

City of Dundee
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Russ called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

Attendance Mayor David Russ; City Council President Storr Nelson; City Councilors Bruce Starr, David Ford, David Hinson and Tim Weaver (7:01 PM).

Absent: City Councilor Jeannette Adlong.

Staff Attendance: City Administrator, Steve Dahl; City Attorney, Matthew Kahl; City Engineer, Greg Reid; Fire Chief, Brandon Hamilton and Administrative Assistant / Assistant City Recorder, Kenzie Nagel.

Public Attendance:

Peter Donor, 780 SE Locust Street; Alex Chiper, 520 SW 5th Street; Randall Glahn, 741 SE Elm Street.
Via Zoom: Bethany Caruso, 179 SW 9th Street.

AGENDA CHANGES

C. Ford inquired about adding a new business item pertaining to the budget. M. Russ answered that it would be added as item 5.3 to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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4.2 Police Report Ending August 2024

ACTION: Motion to Approve the amended Consent Agenda.

Motion: C. Ford

Second: C. Starr

Vote: Unanimous in favor

M. Russ noted an error in the September 3rd minutes in the mayor's report, as he was referring to a speed trailer on 9th Street. He also wanted to make a point about the Garden Club's donation of irises for students at the new elementary school to plant. After further discussion, the amended consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF FIRE COMMAND TRUCK

F.C. Hamilton approached Council for the approval of the replacement staff vehicle, seeking up to \$80,000. C. Ford voiced concern over the purchase, citing discomfort with the current budget. Discussion ensued regarding the approved budget. F.C. Hamilton explained that, since the last meeting, he has been able to order the truck for production but can cancel the order if it is not approved tonight. A detailed report was provided on page nine of the agenda packet. After a lengthy discussion, Council concluded to wait until the budget was straightened out before spending any additional money.

REVIEW OF LOC PRIORITIES

Council reviewed the ten priorities listed on page twelve of the agenda packet, including an additional handout. C. Starr discussed the road user fee and gas tax, drawing on his legislative experience to provide insights into the topic. M. Russ suggested reallocating the road user fee and gas tax to replace behavioral health enhancements and removing energy affordability; further discussion ensued. The consensus of Council was to approve the following priority items: 2025 transportation package, infrastructure funding, shelter and homelessness response, shift from a gas tax to a road user fee and restoration of recreational immunity.

BUDGET REVIEW

C. Ford distributed a handout to Council with a detailed review of budget figures. Discussion ensued about the state of the budget and various fund allocations. He suggested scheduling a meeting with C.A. Dahl, Mayor Russ, and City Council President Storr Nelson to review the budget in more detail.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13, BUILDING FEE INCREASE

C.A. Dahl explained that the last building fee increase was December 2021. A detailed report was provided starting on page 31 of the agenda packet. Council began to review the current building fee comparisons with surrounding cities. C. Ford cautioned against raising fees, as it could deter incoming developers, noting that raising revenue was essential for improving the city's budget. After lengthy discussion, Council requested a proposal for a technology fee to be considered at the next meeting as an alternative to raising building fees.

9TH STREET UPDATE

C.E. Reid updated Council on the 9th Street project, noting that Ziply plans to complete their work within the next five weeks. He reported that copper and fiber conduit placement would be finished this week, with customer notifications for underground work scheduled for the week of September 20, and

pole services planned for the week of October 26. C.E. Reid requested Council to start filing public complaints with the executive committee to expedite certain delayed work. Discussion followed about the overall project and potential contacts within Ziplly's upper management.

COUNCIL CONCERNS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- C. Hinson asked if the timing of the water rate increase was still in effect for the new year. C.A. Dahl confirmed that it would be.
- C. Nelson inquired about the signage at ARCO. C.A. Dahl informed Council of the permitted number of signs and stated that they have been given until the end of the month to comply.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- C.A. Dahl informed Council about a recent firefighter injury
- The Waste Management trash drop off event held last Saturday was successful
- He visited the new school and noted very minimal car traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods
- 9th Street has been particularly active for speeding, keeping the police busy in that area

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council met in Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate property transactions.


The City Council did not reconvene, and the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.



David Russ, Mayor

Attest:


Steve Dahl, City Administrator/Recorder