

MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OF
APRIL 1, 2013
1:00 P.M.
THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carolyn Wood

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek, Planning Director Dick Gassman, Engineer Dale McCabe, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Transportation Manager Bill Barrier

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

PRESENTATION REGARDING PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Transportation Manager Bill Barrier reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's Pavement Preservation Program, including components of preservation, types of maintenance activities, preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, cost comparison and public perceptions of street conditions.

Mayor Lawrence asked how the list of unimproved streets fit into the maintenance schedule. Public Works Director Anderson explained the list of unimproved streets had been developed as part of the Land Use Development Ordinance, to assist with various levels of how streets would be improved at the time of property development.

BUS TOUR OF CITY STREETS

Transportation Manager Barrier pointed out conditions of several streets, including Brewery Grade, Thompson Street, East 14th Street, East Scenic Drive, Bridge Street, and West Second at Webber Street.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUNDING AND FINANCING CONCERNS

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed street maintenance funding issues, including limited resources, deterioration rates, current funding sources and rapidly increasing costs for materials. He described the maintenance projects planned for the upcoming fiscal year, saying the four projects proposed were for Dry Hollow road, Second and Webber Street intersection, Mt. Hood Street and Bridge Street. He said the priority was to provide maintenance on the most heavily used streets to keep them from further deterioration.

Anderson provided information regarding potential new revenue sources including, moving the Northwest Natural Gas franchise fee revenue from the General Fund to Street Fund; providing a dedicated funding source for streetlights; implementation of a telecom tax; increasing the franchise fee for the PUD; implementing a franchise fee for Chenoweth Water PUD; and a future increase to the local fuel tax. Anderson said there would be approximately \$400,000 available in the upcoming fiscal year for maintenance projects.

There was discussion regarding a proposed legislative bill that would allow for local tax on cigarettes. City Manager Young said if that was a revenue, the City could then have the ability to place that money into the General Fund and shift the Northwest Natural Gas franchise fee to the Street Fund.

Mayor Lawrence asked what was included as debt in the Street Fund budget. Public Works Director Anderson said there was approximately \$60,000 of debt, with the remaining portion of that line item being transfers to other funds for large projects and equipment purchases.

There was a discussion regarding transportation systems development charges (SDC's). It was noted that revenue collected as SDC's could not be used for street maintenance project, only for new development.

In response to a question regarding maintenance of local access streets, City Manager Young said the City did not provide maintenance for local access streets. He said those streets could be improved through the local improvement district process, saying they were public right of way that had not been brought up to City standards and therefore not accepted as City streets.

Russ Brown said the County had oiled those roads in the past, but since the areas were annexed to the City, no maintenance was being done on them. City Manager Young said the State law did not allow money received from State gas tax to be spend on local access roads. He noted that while areas of property had been annexed into the City, the roads remained County roads until accepted by the City, when they met the City's standards.

Young said the City's Gravel Street Policy did allow for neighborhoods to pay for materials to pave a gravel street, if City funds were available for labor, and the City would complete the work. He said at this time, no funds were available for that program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

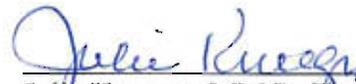
Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk