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Wright's requests had already been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, according to Senior Planner Roxanne Johnston.

She also reviewed the steps taken to assure city services could be provided to the location.

There were no public comments regarding this request and the annexation was approved unanimously.

The second annexation request, along with a related zoning change, was submitted for council approval in the form of Ordinances No. 7 and 8, Series 2021. The petitioners requested annexation of 7.87 acres of property and a zoning designation assignment to property described as Assessor's Map 18-12-11-33 Tax Lots 01900 & 01800, located approximately 1,260 feet northeast of the intersection at Highway 101 and Munsel Lake Road on the east side of Highway 101. The proposed zoning is service industrial.

Properties north and south of this property were annexed into the city in 2016 and are zoned service industrial. Sewer services were extended from Munsel Lake Road north along Highway 101 to provide services to the abutting properties as they were annexed.

In a statement included in the information packet provided for the meeting, Public Works Director Mike Miller expressed some additional considerations. He shared these with councilors regarding the connection of the annexed location to the city water system.

"In order to provide service to the proposed development, the developer will need to connect to the existing 8-inch gravity sewer lateral at station 143+29.1 and extend a sewer line that can be used for the development of the property. There is also an existing 8-inch gravity sewer lateral at station,"

Miller said. "It is the policy of the City of Florence to provide sanitary sewer service to any property within the city's wastewater service area. However, the property owners are to pay for sewer main extension, manholes, pump stations, construction, connection fees, engineering fees, street opening permits and any other fees necessary for the connection to the public sewer system for the project."

There were few additional questions for City Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, who then led the council through the steps taken by staff and other civic bodies to assure the petitioner and the council of the legality and efficacy of the annexation. After FarleyCampbell's review, the council unanimously approved the two ordinances.

The next action item for councilors to consider was the annual review and modification of the rates waste haulers operating in and around the Florence area, Central Coast Disposal and County Waste Transfer charge customers.

There is a detailed, comprehensive process which is undertaken to determine the percent of profit the companies make and these calculations are provided to councilors. The process to determine a fair rise in prices for haulers has been part of previous city meetings, including the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC).

FarleyCampbell shared with the council the following, "Input was received from the haulers and analyzed by either Chris Bell or city staff. EMAC held a meeting March 16 to receive a report (dated February 2021) from Bell and Associates and on April 20 they held a public hearing on the proposed rates."

Following EMAC's hearing, Bell updated the report and added recycle surcharge information.

FarleyCampbell then

gave the results and/or recommendations from Bell and EMAC, saying, "The proposed rate increases include consideration of Lane County's tipping fee increase of 2.1 percent effective July 1. Also, Bell analyzed costs for a curbside yard waste service to address a work plan task."

She reviewed in detail the results of the audit done by Bell and Associates and forwarded the company's recommendation for a 3 percent increase in can/cart fees and a \$5.30 increase for drop box pick-up.

The council unanimously approved the recommendation for increases as suggested by Bell and city staff. There were no public comments related to this agenda item.

The fourth action item of the evening was the consideration of a sale of city property in the Pacific Business View Park. The applicant has requested confidentiality but has agreed to pay \$3 a square foot for the space, which totals 68,389 sq. ft. This brings the price for the land to \$205,000.

City Recorder and Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese led councilors through the details of this agenda item, sharing the previously paid prices for plots in the Pacific View Business Park, which sold for \$1.42 per sq. ft in 2016 and 2017.

Councilors then authorized City Manager Erin Reynolds to sign and execute the transaction on

behalf of the city.

The final action item considered and approved by the council was a proposal presented by Florence Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Bettina Hannigan.

In her presentation, Hannigan requested authorization for the chamber to place banners within the right of way along Highways 101 and 126 and in Historic Old Town. These signs would highlight Florence-related locations and activities.

The request also asked the council to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with Central Lincoln People's Utility District (PUD) for the installation and maintenance of the banners on PUD poles.

Hannigan's presentation included examples of the banners and, after assurances that the chamber would be paying for the banners and related upkeep, the council unanimously approved the request.

"The banners proposed will be made of a high-quality standard material and printing process that has been time tested in many other jurisdictions, including the Pacific and Atlantic coasts," Hannigan said. "To mitigate wear and tear, there will be several seasonal versions of the banners, making them coordinate with our seasons. The project also includes a refreshment plan to keep banners looking crisp. Rotating the banners seasonally will

keep them looking fresh longer and the change out allows people to see something new and serves as a time threshold, opening eyes to seeing what the area has to offer."

There was some hesitation shown by Councilor Margaret Wisniewski to authorizing the banners without council having a final opportunity to approve the images on the banners. This concern was alleviated when Wisniewski was reminded by Reynolds the chamber was part of the promotional team for the city and was also not a city department and consequently should be allowed the latitude to decide on the appropriate images for the banners.

Following this, Reynolds gave her city manager report, which stated the city was prepared to act on announcements this week related to changes in the state's COVID-19 guidance. She said the transition of employees from home to working at city offices would be dependent on status changes as determined by Lane County Public Health.

Next, Councilor Sally Wantz asked that the full council recognize the request made during the public comments portion of the meeting by area resident Britte Kirsch, who is a former member of EMAC and a leading community

voice for environmentally sound policies related to city actions, priorities and future plans.

Kirsch spoke in support of the Florence Farmers Market at the beginning of the evening and asked the council to take an active role in promoting the market.

"As a member of the outreach committee for the Florence Farmers Market and a volunteer at the market, I would like to extend an ongoing invitation to all city council members, city staff and Mayor Joe Henry to come and visit the walk-in farmers market, Tuesdays between 3 and 6 p.m. through October 12," Kirsch said. "As you know, one of the city's sustainable promotional items in the work plan is to create pathways for sustainable local food production and security, and a local farmers market does just that. Our first market of the season, last Tuesday, was attended by over 300 residents and visitors to the area."

The Florence Farmers Market is held on Tuesday from 3-6 p.m., just west of Veterans Park on Bay Street. The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for June 7, at 5:30 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHT:


The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News and Coast Radio Sports congratulate junior Siuslaw softball player **Bailey Overton**. Bailey hit an unprecedented 4 home runs in 4 consecutive at bats in game two of Saturday's double-header against Junction City. On defense she had 5 put outs and one assist.

Honorable Mention: Sam Ulrich- Siuslaw Track and Field

Honorable mention goes to sophomore Track and Field stand out Sam Ulrich who finished first in both the 800 and 1500 meter race in the Sky-EM Championships and was named top male runner of the meet.

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