

CITY OF LA PINE TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, April 10, 2010

12:30 p.m.

Finley Butte Park Building

51390 Walling Lane, La Pine, Oregon 97739.

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2. Establish Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
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 - Wells Ashby – Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge
 - Tony DeBone – Deschutes County Commissioner Position #1
 - John Boyle – Deschutes County Commissioner Position #1
 - Dallas Brown – Deschutes County Commissioner Position #1
 - Ed Barbeau – Deschutes County Commissioner Position #3
 - Nancy Blankenship – Deschutes County Clerk
 - Mike Duggan – Deschutes County District Attorney
5. Open Public Forum for City Council
6. Adjourn Town Hall Meeting

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the City Council to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Luana K. Damerval at (541) 536-1432.

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Mayor Shields called the meeting to order at 12:41 pm.

2. Establish Quorum

Roll Call

Present Were:

Mayor Kitty Shields
Councilor Doug Ward
Councilor Barbara Hedges
Councilor Adele McAfee
Councilor Don Greiner
City Attorney Jeremy Green
City Recorder Luana Damerval
Admin Ass't Patricia Morgan

Quorum established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor McAfee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Shields announced that the candidates will each be allowed five minutes for their speech. She said if need be, the ending time for the Town Hall meeting could be extended.

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Scott Langton – Deschutes County Assessor

Patrick Flaherty, candidate for the Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge, gave a brief history of his experience as a Prosecutor for the District Attorney's office. He said the District Attorney's office is about justice not about politics. Mr. Flaherty said that public safety resources are limited at this time and they do not need to ask the public to pay more, they need to be more efficient.

Mike Duggan, candidate for Deschutes County District Attorney, spoke about his 23 years of public service, and the community programs he assisted in forming in Deschutes County.

Tony DeBone, Candidate for County Commissioner Position #1, spoke about his experience heading up the Park and Rec District and also his other community work experience. We need to diversify the economy in La Pine and suggested people follow their passion to start a new career or a company.

John Boyle, Candidate for County Commissioner Position #1, talked about how unequal justice creates problems in society. He said by treating all citizens fairly will help eliminate unfair practices in Deschutes County.

Dallas Brown, Candidate for County Commissioner Position #1, talked about public transportation, jobs, education and good services for Veterans. He said this was a great concern to him and he confirmed that the new Veterans Center has been opened. Pam Cosmo, 51427 Cedar Rd., asked Mr. Brown about his opinion regarding the nitrate septic issue in South Deschutes County. He said he wants to find a resolution to the problem with all parties coming together. Pat Murphy, 51427 Cedar Rd., asked about County staff problems regarding misinformation or poor research. Candidate Brown said he will work hard to ensure the professionalism of County staff members.

Ed Barbeau, candidate for County Commissioner Position #3, talked about his work as a private investigator in the past and also as a current restaurant owner. He said he feels there is a disconnect of areas represented. He also said he feels he can represent La Pine as he would for anyone else in the County.

Nancy Blankenship, candidate for the Deschutes County Clerk, stated that she will not be on the ballot until November but wanted to introduce herself at today's meeting. She is proud of her department and staff and will continue to update the website for ease of use. Candidate Blankenship also stated that voter registration has been available online since March 1st.

Scott Langton, candidate for Deschutes County Assessor, introduced himself and stated that Oregon has a unique and complex tax assessment process. He stated that if people have questions to call him or he could do a Town Hall also.

Wells Ashby, candidate for Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge, stated that he works with Mike Dugan in the District Attorney's office. He said he has had instructional classes in La Pine on Cybercrimes and was involved with Saving Grace and other volunteer services.

Thomas Hill, candidate for Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge, stated that the law is what it is and that judges do not always like the law. He said it is the District Attorney that decides who gets prosecuted. Candidate Hill said the judge needs to be fair, honest and unbiased.

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5. Open Public Forum for City Council

Mayor Shields welcomed the public and opened the forum by reading over some basic guidelines for the meeting today. She also requested that all speakers give their names and addresses at the beginning of their question for record keeping purposes.

Tim O'Neil, 16464 Heath Drive, spoke about a serious issue with a vacant house in his neighborhood. He said a pipe had broken and the house had been flooded with water for quite some time. Mr. O'Neil stated that he was unable to contact the owner and after contacting various public agencies had received no constructive assistance. He said he considered the problem a nuisance and a health violation because of the bad odors and standing water. City Attorney Green requested information about the property and

stated he would call the County and find out why they have not taken action regarding the problem. The house is located at 14462 Heath Drive in La Pine.

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Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting, Inc., introduced herself and discussed the work her company had done on the comprehensive plan and also the work they would now be doing on the zoning ordinances. She talked about the Name the Neighborhood Contest and showed the poster that had been created for the contest. Ms. McMahon said there are three designated neighborhoods in the City. She said the entries would need to be received by May 15th.

Virginia Classen, Planning Commissioner, stated that the contest would hopefully increase involvement of residents in the various City committees and also the Planning Commission. It was discussed that there are currently openings for a Planning Commissioner, the Transportation Advisory Committee and also the Utilities Committee.

Dan Varcoe, Chamber of Commerce, discussed the current banners hung on the light posts and asked for input from the City. Karen Demaris, Ford Foundation, stated that they need the City Council to give approval to the banner proposal so they can move forward and implement the plan. Mr. Varcoe was advised to contact City Hall and plan to be on a future meeting agenda to give a presentation to the Council. Art Uecker, Ford Foundation, offered to work on the banner issue with Dan Varcoe. Robin Mirrasoul, area resident, expressed concern that the process move forward smoothly and efficiently so the project the Ford Foundation produced for the City will be successful.

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Candidate Flaherty stated that he had asked in the past about the beautification issue in the City and was now requesting an update. Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting, Inc., stated that with the zoning ordinance project these types of issues will be addressed and there will also be public meetings to get input from the community on how to address the issue. Councilor McAfee stated that she saw this as an opportunity for the public to express their vision for how they want the City to look in the future. Planning Commission John Thomas stated that a code enforcement officer will also be needed to implement the codes at some point in time.

Patti Wintry, unknown address, stated that paint and landscaping does not require zoning ordinances and if people would just try to improve their own properties it would really help. She also complained that COCC (Central Oregon Community College) holds very few classes in La Pine. Tony Debone, Parks & Rec District, stated that they are working on holding community classes. Gloria Fleming, area resident, suggested recommending classes to COCC and also stated that she liked the idea of having educational programs through the Park & Rec District.

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Robin Mirrasoul, PO Box 3239, congratulated the Council on working on several of the issues brought up the last Town Hall Meeting. In particular, she referenced the hiring of a City Manager, completion of a City Charter and exploring the absorption of the Water and Sewer Districts. She also thanked Administrative Assistant Morgan for her work.

Vicky Jackson, 17346 Mink Court, area resident, asked if the proposed interim City Manager will be given the authority to make decisions and actually run the City. Mayor Shields said that the Council is currently working on that issue and also the job description. Ms. Jackson also talked about code enforcement issues and the lack of code enforcement officers in Deschutes County.

Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting Inc., discussed the hard work the City Council has been doing on the Hwy 97 traffic issues. She also discussed the RFP (Request for Proposal) for a traffic analysis study to be done.

Gloria Fleming, Planning Commissioner, mentioned that the Little Deschutes Lodge is now taking applications for Phase II of their housing project for low income people over 55 years of age. She said the cut-off date is April 26th.

Jayne Benner, Vice Chair of the Utilities Committee, asked about the SDC's (Systems Development Charges) and if the City was any closer to considering SDC's. Mayor Shields stated that it was one of the issues that the Traffic Analysis Study will be addressing.

Stu Martinez, PO Box 2669, former Mayor for the City of La Pine, suggested that through the City Manager hiring process the Council continue to get educated. He said that in the past the Council overstepped their bounds by trying to run the City management. Mr. Martinez reminded the Council that their role is as policy makers and to let the new City Manager handle the management functions of the City.

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Lupita Lewis, member of the La Pine Tourism Committee, asked why there was no representative from the City at a transportation meeting held recently with ODOT and other interested persons. Mayor Shields discussed the Wickiup Junction Project and also the MOU for the traffic analysis study between the County, ODOT, LIGI (La Pine Industrial Group) and the City. Councilor McAfee discussed the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the traffic analysis study. She said it was a big accomplishment for the City to be able to develop the MOU between the different entities. She also stated that no one at the City had been notified about the transportation meeting that Ms. Lewis referenced.

Councilor Ward stated that the City's cost share of improvements, based on recommendations from the Traffic Analysis study will probably be around \$400,000. Councilor Greiner also stated that the Councilors do attend a number of individual meetings in the region, but cannot make them all.

John Thomas, Chair of the Planning Commission, stated that the Commission is currently down a member and that they need applicants that live within the City limits to apply for the position. He also discussed the Transportation Advisory Committee that was recently formed and needs members.

In response to a question regarding having a person living outside the City limits serving on the City Council, City Attorney Green stated that preliminary research has indicated it may be a possibility. John Thomas, Chair of the Planning Commission, suggested a timeline for the City Charter so it can be on the November 2010 ballot. City Attorney Green stated that this issue will be discussed at the Council meeting scheduled for April 28th.

City Attorney Green discussed, in response to a question from Jayne Benner, that in the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the traffic analysis study it describes the various funding mechanisms available.

In response to a question from Andrew Smead, unknown address, Commissioner Thomas discussed how the Urban Growth Boundary was defined in the Comprehensive Plan for a 20 year time period. Mayor Shields also said that State land use laws dictate how and when the City can annex and currently it has been determined that within the City boundaries there is more than enough commercial, residential and industrial land.

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Pam Cosmo suggested that business owners within the City of La Pine should be extended rights of citizens to sit on the Council and other positions with the City. Mayor Shields stated that City Attorney Green will be reviewing this option.

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Linda Johnston, Tourism Committee member, suggested with the La Pine Industrial and Newberry Business Parks the City should try to bring in more businesses to benefit the public. Councilor

McAfee stated that is one of the reasons that the City is looking into absorbing the Water and Sewer Districts, to try and encourage more businesses to come into the City.

Candidate John Boyle discussed that in regard to the nitrate issue and the new septic systems many people do not know that the federal government will pay 71% of the costs of the new systems.

Councilor Ward stated that currently the City of La Pine has the lowest tax rate in the County. He said that the City does many things to encourage businesses to come into the City. Councilor Ward also discussed Biogreen moving into the area and starting construction, probably sometime this year. In response to a question from Robin Mirrasoul, Councilor Ward said that the City will be absorbing the Sewer and Water Districts but that many things have to occur before that can happen. Jayne Benner, Vice-Chair Utilities Committee, stated that regarding the loan the Special Districts currently have, that USCD (United States Commerce Department) sets the amounts and that you cannot blame the Sewer Districts for those costs.

Dan Varcoe, in reference to a question regarding business development, talked briefly about how Prineville got Facebook to come to their City. He said that Prineville held a heavy duty marketing campaign to attract Facebook to their City.

Councilor Ward thanked the public for attending the Town Hall today and stated that the Council is trying to do the best possible job for everyone. Councilor McAfee stated that there is a renewed excitement in the City of La Pine and that we need to come together for a shared vision. Mayor Shields thanked the public for attending the Town Hall Meeting. Councilor Hedges stated that she appreciated the watchdogs, and hoped they would keep hammering on the Council to get things done because it keeps us on top of things. Councilor Greiner stated he would echo what Councilor Ward had just talked about. City Recorder Damerval said she felt it was good meeting.

6. Adjourn Town Hall Meeting

A motion was made by Councilor Ward and seconded by Councilor McAfee to Adjourn the Meeting.

| <i>Vote as follows:</i> | <i>AYE</i> | <i>NAY</i> |
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| <i>Mayor Kitty Shields</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Councilor Doug Ward</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Councilor Barbara Hedges</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Councilor Adele McAfee</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Councilor Don Greiner</i> | <i>X</i> | |

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Shields adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.

Mayor Kitty Shields

Attest:

City Recorder Luana Damerval