

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2014
5:30 P.M.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dan Spatz, Linda Miller

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Miller and Spatz absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Miller and Spatz absent.

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PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation by Mid Columbia Economic Development District Regarding Attainable Housing Program

Mayor Lawrence excused himself from the dais and turned the meeting over to Mayor pro-tem Wood.

Regional Solutions Team members Mayor Steve Lawrence and County Commissioner Rod Runyon provided a presentation regarding the team's "bottom-up approach" to economic development projects. They discussed the issue of access to stable, affordable housing for the local workforce and said it was a high priority. It was explained the team was seeking \$2 million in State funding from the Attainable Housing Revolving Loan Fund to help underwrite investment to support housing development and renovation. Lawrence said the team was committed to identifying and reviewing non-financial barriers to attainable housing and to participate in sharing best practices that would positively impact the regional housing issue, such as The Dalles' vertical housing zone.

Lawrence and Runyon asked the City Council for their support of their efforts by authorizing the Mayor to send a letter of support to the Mid Columbia Economic Development District to help secure the \$2 million revolving loan fund financing and to implement programs to achieve short-term goals for attainable housing. The City Council was asked to commit to the ongoing review and consideration of recommendations for removing non-financial barriers to the attainable housing issue and to remain informed and familiar with Goal 10 of the Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Dick to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the attainable housing program as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Miller and Spatz absent.

Mayor Lawrence returned to the dais and resumed presiding over the meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young asked the Public Works Director to provide a brief report regarding flooding concerns in the downtown area. Public Works Director Anderson said his crews had been focused on snow removal and storm drains being open to accept runoff water. He said there

were no imminent concerns about flooding, but that the City had monitoring systems on the south and north forks of Mill Creek and would be monitoring the flow.

City Manager Young said he had prepared a letter to Representative Huffman in opposition of House Bill 4119. He said this bill would remove the dollar cap for the RFP process for professional services such as architecture and engineering work. Young said there was currently a cap of \$100,000 so if a project was less than that amount, cities did not have to use the special process of first securing a firm before being able to discuss pricing.

It was the consensus of the Council to support the City Manager's efforts in opposition of HB 4119.

City Manager Young said he would provide an update on the Granada Block Redevelopment project to the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee on February 18 and to the Agency on February 24.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he had been working with the Airport Managers regarding a hangar lease for Life Flight and would be attending a government law seminary on February 21.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood said she had attended the Mid Columbia Council of Governments meeting. She said that group was monitoring funding for the aging program. She said the transit center was expected to be self-sufficient, being funded by call center revenue. Wood said the Historic Landmarks Commission had adopted their goals for 2014. She said criteria for the WiFi service had been discussed at the QLife Agency Board meeting.

Councilor McGlothlin said the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting was scheduled for February 19 and the next Airport Board meeting was scheduled for February 21.

Mayor Lawrence reported that Cycle Oregon had announced The Dalles would be the start and finish for their 2014 race. He said it was great news for The Dalles and said meetings would begin in March.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of January 27, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) authorization for City Clerk to endorse OLCC New Outlet application for Poppy's Market; and 3) Resolution No. 14-006 concurring with the Mayor's appointment of John Nelson to the Planning Commission.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Contract for 2014 Sanitary Slipline Project

Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Michels Corporation for the expanded slipline project in an amount not to exceed \$170,901.90. The motion carried unanimously, Miller and Spatz absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 14-005 Accepting a Deed of Dedication From Robert and Debra Mazzrillo for a Portion of Property Located at 2303 West Tenth Street

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt Resolution No. 14-005 accepting a dedication of property located along Myrtle Street for public street purposes from Robert and Debra Mazzrillo. The motion carried unanimously, Miller and Spatz absent.

Resolution No. 14-004 Authorizing the Creation of an "Extraordinary Items" Line in the Water Utility Fund to Record an Unexpected Loss of Brass Inventory Due to the Federal Lead Reduction Act and Declaring Said Loss as Exempt From Oregon Budget Law

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. In response to a question, Mast said she would make a note in the budget document stating the only purpose of the line item was to show the loss of brass inventory.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt Resolution No. 14-004 authorizing the creation of an "extraordinary items" line item within the Water Utility Fund to record an unexpected loss of brass inventory due to the federal Lead Reduction Act and declaring said loss to be an unforeseen occurrence to be exempt from Oregon Budget Law. The motion carried unanimously, Miller and Spatz absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of the City's Senior and Disabled Low Income Water and Sewer Discount Program

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

There was discussion and agreement that the Federal LEIAP guidelines continued to be used for eligibility; eligible households be discounted the 10% and 35% respectively and not be frozen at a dollar amount; to ask staff to provide a few options regarding the percentage of discounts and the impact to the budget; change the volume of consumption to be consistent with the base amount for all customers (10,000 gallons); and to limit use of the discount rate to the residence of the person qualifying for the discount.

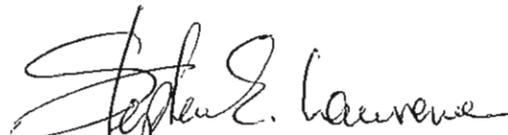
Staff was directed to bring the proposed amended policy for approval at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk