

Approved at the February 8, 2022 Council Meeting

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Via Virtual Meeting

January 25, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lepin called the work session to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL
- Councilors Present: Mayor Jim Lepin, Councilors Scott Cowan, Dave Harms, Scott McPhee, John Sullivan
- Councilors Absent: None
- Staff Present: Kevin Kreitman, City Manager; Janelle Booth, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer; Forrest Reid, City Attorney; Kimberly Wollenburg, City Recorder; Matt Straite, Community Development Director
- Guests Present: Undersheriff Micha Smith, Linn County Sheriff's Office  
Love's District Manager Jose Lomeli  
Kym Van Dyke, Love's Real Estate
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
- D. NEW BUSINESS
- 1) Love's Law Enforcement Discussion
- Mayor Lepin read his comments regarding the issue of law enforcement at Love's Truck Stop, including how much it has increased since 2018. City Manager Kreitman then shared some specific statistics regarding the impacts on law enforcement by Love's and impact on how much of the contract hours are spent on issues at or related to Love's presence. Undersheriff Smith gave a presentation and provided a data snapshot for Love's beginning in 2016, prior to Love's opening. Councilor Cowan asked if the data included calls with the Oregon State Police. Undersheriff Smith confirmed it does not nor does it include medical or fire calls.
- City Manager Kreitman noted that there have been discussions with OSP regarding their involvement. He said the biggest issue is that the City's increase in contracted hours with LCSO in 2019 is being used by Love's, when the intent was to provide additional services to support Millersburg's growth.
- Jose Lomeli, District Manager for Love's, suggested that they can reduce the number of calls by taking care of them in-house. He noted that he's worked with other cities and law enforcement to reduce the impact. Mayor Lepin shared some recent calls where it appears these were things that could have been handled by Love's staff instead of law enforcement. He also shared that during the approval process, Love's said that if too many issues occurred, using private security is a possibility.

Kym Van Dyke, Love's Real Estate, shared that Love's wants to be a part of the solution. He requested a more detailed analysis of what the calls comprised—if they were store calls or customer calls. Undersheriff Smith said LCSO can provide more information. He also noted that it is an inherent function of business in a city to have traffic stops attributed to the address, and that higher volume businesses will correlate to higher volume of traffic stops in that area. He said that the reason extra patrols are so high is because LCSO is attempting to curtail having to return and spend extra amounts of time dealing with activities at Love's and these are also often at the request of City Council, the Mayor, City Manager's office, or Love's employees. He noted he is concerned about impeding or somehow regulating Love's employees' ability to contact LCSO as things can escalate which will make matters worse.

Mayor Lepin recommended Love's providing the data to Love's for their review and for Love's and city staff to follow up and look at potential options to resolve the concerns and report back, at the March 8, 2022 Council meeting. The Council concurred.

Councilor McPhee noted that from his search, crime at truck stops appears to be a concern in a lot of areas and sharing that crime appears to be increasing in truck stops across the nation. From his perspective, Mr. Van Dyke said that he agreed that increases have happened in the last couple of years that could possibly be a side effect of Covid.

E. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT  
None

F. CLOSING COUNCIL COMMENT  
None

G. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION: Mayor Lepin adjourned the work session at 4:50 p.m. then entered into an Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designed by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

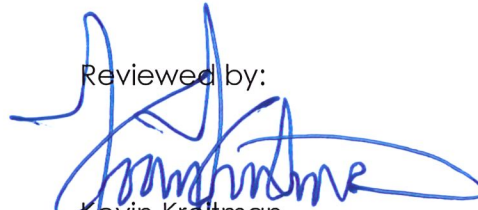
H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted:



Kimberly Wollenburg  
City Recorder

Reviewed by:



Kevin Krellman  
City Manager