

City of Shady Cove
Emergency Management Commission Study Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Meeting was held via Zoom

I.A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schumacher called the Emergency Management Commission Meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Commission Present: Chair Schumacher, Commissioner Collier, Commissioner Pemberton, Commissioner Glass and Commissioner Wilson (by phone).

Staff Present: Tom Corrigan, City Administrator

Attendees: Fire Chief Winfrey.

I.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair announced the next regularly scheduled Emergency Management Commission Study would take place March 16, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Chair announced the next regularly scheduled Emergency Management Commission Meeting would take place April 6, 2021, one of the agenda items will be cameras for use in wildfire situations.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Minutes Of 021621.

Motion: Commissioner Collier

All Ayes (roll call verification)

Second: Commissioner Pemberton

Motion Carried: 4-0

III. STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator introduced John Trainer from Acoustic Technology Inc (ATI) as one of the vendors that had been referenced by Sheriff Sickler at the last meeting.

Mr. Trainer provided slideshow presentation giving an overview of ATI capabilities, local schematics and recommended equipment for the region. Commission members asked several questions at the end of the presentation to include estimated pricing and how quickly setup could take place.

Commissioner Pemberton asked Fire Chief Winfrey about his familiarity with that type of system and noted that while impressed with the capabilities she was not sure about comparable costs. Fire Chief Winfrey stated that he had not worked with these but it was his understanding that the State of Oregon had just awarded Klamath County with the opportunity to be the first to join a statewide emergency alert system. He said that it depends on what you want for an alert, do you want a voice or digital, he didn't see the need for nine towers within the community using the City of Ashland's system currently in place in the event of a damn failure. He added that digital capabilities would require more towers than a vocal alert or siren.

IV. BUDGET

- A. Chair Schumacher asked the City Administrator about available storage space if the City chose to purchase emergency equipment like mobile alert trailers. The City Administrator described an area that could be made available but space is limited and added that he might recommend the Fire Station as storage location for a trailer as it would likely be them to place the equipment.

City Administrator reported on a FEMA Mitigation Funding Opportunity related to Fire and Post-Fire Early Warning Systems, he needs clarification on what type of alert systems and who they were designed to support.

The Commissioners and City Administrator discussed recommended changes and additions to the Emergency Management Budget.

- B. City Administrator advised the next step would be to await the budget committee process.
- C. Commissioner Collier asked if any of the other Commissioners had considered how the community in general would accept the new alert system in whatever form it may take citing noise level and small community size. Commissioner Pemberton responded that there might be some minor objections to the required monthly tests but proposed if you were to poll the citizens the largest concern from the last event was not having the information, not being alerted.

Commissioner Collier referred everyone to the Sound Survey conducted by Federal Signal and provided to the Commissioners electronically by the City Administrator. A lengthy discussion followed with a consensus to continue gathering information on the system Federal Signal would propose. Additionally, it was also the consensus that a stationary emergency communication unit was the preferred method as opposed to a mobile unit.

Based on the discussion on ShakeAlert City Administrator clarified that an android based phone application would be available as of 10:00 AM March 11th, 2021 called QuakeAlert.

- D. Chair Schumacher asked if anyone had a chapter they wish to lead the Commissioners through at the next meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that their meeting focus would be on Emergency Services and Human Services. Furthermore, after receiving a consensus the Chair advised that each month moving forward at the first meeting of month they would focus on two topics.
- E. Chair Schumacher directed the Commissioners to review the list of goals and submit their names and what goals that are interested in helping with to Commissioner Glass.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Schumacher adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM.

Approved:

Attest:

Ericka Schumacher
Chair

Thomas J. Corrigan
City Administrator

Council Vote:

Chair Schumacher
Commissioner Collier
Commissioner Pemberton
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Glass

