell.

**Also, Present:** Steve Carr, Melanie Cozzi, City Manager Darin DeHaan, John Dickson, Lee Hadick, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, Earleen Hinton, Mike Knoup, Tim & Kim Krug, Kent & Kathy Lawrence, Michael Ring, Terry Schuster, Don Stevens, and Mayor Ken Williams.

**Present via Zoom:** Lynn Baylor-Zies, Rich Rhoads, Stephanie Wendt, and members of the Oregon Fire Protection District.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the requirements of the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is for a variance request submitted by the Oregon Fire Protection District – Allow for the construction of a non-conforming addition to the existing building as well as a variance of the allowable special uses of the River Front Commercial District – pin numbers 16-03-178-005, 16-03-178-008, and 16-03-178-009. He also verified all public notices, and certified mailings were completed as required. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be considered and recorded and provided to the City Council.

Mark Herman opened the public hearing at 5:35pm.

Mike Knoup provided information regarding the variance request and reasons why the addition is needed. Public comments were given and included funding for the project, department staffing levels and growth, lifespan of the proposed addition, infrastructure required, effects of relocating the fire department and attaining sufficient public input on the proposal. Discussion also included the value of protecting river front property and future growth of the community.

Mark Herman closed the public hearing at 6:27pm.

Liz Hiemstra moved to approve the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Jeff Hallock moved to approve the Variance request from the Oregon Fire Protection District – allow for the construction of a non-conforming addition to the existing building as well as a variance of the allowable uses of the River Front Commercial District – Pin #'s 16-03-178-005, 16-03-178-009, 16-03-178-008, and 16-03-178-009, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

**Discussion:** The Planning Commission discussed the timetable for construction, educating the public on the River Front Zoning, and grants available to the fire department.

Hiemstra: Nay. Cain: Yea. Ryland: Yea. Hallock: Yea. Herman: Nay. Spell: Nay. Cropp: Nay.

Mark Herman stated the vote was four to three to deny the variance request. The Planning Commission recommendation will be given to the City Council.

Liz Hiemstra moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm, Seconded by Roger Cain.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk