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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
January 23, 2017
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Tim McGlothlin, Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Kate Mast, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Planning Director Steve Harris, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lawrence removed Contract Review Board Item #11-A. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Blue Zone Update – Paul Lindberg and Lauren Kraemer (see attached handouts)

Lindberg and Kramer updated the Council on the status of the Blue Zone Designation Grant. Lindberg said a single government body was required to apply for the grant. He said the City of The Dalles had applied for the grant. He said that did not mean the City as a municipality had to provide the matching funds. The matching funds could come from a combination of a variety of sources, businesses, the citizens, government agencies.

He said originally there was only one available grant. He said the team was so impressed with three of the finalists they requested funds for three cities. The City was one of three finalists that needed to gain commitment for the grant match dollars by January 31. He said he hoped to get an extension on that deadline. He said the community needed to raise \$200,000 in the first year; and \$300,000 for both the second and third year.

Mayor Lawrence asked what the match from the Blue Zone was. Lindberg said \$800,000 was brought in by the Blue Zone Project through the Cambia group. He said they would bring in international speaker for Ted Talk type seminars, create the marketing campaign, and guide the community.

Kraemer said they were asking for a resolution of support; for Council to attend the community meetings on Thursday; and a financial commitment.

In response to a question Kraemer said they had financial commitments from

- Mid Columbia Medical Center - \$50,000 – each of three years
- Oregon State Extension - \$5,000 – first year
- One Community Health - \$10,000 - \$20,000 each of three years
- Providence Health - \$10,000 - each of three years
- Columbia Gorge Health Council - \$10,000 – first year
- Columbia Gorge Community College – in kind office space \$12,000 each of three years

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked who would decide how the funds were spent. Lindberg said there would be a local steering committee.

Lindberg said the community had identified five areas of concern:

- Walkability
- Tobacco Use
- Obesity
- Affordable Housing
- Food Insecurity

He said it would not be a duplication of current effort in the identified areas, it would support those efforts.

Kraemer ask for Council to forward any contact information they had for businesses or organizations that should be approached to support the program.

Mayor Lawrence said the Council could consider support after they attended the meetings on Thursday.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Police Department – Load Bearing Vests

Chief Ashmore and Officer Dutton thanked the Council for their support of the change. Chief Ashmore said the officers are already seeing a change in their lower back pain.

Officer Dutton demonstrated the ease of removal of the vest and said it took a little bit of retraining on the location of each item, but he believed the vests were a big improvement.

In response to a question, Chief Ashmore said the Oregon State Police switched to the load bearing vests seven years ago and they were wearing well.

Councilors McGlothlin and Miller said it was money well spent.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger distributed the latest SAIF report. She said the results were very good and she was pleased with the report.

Krueger announced the City had hired a new finance director. She introduced Angie Wilson and said Wilson would start on February 1, allowing a month for outgoing Finance Director Kate

Mast to train Wilson.

Wilson said she was excited to work with Krueger and for the City.

Krueger reported that the meter box that caused the early closure of City Hall on Friday had been fixed. She reported that the PUD had responded quickly. She said she was thankful the issue happened during work hours.

Krueger and Public Works Director Anderson reported that all Public Works crews were working to remove piled snow from the downtown and to plow side streets.

In response to a question, Anderson said it was against the law to dump the snow into the river, as there were road contaminants in the snow.

Councilor Elliott asked about 19th Street in front of Dry Hollow Elementary. Anderson said he had driven the area and the snow had been removed enough to address parking.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Gene Parker reported that he was working with Planning Director Steve Harris on the Marijuana Ordinance. He said Harris would be sending the ordinance to the State for review.

Parker said he would be attending two webinars; one on ethics and one on employee drug testing as it relates to marijuana laws.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown reported a neighbor of his was concerned about a pile of snow melting into his garage and Public Works came out and moved the snow.

He congratulated Chuck Covert on his Man of The Year award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported she had contacted Blue Zone representatives to learn more and was pleased they would be presenting at the meeting. She said she also attended the Chamber awards.

Councilor Elliott said he would be attending the QLife meeting on Thursday, along with Long-Curtiss.

Mayor Lawrence reported attending the Chamber awards banquet.

He reminded Council that there would be a 160th year celebration for the City's incorporation on Thursday at the Discovery Center. He also said the opening of the Chinese Display at the Discovery Center would be on Saturday.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Councilor McGlothlin asked if the owner of the home at 322 East 11th was in attendance. She was not.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of January 11, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 17-004 Assessing the Property at 322 East 11th Street for the Cost of Abatement of a Public Nuisance.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 17-001 Adopting Policies of No Retaliation for Reporting Improper or Unlawful Conduct

Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 17-001 Adopting Policies of No Retaliation for Reporting Improper or Unlawful Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

Revised Pay Scale for Evidence Officer

Chief of Police Patrick Ashmore and Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

Chief Ashmore said based on the audit done of the Evidence Room, it was determined the department was behind due to the number of hours dedicated to the project.

He said the department has implemented the chain of evidence procedure.

Ashmore said that a new computer system was recommended and would be budgeted in the future.

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Human Resources Director said the base pay was determined through researching like positions in the State, finding the median and reducing that by 3%.

Ashmore said the person hired has experience with Oregon State Police.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the revised pay scale for the position of evidence officer. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Lawrence called a recess to allow the consultants to set up for the presentation at 6:32 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

Housing Needs and Residential Buildable Land Needs Analysis

Planning Director Steve Harris introduced Brendan Buckley of Johnson Economics, LLC and Matt Haskie of Angelo Planning Group.

Buckley and Haskie presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached)

Recommendations:

- 20 year population projection was finalized mid last year by Portland State University.
- Population estimates are within the Urban Growth Boundary not City Limits
- Streamline, clarify and expand Comprehensive Plan goals, policies, implementation measures and narrative
- Update development code provisions re: parking, densities, additional housing forms, and neighborhood compatibility
- Do something to encourage high density development in high density zones
- Consider cottage clusters
- Address land supply issues
- Support local developers and regional partners
- Explore inclusionary zoning
- Consider additional funding strategies
- Low income housing availability

Planning Director Harris said the methodology was established by the State. He said the text amendments would be easy. He recommended hitting pause for a few weeks for a thorough review of the more difficult items, looking at ways to make the code clear and objective.

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Harris said this report lays the foundation for the Comprehensive Plan. He said he would like a robust community outreach during that process.

Long-Curtiss complimented the clarity of the report. She asked if Council could accept the report without saying it was a finalized plan.

Harris said he would like to see the recommendations used, as long as there was proper public input.

McGlothlin was in favor of a pause. He said the document needed to be a living document.

Mayor Lawrence asked what the deadline for completion was according to the grant. Hunter said the project report needed to be completed and funding requests made by the first part of May.

Elliot asked how developers could be stimulated to build.

Joel Madsen of the Mid Columbia Housing Authority said he felt the members of the TAC were engaged. He said there were people from the State, local people, City staff. He said it would be challenging to implement. He said it was a first step.

Harris said that when looking at economic development housing for all the employees is critical. The City needs to plan for that development.

Harris said there would be Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

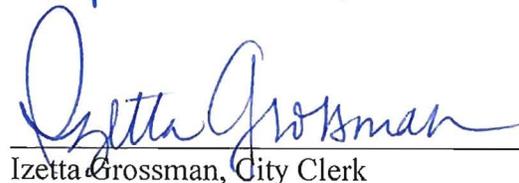
Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, City Clerk