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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
February 13, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Stephen Lawrence

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Tim McGlothlin

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Directors Kate Mast and Angie Wilson, Planning Director Steve Harris, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, 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, McGlothlin absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Lawrence added Item D) Surplus of Police Vehicles and Item E) Resolution No. 17-005

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Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment to the Urban Renewal Board to the consent agenda, and moved the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Elliott to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously, McGlothlin absent.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Volunteer Recognition – School District 21**

Mayor Lawrence presented Certificates of Recognition and City of The Dalles coffee mugs to Marolyn Wilks and Dr. Mimi McDonell for their dedicated service to Northern Wasco County School District 21 through the ASPIRE program. He said the ASPIRE program pairs adult mentors with high school seniors. The mentor helps the student navigate through the steps in preparation for college.

#### **YouthThink Marijuana Report**

Deby Jones YouthThink Director gave a presentation regarding the perception of youth that alcohol and marijuana aren't drugs since they are legal. She said this was the social debris results of the decision to legalize marijuana.

She said YouthThink was working on emotional literacy with the youth, teaching them the alternatives to using drugs and alcohol as a coping mechanism.

Mayor Lawrence said he had met with Jones and was encouraged by the broader approach.

Jones said she would like to see some of the alcohol and tobacco funds from the state to go toward education of the youth.

**McGlothlin arrived at 5:59 p.m.**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Robert Davis, 2415 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street said during the snow storm he was out shoveling his driveway when the City snow plow came by just as he finished and buried it again. He said the City worker parked, and came over to him, took his shovel and dug his driveway out. He wanted to thank the worker and the City.

Mildred Keller, 826 Richland Court said she wanted to know how the employees that went home early or came in late during the snow event were making up the time. She asked why they got paid without working.

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City Manager Krueger said she had made the early close, late or no opening decisions based on employee safety and she stood by that decision. She said the whole community is safer when fewer people are traveling during these types of events.

Finance Director Kate Mast said many employees took work home with them and worked remotely during the closures.

Lisa Farquharson, Chamber CEO reported that the Sportsman's Show in Portland was a success. She said she made some great contacts that would result in more media coverage of The Dalles as a destination location for recreation. She said the handout newspaper had an article on The Dalles in the center of the publication.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Krueger said during the Goal Setting Meeting Chief Ashmore had talked about the need to upgrade the radios, receivers and tasers. She said the taser program would cost \$18,126 and the radios and receivers would cost \$75,682. She asked for a motion authorizing the purchase using the safety funds.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Brown to expend safety funds in the amount of \$18,126 for tasers and \$75,682 for radios and receivers. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Krueger introduced the City's workers compensation representative, Mike Courtney to provide a SAIF report.

Courtney said the experience modification rating continued to go down. He said in 2015-16 the City was paying \$280,000 for insurance premiums, with an experience modification rating of 1.69. He said the current year figures were \$238,000 in premiums and experience modification of 1.47. Courtney said the City was on trend for \$130,000 premiums and experience modification of .80 in 2018-19.

Courtney congratulated the Council and staff for the improvement.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker reported he was working on the EDA Grant documents, and a franchise draft for ZAYO.

Parker said the CenturyLink franchise had expired in 2016, he had reached out to CenturyLink to start that process.

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He said he was working the Finance Director Mast and Public Works Director Anderson on suggested revisions to the Water and Sewer Ordinance. He said the original was adopted in 1991. He said they would have a draft to Council at the next meeting.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported on attending:

- Governmental Affairs, where they discussed Oregon Food Bank needing a local facility
- QLife meeting discussed future of QLife
- Urban Renewal Agency Board
- Goal Setting
- Broadband Council

She said she would be representing the City on the Community Outreach Team trip to DC in March.

Councilor Elliott reported he had attended meeting for:

- QLife Agency
- Goal Setting
- Urban Renewal Agency

Councilor Miller said she attended meetings for:

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Blue Zone
- Urban Renewal Agency
- Transportation System Plan work session

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of January 16, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) Approval of January 23, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 3) Declare Finance Department i3035 Canon Copier Surplus; 4) Two Police Department vehicles - 2001 Ford Taurus and 2013 Dodge Charger; 5) Approval of Resolution No. 17-005 Concurring with Mayor's Appointment to the Urban Renewal Agency Board.

**CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS**

Award Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Flex Hangar Contract

Airport Manager Chuck Covert reviewed the staff report. Covert said he would be going before Klickitat County for their approval on February 14.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the award of the contract for construction of Flex Space Hangar Project Lot 3 to Black Rock Construction & Development, LLC, in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$1,871,430, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, subject to approval of the award of the contract by Klickitat County, and subject to approval of documentation required by the Economic Development Administration for execution of the contract. The motion carried unanimously. Elliott abstained, saying he was a subcontractor for the project.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Authorization for Extension of Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Tokola Properties, Inc. for two additional 120 day periods.

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report. He said the Urban Renewal Agency had approved the extension.

Councilor Elliott said the Urban Renewal Agency had asked for an update at the first 120-day mark.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the extension for two 120-day periods for the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement between the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency, the City, and Tokola Properties for a mixed-use development at the old Tony's Town & Country site. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Blue Zone Initiative

Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report. Klebes said Lauren Kraemer and Paul Lindberg were in attendance to answer any questions.

Mayor Lawrence said he would like a closer look at the business plan and projected results. He asked how the Blue Zone moved things forward without getting in the middle of what the community was already doing.

Councilor Long-Curtiss said she had written a letter of support and made a personal donation to the project. She said she was hoping to hear from the public on their views on the Blue Zone project.

Kraemer said the process takes into consideration all the current efforts, goals and plans and helps the community work together to accomplish those goals. She said the hires would be all local people, as would the members of the steering committees.

Lindberg said a good example of how the community owns the direction is that based on feedback Wine at 5 had been changed to Socialize at 5. He said socializing was the important piece, not the wine.

Long-Curtiss said she was hoping to hear from the community. She said she felt the Blue Zone was good for families and good for The Dalles to have a blue print moving forward.

In response to a question about funding after the 3 years, Kraemer said other organizations fund the position in part or in cooperation with each other.

Councilor Miller said private enterprise should be funding the project.

Wasco County Commissioner Steve Kramer said this was an opportunity for elected leaders to guide, direct and be engaged. He said had talked to Klamath County commissioners and they were seeing a culture change. He said Blue Zones helps move things forward with collaboration and cooperation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Lawrence recessed the meeting for Executive Session in Accordance ORS 192.660(2)(d) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Carry on Labor Negotiations at 7:02 p.m.

Reconvene to Open Session at 7:21 p.m.

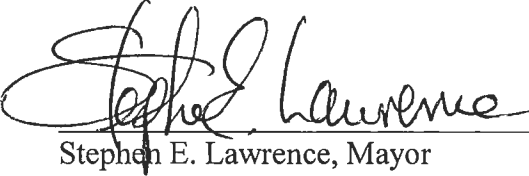
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Izetta Grossman  
City Clerk

SIGNED:   
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Izetta Grossman, City Clerk