

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JUNE 25, 2012
5:30 P.M.
THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Jim Wilcox

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Brian Ahier, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Finance Director Kate Mast, Airport Managers Rolf Anderson and Chuck Covert, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Community Development Director Dan Durow, Librarian Sheila Dooley

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilcox invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox said Action Item 12, B, Second Hand Dealers Ordinance, would be removed from the agenda, noting staff continued to meet with the parties involved. It was moved by Wood and seconded by Ahier to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Marilyn Clifford, 1280 Oak Hill Drive, The Dalles, shared her concern that the lifeguards at the swimming pool had been directed to take care of issues at the skate park. She said they were not trained to handle conflict resolution and it put their safety at risk. Clifford asked that the City not direct these employees to handle potentially dangerous situations.

Mayor Wilcox explained they were not City employees, but were employees of the Parks and Recreation District. He said the Police should be called if there were situations that needed to be resolved.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young asked the Police Chief to make an announcement. Chief Waterbury announced that Koji Nakawatsu had been hired to fill a vacancy as a patrol officer. He said Nakawatsu had been serving as a Reserve Officer and would begin full time employment on July 9.

City Manager Young reported the City had been notified by the Corps of Engineers there would be a high water event for the Columbia River this week and flooding of the Union Street under crossing was likely. He said staff was monitoring the water level and would close the area if necessary.

Young reported the City had been notified by the State that it would be receiving income tax revenue shares from the Enterprise Zone agreement with Google. He said this year the County and City would share approximately \$65,000.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported he was working on the agreement with the Corps of Engineers regarding the shuttle tour project. He said tours may begin mid-July or early August. City Manager Young added that the City would hire temporary employees to operate the shuttles for the remainder of summer and the shuttles would operate Fridays through Sundays.

City Attorney Parker said the Codes Enforcement Officer was working on resolving a fire damage nuisance and said the residence would have to be demolished because the Fire Department was not able to use the structure as a training project.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin said the Traffic Safety Commission continued to discuss the Brewery Grade cross walk issue and traffic congestion in the area on Kelly Avenue between East 10th and East 12th Streets.

Councilor Dick said he agreed with the concerns expressed by Mrs. Clifford regarding the safety of lifeguard staff. He said Thompson Park was important to the community because it was one of the entrances to the community and said he shared concerns raised about the security of children in the area. Dick said homeless people should be separated from the area and he suggested the City Council meet with the Parks and Recreation District Board to discuss safety in the area.

Councilor Spatz agreed with the comments made by Council Dick and said a meeting of the two groups would be a good idea.

Spatz reported on the Strengthening Economies Program, saying the next meeting would be on Thursday. He emphasized the importance of bi-state outreach to discuss issues of mutual concern, such as housing, infrastructure, and transportation.

Councilor Ahier said he also agreed there was value in meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ahier said good progress was being made on the QLife redundancy project.

Mayor Wilcox suggested a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation District might be best to schedule in the Fall when the Council planned to meet at the high school. He said it might be of interest to the students to hear a discussion between the City and Parks District.

Wilcox said progress was being made on the Wal-Mart application and regulations regarding employment lands in the City. He said there would be an open house at the Airport on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and noted the Sister City Association would be sending five students to Myoshi City in August, with approximately 20 students coming from Myoshi City to The Dalles in October.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox clarified that the minutes of the June 11 Council meeting included a statement he had made that the 18th Habitat for Humanity home would be dedicated. He said he intended to say that the 18th Habitat home ground breaking ceremony was to take place.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of June 11, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of June 4, 2012 Town Hall meeting minutes; 3) approval to declare computer equipment as surplus property; and 4) approval to declare Public Works Department equipment as surplus property.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Proposed Changes to the Water Capital Reserve Fund and the Airport Fund That Exceed 10% of Budget

Mayor Wilcox reviewed the procedures to be followed for the hearing.

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. She distributed a memorandum explaining proposed changes to the Airport Fund engineering line item, saying they should be moved to the materials and services line item as a capital outlay expense.

Councilor Spatz questioned that the numbers were the same for both the current and proposed budgets.

Testimony

Marilyn Clifford, 1280 Oak Hill Drive, The Dalles, said she was disappointed that the City Council decided to re-allocate the \$25,000 originally planned to help pay the Wasco County bond payment for the Discovery Center. She said there were no statistics to prove the programs chosen to receive funding were successful and would have preferred to see the City give the money to Wasco County and the Veterans group because they would be better stewards of the money.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Spatz to table the public hearing to allow the Finance Director time to research the question regarding the numbers included in the memorandum. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 12-007 Accepting a Deed of Dedication From Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency for the Sunshine Mill Property

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report. He provided a map showing the small areas in gray.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt Resolution No. 12-007 accepting a deed of dedication from Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency for the Sunshine Mill property. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Ahier asked when the sale would occur. City Attorney Parker said he hoped to have it before the Council in July. Ahier said the property was being very well maintained and upgraded and was a good use of urban renewal funds.

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Proposed Changes to the Water Capital Reserve Fund and the Airport Fund That Exceed 10% of Budget: REMOVED FROM TABLE

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Dick to remove from the table, the public hearing to consider changes to the proposed budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director Mast said she had checked the information and said the Resolution correctly stated the figures. She pointed out the number for item #2 in the memo should have been stated as \$600,000 instead of \$374,000.

Testimony, Continued

Mrs. Clifford said the Mayor had said at the last Council meeting that two County Commissioners had said they were okay with the City not providing the funding, yet when she asked the County Commission, they denied that they had said that. Clifford said it was frustrating for citizens to follow a process if it was not completely truthful.

Mayor Wilcox said the two Commissioners he had spoken with had told him the County would not default on the bond payment if the City didn't make the contribution, not that they supported losing the contribution.

Hearing no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

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Resolution No. 12-009 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget for the City of The Dalles, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to Carry Out the Adopted Budget

Councilor Ahier said he was opposed to including the proposed water rate increase in the budget and would not vote to adopt the budget with the rate increase included.

Councilor Dick said he would support adoption of the proposed budget. Dick said he felt badly about the manner in which the Council decided to re-distribute the proposed \$25,000 contribution to the County, to other programs. He said there had been many opportunities to discuss that proposal and it should not have been brought up at the last minute. Councilor Dick said it was very important that the City and County work together and had many more things in common than not. He encouraged the City to work to strengthen its partnerships in the future.

Councilor Wood agreed with comments made by Councilor Dick and added that there was an expectation of the City Council that staff not bring last minute changes. She said that courtesy should also be extended between the Councilors and if they had issues, they should provide advance notice and information, not waiting until the last minute.

Councilor Ahier asked if the Council could consider using the unexpected revenue from the State to fund the contribution to the County. City Manager Young said Wasco County was receiving half of that revenue and it was expected to be received by the end of June, not in the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilor Spatz said a meeting with the County was a good idea. He said he supported the programs the Council chose to fund and apologized for bringing up the issue without advance notice.

Mayor Wilcox said he had presented a memo to the Budget Committee regarding many concerns but it was not discussed. He said the Budget Committee and City Council did have the information in advance. Wilcox said the partnerships with other agencies were important, but the City could not always be the one to take on additional expenses.

Councilor McGlothlin said funding of the YouthThink program was important for the entire community and was money well spent. He said the organized activities planned by that organization did help reduce drug and alcohol use among youth.

Councilor Ahier said it was important to maintain strong partnerships with other government entities.

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It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Dick to approve all the proposed changes to the 2012-13 budget as described in the staff report and memorandum dated June 19, 2012. The motion carried; Ahier voting no.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt Resolution No. 12-009 adopting the fiscal year 2012-13 budget for the City of The Dalles, making appropriations, authorizing expenditures, levying taxes and authorizing the City Manager to take such action as necessary to carry out the adopted budget. The motion carried; Ahier voting no.

Resolution No. 12-010 Authorizing Transfers of Funds Between Categories of Various Funds, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

The staff report was reviewed by Finance Director Mast.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 12-010 authorizing transfers of funds between categories of various funds, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Ordinance No. 12-548 Assessing Property Located at 3316 West 10th Street for the Cost of Nuisance Abatement

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 12-548 by title.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt Special Ordinance No. 12-548 assessing property located at 3316 West 10th Street for the cost of nuisance abatement, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Five Year Airport Lease With Advanced Navigation and Positioning Corporation

Airport Manager Chuck Covert reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Ahier said approving a five year lease was inconsistent with the philosophy discussed by City Council at the last meeting to only approve short-term leases.

Councilor Dick said he did not believe it was a philosophy of the Council to only approve short-term leases. He said each lease needed to be considered separately.

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City Manager Young said the proposes five year lease was needed to consider the investment being made by the Lessee. He said they were making capital investments.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Manager to sign the five year lease with Advanced Navigation and Positioning Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Five Year Airport Lease With American Aerospace Engineering, LLC

Airport Manager Chuck Covert reviewed the staff report.

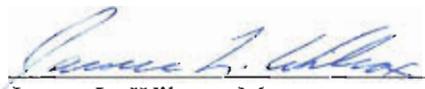
It was moved by Wood and seconded by Ahier to authorize the City Manager to sign the five year lease with American Aerospace Engineering, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

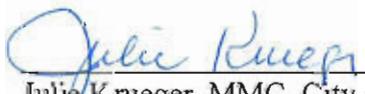
Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk