

**City of Lowell, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the City Council Regular Session & Public Hearing**  
**March 7, 2023**

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bennett.

**Members Present:** Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Tim Stratis, Maureen Weathers, Jimmy Murray

**Staff Present:** CA Jeremy Caudle

**Public Comments:** None

**Council Comments:** None

Public hearing on Ordinance 309, “An Ordinance Adopting Text Amendments to Lowell’s Development Code and Text Amendments to Lowell’s Comprehensive Plan Codifying the Lowell Downtown Master Plan

**Regular meeting recessed at 7:02pm**

**Public Hearing called to order at 7:02 pm**

**Report was presented regarding Ordinance 309 by Jacob Callister Principal Planner with Lane Council of Governments**

**Community comments:**

**George Wild**

**Bill George**

**Mia Nelson**

**Jimmy Martini**

**Bob Burr**

**Public Hearing closed at 8:12pm**

**Public Hearing called to order at 8:12 pm**

Public hearing on Ordinance 310, “An Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Properties Contained within the Boundaries of the Regulating Plan, Adopting a New Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Map, and a Revised Regulating Plan Map.”

**Report was presented regarding Ordinance 310 by Jacob Callister Principal Planner with Lane Council of Governments**

**Public Comments:**

**Bob Burr**

**Public Hearing closed at 8:26 pm**

**Regular session reconvened at 8:26 pm**

**New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Stratis for the first reading of Ordinance 309, “An Ordinance Adopting Text Amendments to Lowell’s Development Code and Text Amendments to Lowell’s Comprehensive Plan Codifying the Lowell Downtown Master Plan.” Seconded by Councilor Murray. PASS 5:0

- a. **Motion made by Councilor Murray to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation on this item. Seconded by Councilor Harris Gayle. PASS 5:0**
  - b. **Motion made by Mayor Bennett to accept the staff recommendation to remove the 18” requirement and reword policy in the Downtown Master Plan regarding by Councilor Stratis. PASS 5:0**
  - c. **Motion by Harris to accept the recommendation on carports by Staff and Planning commission. Seconded by Councilor Murray. PASS 5:0**
  - d. **Motion by Councilor Murray to accept the Staff recommendation to keep the minimum lot size for R1 and R3 at 6000 square feet. Seconded by Councilor Stratis. PASS 3:2.**
    - i. **Roll call: Bennett, Stratis, Murray AYE. Harris, Weathers NAY**
  - e. **Motion Weathers made by Councilor to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to accept the downtown city parcel to be detached. Seconded by Councilor Harris. PASS 5:0**
  - f. **Motion made by Councilor Stratis to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for the facade transparency. Seconded by Councilor Murray. PASS 5:0**
  - g. **Mayor Bennett made a motion for the second reading on March 21, 2023, of Ordinance 309, “An Ordinance Adopting Text Amendments to Lowell’s Development Code and Text Amendments to Lowell’s Comprehensive Plan Codifying the Lowell Downtown Master Plan.” Seconded by Councilor Murray. PASS 5:0**
- 2. Councilor Harris made a motion for the First reading of Ordinance 310, “An Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Properties Contained within the Boundaries of the Regulating Plan, Adopting a New Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Map, and a Revised Regulating Plan Map.” Seconded by Councilor Stratis. PASS 5:0**
- a. **Councilor Harris made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to accept the school zones property as public lands. Seconded by Councilor Stratis. PASS 5:0**
  - b. **Councilor Harris made a motion for the second reading on March 21, 2023, of Ordinance 309, “An Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Properties Contained within the Boundaries of the Regulating Plan, Adopting a New Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Map, and a Revised Regulating Plan Map.” Seconded by Councilor Stratis. PASS 5:0**

**Recessed 9:38 pm**


**Reconvened 9:46**

- 1. Discussion about the Sanipac solid waste franchise ordinance**
- 2. Councilor Stratis made a motion to approve the proposed budget calendar for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 5:0**
- 3. Councilor Stratis made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Parks Committee member Hall O’Regan. Seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 5:0.**
- 4. Council received recommendation letter from Planning Commission Chair as directed by the Planning Commission.**

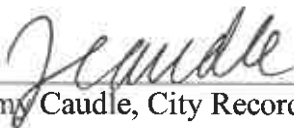
**Mayor Comments:** Mayor spoke about the difference between 7000 lot size and 6000.  
**Councilor Comments:** None

**Community Comments:**  
**George Wild, 200 Marina Vista Lowell. Noted the difference in the council from years past.**

**Adjourn: 10:11 PM**

Approved:   
Don Bennett, Mayor

4-7-23  
Date

Attest:   
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

4/19/23  
Date

