

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF
November 13, 2017
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

Mayor Lawrence noted that the meeting was being live streamed and would be posted on Facebook

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director 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, 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 said Public Hearing Item #10-A was removed from the agenda.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Lawrence said discussion items were for Council discussion and no testimony would be taken. He said if Council decided on further action a public hearing would be held at a future meeting.

He said if anyone in the audience wanted to talk about items not on the agenda Audience Participation was the place to do that.

Judy Merrill, 400 West Eleventh, said she was confused and frustrated about the recycling going to the landfill. She said she heard the glass and cardboard was still being recycled. She said she would like to see other local solutions and more public education on how to recycle.

Councilor Miller said she could contact David Skakel and Wasco County Household Hazardous waste for updates on solutions to the issues.

Mayor Lawrence directed Merrill to The Dalles Disposal. He asked her to contact him if she ran into a roadblock.

Josh Ferris, 220 West Thirteenth, spoke on First Amendment rights and the Council blocking people from talking about a Discussion Item. He said he was a combat veteran who fought for these rights, and a volunteer at the Warming Place.

Ferris was yelling, Mayor Lawrence asked him to lower his voice. He did not.

He said the proposed Exclusionary Zone was a violation of the Eighth Amendment – cruel and unusual punishment.

He said the ACLU had sued cities over this type of violation. Ferris wondered if the Council was really his representative.

Councilor Elliott thanked Mr. Ferris for his service and said his 5 minutes were up.

Ferris said he still had time, as he had been interrupted.

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Mayor Lawrence said his five minutes were up, and said he would ask for him to be removed if he didn't step down.

Lana Jack, Celilo Village #3, spoke on behalf of Lone Pine Housing articles in the paper. She said the community had asked to her to continue her work regarding the treatment of the Native Americans.

She said they live in poverty and are marginalized. She said the housing they were put in was not very dignified. Jack said they share one toilet and one faucet for water. She said it was substandard housing.

Jack said she would like to restore dignity to the Native Americans, and asked the community to help.

She invited the community to a Christmas Party on December 16 at the cafeteria at Columbia Gorge Community College from 4 to 8pm. She said they could use gifts, meals, and clothing. Jack asked people interested in helping to contact her at 541-965-1679 for a complete list of needs.

Mark Linebarger, 324 East 14th, spoke on behalf of leaving Tourism Funding with the Chamber. He said he was on the committee years ago when Tourism was a function of the City and it did not turn out well.

Mayor Lawrence said the main outcome of the last meeting regarding tourism was to develop a Tourism Advisory Committee.

Linebarger said the Chamber does a good job. He said he was at his restaurant 7 days a week if anyone wanted to talk with him more about tourism.

Summit Storm, 2323 East Ninth, said there was a broken bureaucratic system. He said he hoped adults could act outside of self for the greater good of the community.

He said he saw a lot of ego that created blocked communication. He would like to see the Council, as the elders, build a bridge of communication.

Storm thanked the Council for their efforts.

Amber Rose, 1750 West 10th, asked where citizens could bring concerns regarding agenda items.

Mayor Lawrence said the [exclusionary zone ordinance] discussion item was on the agenda as a

staff report from staff for Council to give further direction.

He said an ordinance requires a public hearing prior to adoption. He said people who want to address the item could come to the meeting where it would be a public hearing.

Lawrence added that written comments can be sent to the City Manager's office. He said the agenda has a process that Council was trying to honor.

Josh Ferris began yelling.

Mayor Lawrence asked Chief Ashmore to remove Ferris from the meeting.

Chief Ashmore and Sgt. Jones escorted Ferris from the building.

Mayor Lawrence said Council rules say people will be courteous. He said as long as people were courteous they would be addressed in the same manner.

Rose thanked the Mayor for explaining the process.

Rose asked Council where they stood on the NorCor Immigration issue. She said people were being treated terribly.

Mayor Lawrence asked staff to bring the NorCor issue back at another meeting, with information on the Council's available options.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported that a letter of intent was signed for the Travel Oregon Grant for the Bike Hub. She said Mid-Columbia Economic Development District would be the grant applicant on behalf of five or six Gorge communities.

Planning Director Harris introduced Garrett McAllister the new Planner for the City of The Dalles.

City Manager Krueger said the co-location of City and County Planning with Building Codes was still being worked on.

She reported that the Sister City Delegation had been in town and she had two students staying with her.

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CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported he had been working with the City Clerk on codification of the City's ordinances, and three ordinances that update some of the current ordinances would be coming before Council on December 11.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown said that City Crews were busy cleaning leaves from catch basins. He asked that citizens avoid raking leaves into the streets.

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported on:

- Sister City Delegation –
 - a young man stayed with her family,
 - Ja Matta party was very nice
 - Council received a nice gift from the delegation – she showed the beautiful screen

Councilor McGlothlin reported on attending:

- October Hope Warming Place meeting – volunteers are needed
- Hood River Shelter expressed desire to work together
- Airport Board made recommendations to Council
- Negotiate with TacAero for Fixed Base Operator lease
- Repost Airport Manager Request for Proposals for two weeks
- Ribbon cutting – Granada Grand Opening
- Trick or Treat – massively attended – Lions directed traffic
- Pickle Ball meeting with Scott Baker of Northern Wasco County Parks & Rec
- Various contacts regarding Home At Last – vital to the community

Councilor Elliott reported:

- QLife new board member – Roger Kline from Northern Wasco County PUD
- Urban Renewal – Finance Director Wilson and Assistant to the City Manager Klebes provided a spreadsheet that was very helpful in understanding the fund

Councilor Miller reported on attending:

- Household Hazardous Waste meeting – DEQ working diligently to restore recycling program
- Urban Renewal meeting
- Sister City Delegation
 - Took adults to dinner
 - Ja Matta Party

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- Granada Grand Opening – Saturday was very well attended
- Mayor Lawrence reported:
- Mid Columbia Council of Governments decided to disband
 - Goal to have programs moved by December 31
 - Meeting at Senior Center with the State for direction on transition of Area Agency for the Aging
 - Spoke to:
 - Rotary
 - Governmental Affairs Committee of Chamber
 - Home At Last
 - Concerned about future
 - Facility had been cleaned up
 - Stronger board needed – recommended an Advisory Board
 - Sister City Delegation
 - Ja Matta Party very nice
 - presented with doll
 - Ribbon Cutting at Veterans Museum
 - Attended two evenings at the Granada Grand Opening

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of October 16, 2017 Tourism Work Session Minutes; 2) Approval of October 23, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 17-028 Declaring the Parcel of Property Located Adjacent to 926 East Scenic Drive as Surplus Property

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Jim Wilcox, 416 West Seventh, encouraged Council to declare the property as surplus. He said it was good to put property back into the hands of the citizens and back on the tax rolls.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing.

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It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 17-028 Declaring the Vacant Parcel of Property Adjacent to 926 East Scenic Drive as Surplus Property.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTION

Reject Contract No. 2018-005 Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager

Assistant to the City Manager Klebes reviewed the staff report and memorandum.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Brown to approve the recommendation by the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board to reject the one response and repost the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Contract No. 2018-005 for two weeks pending agreement by Klickitat County.

Klebes said Klickitat County had already agreed. He also asked that the motion be amended to include directing staff to explore the process for hiring a contract employee as Airport Manager if no acceptable RFP were received.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Long-Curtiss to amend the motion to include directing staff to explore the process for hiring a contract employee if no acceptable RFPs were received. The amended motion carried unanimously.

Award Contract No. 2018-004 Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Fixed Base Operator

Assistant to the City Manager reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the recommendation by the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board to negotiate a Fixed Base Operator lease agreement with TacAero. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Updated City Council Rules/Code of Conduct

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Elliott asked if other committees had Codes of Conduct.

Krueger said they could adopt their own code. She said could provide the code she was working on for the Tourism Advisory Committee as a guideline.

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Mayor Lawrence reminded Council the document could be amended at any time.

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked what the process for removal would be under Section 21.2.

Mayor Lawrence said a Council member would have to make that motion and have a majority vote. He said an open hearing could be requested.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Brown to adopt the updated City Council Rules/Code of Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Funding Request from Columbia Gorge Community College For Campus Housing Study

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

Dan Spatz from Columbia Gorge Community College and Fire Chief Bob Palmer spoke in favor of the request.

Spatz introduced College Interim President Lori Ufford.

Long-Curtiss asked if the housing could be used for non-student housing. Spatz said the grant required there be a connection to the college – staff, faculty, students. He said he was investigating off season use for seasonal workers.

Brown said he was in support of the project, but was not in favor of decreasing contingency.

Elliott asked if the request could wait until the January cycle for grants.

Spatz said the matching funds were due January 2019. He said the data from the housing study would determine the need.

City Manager Krueger said this request wasn't a small grant request; it was a request from Enterprise Zone funds.

McGlothlin asked if the funds were available.

Finance Director Wilson said the audit was almost complete and the beginning fund balance was larger than anticipated, making funds available. She said it doesn't change the approved budget, but it would bring up the contingency.

Elliot asked if the Housing Study done by the City could be used.

Spatz said it would be used as a reference, but it didn't address student housing needs.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the request from Columbia Gorge Community College because this contribution could lead to millions of dollars in economic development and enhanced education and jobs for our community and fits with the City's vision, goals, and plans. The motion carried, Brown opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Exclusion Zone Ordinance

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

Long-Curtiss asked what caused the staff report.

City Manager Krueger said Councilor McGlothlin had many meetings with his Homeless Committee. She said she then met with the Chief of Police, and Councilor McGlothlin to identify what could the City, as government, do to help.

Chief Ashmore said a large majority of the homeless are good people. He said the homeless are afraid. He said there are 5 or 6 repeat offenders that the Police need an ordinance in place to assist the Police.

Ashmore said the ordinance isn't a homeless ordinance, it addresses anyone offending.

McGlothlin said currently things are complaint driven. He said there are mental health and housing needs. He said we need to work together for the best chance of success.

Elliott handed out an article regarding the success of a like ordinance in Ashland – attached.

Long-Curtiss said she would like to have an open meeting where the citizens could all be heard.

Mayor Lawrence suggested a Town Hall meeting for input.

City Manager Krueger said she would like to see the Ashland ordinance. She said a special meeting could be held for input.

Mayor Lawrence said staff would have to use all methods to get the word out on a special

meeting so that a diverse cross section of the population could be heard.

It was the consensus of the Council to hold some kind of a special meeting/town hall to allow public input on the subject.

Re-designation of The Dalles/Wasco County Enterprise Zone

Assistant to the City Manager Klebes reviewed the staff report.

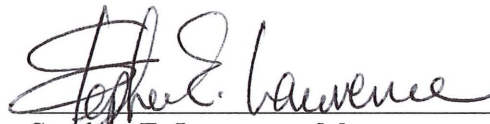
It was the consensus of the Council to have staff move forward with re-designation of the Enterprise Zone.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, City Clerk