

COUNCIL GOAL SETTING
OF
FEBRUARY 4, 2013
12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Dan Spatz, Carolyn Wood, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Librarian Sheila Dooley, Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek, Planning Director Dick Gassman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DISCUSSION

The City Council reviewed the goals and objectives, removing those completed, modifying and re-prioritizing the objectives, and adding new ones. The new list of goals is attached to the minutes.

FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Young noted that the budget would not include any new programs and that the current budget had a lower beginning fund balance than had been anticipated. He said property tax revenue was lower than projected. Young recommended the Council look closely at their contributions and make adjustments to reduce the total.

Following review of the City Council departmental budget, line item 31-10, the Council agreed to remove contributions to Port of The Dalles for the business recruitment, Celilo Confluence Project, and to reduce the YouthThink contribution to \$5,000. The City Council agreed to include a \$25,000 contribution to Wasco County to assist in paying the bond for infrastructure at the Discovery Center.

There was consensus to increase line item 58-60 (workshops) to \$1,000.

There was consensus to direct staff to purchase lapel microphones for the City Council to improve the audience's ability to hear proceedings.

There was discussion regarding proceeding with a study for the next phase of the City Hall remodel and consensus to allow the study to proceed in the upcoming fiscal year.

There was discussion regarding a backup plan for the location of the QLife equipment. Councilor Spatz expressed concern regarding potential of flooding of the basement of City Hall.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed public parking structure. Mayor Lawrence said he believed there was agreement that the structure would not be constructed unless the Granada redevelopment occurred. City Manager Young said the design work needed to be completed because the parking structure would be a key piece of the development regardless of who the developer would be. He said it was expected the RFP for the design of the parking structure would be out for bid in 30 to 45 days. Young said part of the proposed agreement included the developer providing their business and financial plans to the City Council.

Councilor Miller said citizens had related to her that they would prefer to see urban renewal money being spent to pay for needed infrastructure improvements, not to pay for projects such as the Granada Block redevelopment.

Councilor Spatz said the redevelopment of the Granada Block was exactly the type of project that urban renewal funds should be used for. He said infrastructure should be maintained with the revenues generated by providing their service.

Mayor Lawrence said projects receiving urban renewal assistance should be returning money to urban renewal but that did not seem to be how it was working. Spatz said improvements to buildings would increase the tax base.

Councilor Dick said the Granada block was in terrible condition currently and needed to be brought back to a viable part of the downtown. He said he would continue to support the project and believed it would be a great asset to the community.

Councilor Wood said she also was in support of the project and said the community had worked hard to get the program in place many years ago. She said she was pleased with all the good projects that had been completed because of the program.

Councilor McGlothlin said he had been concerned about the Granada Block project, but had researched the developers and was confident they would put together a good project. He said he would share his research with the Mayor. McGlothlin asked about the status of the Urban Renewal loan/grant program.

City Manager Young said staff would be providing a report to the Council regarding the loan program.

There was a discussion regarding funds received from Google as a result of their participation in the Enterprise Zone. City Manager Young said the funds were paid to Wasco County, who then distributed them. He said it was discretionary and the QLife program received a portion of the funds, but the City did not receive any of them.

There was discussion regarding projects in the Street Fund. It was noted that the crack seal program had not been done for the past two years due to weather, but a large project was planned for the Spring. It was also explained that some projects were included in the Capital Improvement Plan, while others were

included in the budget for Fund 13 within the Street Department budget. City Manager explained that areas annexed into the City were still subject to County road maintenance until streets were brought up to standards and accepted by the City. He said the County and City didn't agree on who was responsible for that maintenance. It was suggested a meeting be set up to discuss the matter.

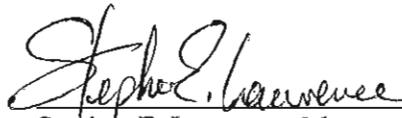
City Manager Young asked if the City Council wanted staff to schedule a pre-budget workshop. Following discussion, it was agreed that an informal meeting could be scheduled for those who would be new to the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk

2013-14 CITY COUNCIL GOALS
(with all objectives)

GOAL 1. Provide Public Works infrastructure that will ensure safe and well maintained streets and reliable utility systems for the citizens of The Dalles.

OBJECTIVES

TIER I: Top Priorities, to be significantly completed by June, 2013

- A. Continue environmental work for increasing capacity of Crow Creek Dam and Dog River water line replacement in two to three years.
- B. Develop plan for intersection of East 10th, Thompson and Old Dufur Road.
- C. Complete Design of Phase I improvements under the Wastewater Master Plan.
- D. Pursue West Sixth Street improvements, including widening of West Sixth Street from Hostetler Street to Snipes Street to allow for turn lane and future signalization at Hostetler Street.
- E. Obtain funding and update the Transportation Plan and its associated SDC projects and fees.
- F. Complete Webber Street Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP).

TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit

- A. Investigate need for 10th Street and Cherry Heights Road signalization.
- B. Pursue completion of Thompson Street LID
- C. Pursue expansion of Lone Pine Well.
- D. Continue work to connect vital corridors with ADA improvements.
- E. Investigate integration of traffic calming policy into LUDO.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

- A. Develop city-wide intersection signalization plan.

GOAL 2. Work and partner with governmental agencies and non-profits to ensure coordination of services and open communication.

OBJECTIVES

TIER I: Top Priorities, to be significantly completed by June, 2013

- A. Complete Phase II of the Urban Growth Boundary expansion with an application to the Gorge Commission by July, 2014.
- B. Work with Discovery Center Director to identify continuing partnership opportunities.
- C. Support Library Foundation's fund raising efforts for Library expansion project.
- D. Work with National Scenic Area stakeholders to obtain balance regarding issues of economic vitality and scenic preservation as defined by applicable law.
- E. Prepare updated analysis for downtown flood mitigation.
- F. Provide annual report to Council regarding coordination among schools, special districts, public and private partners to identify and implement potential needs for community facilities and programs.
- G. Participate in efforts to continue YouthThink programs beyond their current budget cycle.
- H. Complete lease with Wasco County for use of Veteran's Office.
- I. Support Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue efforts to improve community ISO rating.
- J. Assist Parks & Recreation District in efforts to construct a swimming pool.
- K. Investigate city-wide renewable energy projects in cooperation with Northern Wasco county PUD and other agencies, including the college renewable energy program.
- L. Develop a maintenance and operation plan for the Lewis and Clark rock Fort site for potential transfer of ownership from County to City.

TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit

- A. Work with local utilities to develop underground service when opportunities are presented, including consideration of safety, view shed, aesthetics and property values.
- B. Partner with School District and Parks & Recreation District regarding maintaining open/green space such as Thompson Track and Mill Creek Greenway.

C. Look for opportunities to retain or maintain property on tax roll.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

None at this time.

GOAL 3. Promote economic development opportunities that will provide job creation and retention and enhance livability.

TIER I: Top Priorities, to be significantly completed by June, 2013

A. Continue Urban Renewal Downtown Renaissance Projects:

- First Street Urban Renewal treatment
- Washington Street Railroad Undercrossing
- Redevelop Granada Block, including parking structure
- Engineering and architectural design for Civic Auditorium
- Lewis and Clark Fountain

B. Work with Port to address infrastructure in support of development of industrial properties.

C. Convene a task force to develop and implement a plan to fill downtown businesses.

D. Identify opportunities to support the Port's efforts to develop a Regional Wetlands Permit.

E. Complete public-private partnership to redevelop Wasco Warehouse and East Gateway.

F. Proceed with Airport golf course development.

G. Develop organizational structure and stable funding for Main Street program.

H. Reconvene Economic Development Barriers Committee to develop an action plan.

I. Strengthen downtown activities and events.

TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit

A. Assist in construction of Civic Auditorium renovations.

- B. Pursue construction of Third Street urban renewal treatment.
- C. Pursue urban renewal funding for design of West Third Place streetscape.
- D. Support Urban Renewal Plan through opportunity driven projects.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

- A. Enhance national historic districts.
- B. Assist in development of family based recreation center.

GOAL 4. Maintain a balanced budget that will provide for sustained City operations and capital improvements, while assuring an adequate contingency fund.

TIER I: Top Priorities, to be significantly completed by June, 2013

- A. Investigate funding options for street projects.
- B. Investigate transition of franchise to right of way agreements, including potential franchise agreements with PUD, Chenoweth Water PUD and wireless telecommunications.
- C. Investigate opportunities to renovate second floor of City Hall.

**TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit**

- A. Investigate whether current financial software is sufficient.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

None identified at this time.

GOAL 5. Encourage civic responsibility and promote public safety through programs, plans and policies.

TIER I: Top Priorities, to be significantly completed by June, 2013

- A. Work with Sign Ordinance Committee to review and update the City's Sign Ordinance.

- B. Develop partnerships and financial plan to place Christmas lighting in the downtown corridor by November, 2013 (Starlight Parade).
- C. Develop plan to support community special events.

TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit

- A. Investigate program to increase civic pride in neighborhoods.
- B. Work with partners, such as Soil and Water Conservation District and Master Gardeners to develop a plan for natural vegetation plantings to screen industrial treatment operations.
- C. Maintain role with other public safety agencies in addressing local emergencies.
- D. Create partnerships and financing plan to replace downtown Christmas lights by 2014 holiday season.
- E. Develop plan for sidewalk repair, in partnership with property owners.
- F. Investigate opportunities to make improvements to landscape, eliminate planting strips, with a focus on Dry Hollow, downtown, and historic walking district neighborhoods.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

None identified at this time.

GOAL 6. Provide transparent and efficient administration of City government.

- A. Develop a tool and procedure to keep City Council informed regarding progress, tracking and reviewing items that have been approved by City Council.

TIER II: Other Priorities to be pursued in Fiscal Year 2012-13
As time, resources and opportunities permit

- A. Investigate need for development of an Information Technology Program to update and standardize data processing software city-wide.

TIER III: Long term objectives (within 5 years)

None identified at this time.