

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
July 14, 2022
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Walt Perry, Dave Beyerl, Bob Rossiter, Mike Myers, David Watkins,
David Kellogg, Keonali Hutley

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Deanna Donato

I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the flag salute.

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. City Response to Measure 109: The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act

Mayor Myers noted that through discussion, the City Manager was seeking a consensus from the Council on the direction they wanted to take, in order for the proper election materials to be prepared and brought before them at the next meeting for a decision. The three options before them were to put forth to the voters a permanent ban on psilocybin service centers and the manufacturing of said products; or, to put forth to the voters a two-year moratorium placing a temporary ban on psilocybin service centers and the manufacturing of said products until December 31, 2024; or, do nothing and wait for more OHA guidelines to come forth before generating a policy to regulate psilocybin service centers and the manufacturing of said products within the City.

There was brief discussion amongst the Council, each sharing which option they would go with; however, those that were for a permanent ban were interested in getting clarification on the sunset clause, noting that if after two years, they could put forth a permanent ban, they would be more apt to go with the 2-year temporary ban at that point. Councilor Beyerl felt all prior drug legislation had failed miserably and was in favor of a permanent ban. Mayor Myers, while not a voting member, shared his opinion that the loosening drug restrictions had already proven to be very troublesome and he would deny it as well. Mayor Myers requested clarification on the sunset clause come back to Council in two weeks and that Council be prepared for a final vote, given the short window of time with the election calendar.

B. LOC 2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot – City to Select Top 5 Issues

Mayor Myers asked each Councilor for their top 5 issues from the list of 28 topics provided by the LOC. After compiling and reviewing the list he gathered from Councilors individual responses, he selected 5 that the City would recommend to the League's 2022 legislative agenda. The top 5 were:

- #8 Address Measure 110 Shortcomings
- #15 Economic Development Incentives
- #20 Incentives for Broadband Affordability, Adoption, and Consumer Protection
- #22 Transportation Safety Enhancement

- #28 Infrastructure Financing & Resilience

C. Paid Holiday Benefit: Juneteenth & Indigenous Peoples' Day

In a memo provided by the City Manager, it was noted that Councilor Hutley had requested the subject be on the agenda for Council's consideration, and along with some background about the importance of each day, Sarah Cook's recommendations were included. Councilor Hutley, who works for HUD, noted Juneteenth had been declared both a state and federal holiday the prior year and Indigenous Peoples' Day was also recognized as a state holiday. Her employer, as well as most other government agencies, already adopted and observed both holidays and she was interested in implementing the same at the City, along with providing education about the significance of the two days and why people had the day off to recognize them. Councilor Hutley felt deeply about the topic, and through her emotions commented that in the 10 years she had lived in Jefferson, she had seen a lot of support for the founders of the community and she wanted to find out more about who was here before them. She added the area was the ancestral lands of the Santiam and Kalapuya band of Native Americans and their descendants were still here, along with their culture and histories. They were represented by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz and were valued assets to the community.

Mayor Myers read the staff recommendation, which was "for the City of Jefferson to convey our respect and gratitude for indigenous peoples by formally recognizing and observing "Native American Day" annually, on the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day, and that the Employee Handbook be amended to reflect the name of the holiday", and for Juneteenth, "that the City of Jefferson formally declare and observe "Juneteenth" as a paid holiday, annually on June 19, or the prior Friday or following Monday should it fall on a weekend, and that the Employee Handbook be amended to reflect the addition of this 11th paid holiday benefit", and then sought input from each Councilor:

- Councilor Watkins was in favor of Juneteenth, but not of Indigenous Peoples' Day, as it was not the same everywhere. He was in support of it being recognized as a holiday, just not a paid one.
- Councilor Perry was in favor of Juneteenth, as it was already a declared holiday, and said he was in favor and ok with Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Councilor Rossiter was fine with Juneteenth, but was neither for or against Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Councilor Kellogg had no problem with Indigenous Peoples' Day; however, he felt like the City would just be checking a box to say they did it since there was no set day, and he wanted to make sure that was not the case. He was not in favor of Juneteenth, indicating he did not feel there needed to be two Independence days.
- Councilor Hutley was in favor of both days being added, honored, and observed.
- Councilor Beyerl said he wasn't opposed to the days specifically; however, he was opposed to setting special days for certain people rather than treating everyone for who they were every day.

Without a clear consensus on the matter, the Mayor restated the recommendation from the City Manager, that Indigenous Peoples' Day be recognized on the day after Thanksgiving, as staff had already exchanged the Columbus Day holiday for that day, so there wouldn't be any changes to the current schedule, and that by adding Juneteenth, it would make it the 11th holiday observed by the City. Mayor Myers suggested the day after Thanksgiving be removed and that recognition and observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day be the second Monday in October (Columbus Day) and to follow the recommendation for adding Juneteenth to the calendar, and asked for further Council input.

- Councilor Beyerl thought there should only be 10 paid holidays and no extras, and agreed with moving the day after Thanksgiving holiday back to October.
- Councilor Kellogg agreed to moving the day after Thanksgiving holiday back to October.
- Councilor Perry agreed to moving the day after Thanksgiving holiday back to October.
- Councilor Hutley wanted both Indigenous Peoples' Day and Juneteenth added and observed.

With no other comments, Mayor Myers suggested that the motions be made separately to keep it orderly. Councilor Kellogg moved to remove the day after Thanksgiving from the paid holiday schedule and make Indigenous Peoples' Day the second Monday in October a paid holiday. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 3 (Kellogg, Hutley, Perry), Opposed – 0, Abstained – 3 (Watkins, Rossiter, Beyerl). The Mayor cast a tie breaking vote in favor of the change; however, with 3 Ayes and 3 Abstained, there was no tie, as the vote was invalid for lack of a majority.

Councilor Kellogg moved to recognize Juneteenth as described by Sarah Cook, but not as a paid holiday. Councilor Perry seconded. Ayes – 4, Opposed – 1 (Hutley), Abstained – 1 (Perry).

APPROVED

III. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 1st half of July

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the payables and Councilor Rossiter seconded. Deanna Donato provided explanation on a couple questions from Councilor Kellogg. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0.

APPROVED.

IV. VISITORS – none

V. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Watkins thanked Linda Baker for all the help at the Farmers Market and inquired with Deanna Donato if there had been any new developments with the projects that had been before the Planning Commission, to which she shared the plans had just come in for the Creekside Apartments and were going through the various City channels of approval before sending them on to the County.

Councilor Perry expressed concern about some of the habitual code enforcement violations and the Deputy Recorder explained some of the conflicts within the code and the lengthy process for bank owned properties.

Councilor Rossiter encouraged everyone to shop local to support the businesses in town, as some were still struggling. Mayor Myers added to that, stating the bread and flowers at the Farmers Market were wonderful and he considered the first Farmers Market of Jefferson to be a success.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Councilor Rossiter moved to adjourn and Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 25th day of August, 2022.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder