

## MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
JUNE 24, 2013  
5:30 P.M.

THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Steve Lawrence

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Lawrence read a Proclamation that had been presented on June 22 to honor the Relay for Life event and declared the week of June 22 through 28 as Relay for Life Week.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

None.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker said he had been working with the Airport Managers to investigate the concept of financing the construction of a hangar through Klickitat County. Parker said he had been assisting in drafting amendments to the Land Use Development Ordinance to address the recently adopted House Bill 3479. He said the Planning Commission would be reviewing options at their meeting on July 18.

Parker said the City had been approached by Fun Country to allow them to drive ATV's across Second Street from their shop to fuel them up for new customers. Parker said he would be working on language and bring for Council consideration in July.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the City Attorney would be preparing a written legal opinion regarding HB 3479. City Attorney Parker said he had shared his analysis with the City Council but could provide more in depth information. Mayor Lawrence said he would like the City Council to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the matter but had been told the Council should not attend Planning Commission meetings because the Council was an appeal body.

City Manager Young said the Council could meet with the Planning Commission in a work session to discuss the issue. It was the consensus of the Council to meet with the Planning Commission in a work session on July 18.

Lawrence said there had been a suggestion to form a citizen task force. City Manager Young said no action had been taken on that suggestion because it was the job of the Planning Commission to serve as a task force.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Wood said she had attended the Council of Governments hearing regarding increasing building permit fees. She said they had decided not to implement an increase at this time. Wood said she had attended the Historic Columbia River Highway meeting where access to the Riverfront Trail was discussed. She said the trail fit into their goal of restoring the highway. Wood said the Moffett Creek portion of the highway would be dedicated in the Fall and that planning had been started on the section from Wyeth to Mitchell Point, with the ultimate goal of completion by 2016. Wood said she would be attending the Historic Landmarks Commission and QLife Agency meetings later in the week.

Councilor McGlothlin reported that he attended the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, with topics of discussion including a review of bike access and the congestion issue on Kelly Avenue between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. He reported on the recent Airport Board meeting, saying they had an update on the business park project, runway work, report on the finances and a discussion regarding financing to construct a new hangar for Life Flight. He said one idea was to partner with Mid Columbia Medical Center for financing since it was related to medical emergencies.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the Traffic Safety Commission had discussed his concern regarding the need for a four-way stop at Fifth and Court Streets. McGlothlin said the matter was not discussed but he would ask to have it added to the next agenda.

Councilor Wood noted there was a sign at the Discovery Center turn off, coming from the west, that directed people to the bike trail. She said it had been noted that people walking on the Riverfront Trail could be in danger if the people riding bikes were not aware of the pedestrian traffic on the trail. She asked if the Riverfront Trail Board could install some type of sign to let bikers know they were sharing the trail with pedestrians.

Councilor Spatz said the Mid Columbia Economic Development District had applied for an Advanced Technology Grant and were waiting to see if it was approved. He said the Scenic Highway project, discussed by Councilor Wood, was a great opportunity for the community to realize an economic benefit.

Councilor Miller reported that the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and Urban Renewal Agency had met in a joint work session to review the history of urban renewal and to discuss a way to measure the effectiveness of the Plan. She said staff would be developing criteria to help prioritize the projects.

Mayor Lawrence said he had also attended the meeting regarding the Historic Highway 30 project and had spoken with a film maker who hoped to include a feature on The Dalles. He said

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The Dalles would be the end of the trail and should be prepared for the coming tourists. Lawrence said he had attended the Relay for Life event on Saturday and provided opening remarks for a recent convention for the Eagles Club.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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 10, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of Amendment No. 6 of Operations Management International (OMI) agreement to operate the City's wastewater treatment plant; and 3) approval of worker's compensation insurance renewal.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding a Ballot Measure for a Proposed Fuel Tax Increase**

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

The staff report was reviewed by City Manager Young. He reviewed the supplemental information regarding a concept to propose a single ballot measure of both the City and Wasco County to try to resolve street operation and maintenance challenges.

Councilor Spatz said he liked the concept of partnering with the County.

Councilor McGlothlin asked if the proposal was based on creating a property tax. City Manager Young said that was correct. McGlothlin said he liked the idea of partnering but the City needed to address its need to develop a revenue source to catch up on the maintenance projects.

Councilor Miller asked if the County also received revenue from the State fuel tax. City Manager said they did, but it was distributed on a formula based on the number of vehicles registered in the County, while the City's formula was based on population. It was noted the County received approximately \$1.7 million in State fuel tax revenue.

Mayor Lawrence asked how a maintenance district would operate. City Manager Young said it would be a special district for operations, similar to the Library District and the County and City would form agreements regarding the distribution of the funds and sharing of resources.

Lawrence asked if the measure passed, whether tax increment financing would be impacted. City Manager Young said he believed additional taxes would be collected for urban renewal through the measure.

Councilor Spatz asked if an analysis had been prepared to determine the impact to other taxing districts. City Manager Young said a full analysis had not been completed, but he believed it would impact compression.

#### Testimony

Doug Hattenhauer, 201 West First Street, The Dalles, spoke in opposition of an increase to the fuel tax. He said the City had received the benefit of the local fuel tax for many years, but the streets were not being well taken care of. He said an additional tax would cause trucks to stop coming to The Dalles and to fuel in Biggs to save money, which would cause him to lose money. He questioned why more maintenance was not being done with the addition of State fuel tax and said a 20 year bond for \$6 million would result in costing \$9 million once paid back. Hattenhauer said the City was in crisis management because they didn't properly manage their funds.

Councilor Miller asked Mr. Hattenhauer if he supported the option of forming a taxing district with the County instead of an increase to the fuel tax. Hattenhauer said he didn't believe a property tax measure would pass. He said the City should be happy with the money they receive and not increase the tax. He said he would oppose the measure if placed on the ballot.

Chuck Langley, 200 West Fourth Street, The Dalles, spoke in opposition of the proposed fuel tax increase, saying he agreed with the comments made by Mr. Hattenhauer.

Jerry Johnson, 3102 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke in opposition of an increased fuel tax and said that public access roads, such as the one he lived on would receive no benefit because they were not maintained by either the City or the County.

Chuck Covert, 3819 Columbia View Drive, The Dalles, spoke on behalf of the Wasco County Road Advisory Committee, saying the Committee had been looking at the County's operations, revenues, and talking to citizens about the County's issues. He said they were discussing a tax levy or fuel tax for the County and then the scenario was developed to partner with the City with a maintenance district.

Covert said the County road conditions were slowly deteriorating. He said they had an approximate \$1.25 million shortfall to continue with their maintenance programs and noted that several years ago, 85% of the roads were in good condition, but only 80% were in good condition at this time.

Councilor Spatz said he believed there was hope that timber revenue could be restored in some fashion.

There was a discussion regarding the need to restore timber revenues, restore forests and put people back to work in the timber industry.

Wasco County Commissioner Steve Kramer asked that the City Council delay a decision to allow additional time to consider the option of a partnership for street maintenance of the County and City.

Hearing no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

It was the consensus of the City Council to conduct an additional public hearing on July 8 to receive testimony regarding a possible City and County maintenance district and additional testimony regarding a proposed fuel tax increase, to be placed on the November ballot.

### **CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS**

#### **Award Contract for Webber Street Water Main Construction Project**

Engineer McCabe reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence asked where the project was included in the budget. It was noted the funds were included in the capital projects line item.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Northwest Kodiak Construction in an amount not to exceed \$437,021.28 for the Webber Street water main construction project. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Resolution No. 13-022 Amending the City's Local Limits for Waste Discharges to the Sanitary Sewer System**

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence said the previously approved OMI agreement had noted four businesses that had not been tested. He asked if the adoption of this resolution would impact those businesses that hadn't been tested yet.

Public Works Director Anderson said those businesses were not required to be tested at this time.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 13-022 amending the City's local limits for waste discharges to the sanitary sewer system. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to approve the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Dalles Police Association as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 13-025 Authorizing Transfers of Funds Between Categories of the Transportation Systems Reserve Fund and Between the Transportation System Reserve Fund and the Capital Project Fund, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

City Manager reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 13-025. The motion carried unanimously.

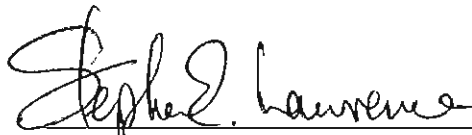
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:

  
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk