

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
FEBRUARY 25, 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, Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Senior Planner Dawn Hert

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; all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of an OLCC New Outlet application for La Cabana Mexican Restaurant was added to the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Historic Landmarks Commission Annual Report

Senior Planner Dawn Hert presented the annual report of the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Councilor Spatz asked why the Ft. Dalles Museum vehicle storage project remained as a long term goal instead of a short term goal. Hert said it was an on-going goal to make improvements to preserve all the artifacts at the museum.

Mayor Lawrence asked the status of the vehicle storage project. Hert said she was not sure what the status was, but that the applicant had received approval of their conditional use permit. She said the applicant could re-apply if the permit were to expire before completing the project.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young reminded the Council there would be a special Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday to discuss the purchase of the Sunshine Mill property and to consider an extension of the Development and Disposition Agreement for the Granada Block Redevelopment project, to April 29. He said the archaeological investigation had been completed and it had been determined to be a significant site, so clearing the site for construction would cost approximately \$350,000. Young said the developer would need time to consider alternatives for the project.

Young said the staff had been reviewing information regarding the request to remove fluoride from the City's water system. He said due to the number of meetings scheduled for April, staff would be postponing this discussion until a meeting in May.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported the contract had been issued for the demolition of the house at 600 East 12th Street and work would commence next week.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Adoption of 2013-14 City Council Goals

It was moved by Dick and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt the 2013-14 City Council goals. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Wood said she would be attending the Historic Landmarks Commission and QLife Agency meetings this week.

Councilor McGlothlin reported on a recent Traffic Safety Commission meeting, noting topics of discussion included a proposals for upgraded crosswalks and sidewalks near Chenowith Elementary School, parking concerns on Chenowith Loop Road causing a vision clearance issue, and a report that markings on West Second Street below the freeway ramp had made a safer situation for vehicles exiting the freeway at that exit. McGlothlin said the Airport Board meeting had been cancelled.

Councilor Spatz said a letter would be provided to the Mayor and Council President to sign, inviting a delegation of Sister City representatives to The Dalles. He said the Community Outreach Team would be meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture when they next travel to Washington D.C. and they would be requesting a designation for rural advanced manufacturing to help bring increased development to the Columbia River Gorge.

Mayor Lawrence reported on his recent activities including attendance at a Board Training seminar, meeting with the new Director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission, attending a Wi Fi ribbon cutting ceremony at the Discovery Center, attendance at a real estate brokers meeting, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee meeting, toured the Airport facilities and visited with the Columbia Gorge Community College Delta Club.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the amended Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of February 11, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of February 4, 2013 Goal Setting minutes; 3) Resolution No. 13-008 concurring with the Mayor's appointments to various committees; 4) Resolution No. 13-009 amending Section 12.2.1 of the revised Exempt Employee Handbook; and 5) authorization for City Clerk to endorse the OLCC new outlet application of La Cabana Mexican Restaurant.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Implementation of the Mid Columbia Regional Home Repair Program for Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman Counties

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

The staff report was reviewed by Mid Columbia Housing Agency representative Dave Peters. He read the public notice into the record (attached as Exhibit "A").

Councilor Miller asked how recipients of the funding would repay the loans. Mr. Peters said the proposed program was for grants instead of loans, so there would be no repayment requirements. He said the projects would be awarded for health and safety concerns and would include such items as updating electrical and plumbing and roof repairs.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the grants could be combined with other programs. Peters said they had partnered with USDA and Community Action Plan in the past and there would be no problem partnering with other agencies to get the projects completed.

Councilor Spatz asked how many projects were expected to be completed. Peters said the plan was to complete approximately 30 projects with this program.

Testimony

No testimony was presented. Mayor Lawrence closed the hearing.

City Council Deliberation

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to direct staff to execute contracts between the City and Oregon Housing and Community Services and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

General Ordinance No. 13-1328 Amending General Ordinance No. 12-1327 Regulating Dogs, Establishing a Penalty for Failure to License Dogs and Declaring an Emergency

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

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Councilor Wood asked if the license was a one-time purchase or had to be purchased annually. City Manager Young said it was an annual license and Home at Last Humane Society would send out reminders for people to renew the licenses. He said the cost for a dog license was \$10 for altered animals, \$50 for unaltered and a \$15 license fee for senior citizens. He said people could purchase a license at Home at Last or at local veterinary offices.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 13-1328 by title.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to adopt General Ordinance No. 13-1328 amending General Ordinance No. 12-1327 regulating dogs, establishing a penalty for failure to license dogs and declaring an emergency, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Ordinance No. 13-555 Amending Special Ordinance No. 13-553 to Correct Clerical Errors

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 13-553 by title.

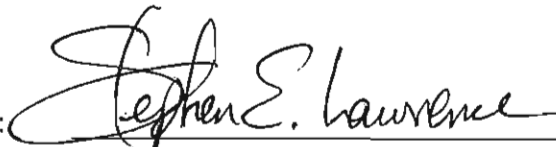
It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to adopt Special Ordinance No. 13-555 amending Special Ordinance No. 13-553 to correct clerical errors, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk

The City of The Dalles is eligible to apply for a 2013 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Business Development Department. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. **Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2013. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$2,000,000.**

The City of The Dalles is preparing an application for a 2013 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Business Development Department for the Mid-Columbia Regional Home Repair Program for the purpose of providing eligible homeowners the opportunity to apply for zero interest, deferred payments loans or grants to make eligible repairs on their homes. The proposed project area may include properties in Wasco, Sherman and Hood River Counties and the incorporated cities of The Dalles, Cascade Locks, Hood River, Dufur, Maupin, Mosier, Shaniko, Antelope, Moro, Rufus, Wasco, and Grass Valley. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 30 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing is being held tonight by the City of The Dalles City Council. The purpose of this hearing is for the city council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City of The Dalles past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at 313 Court Street, The Dalles, OR 97058 on) during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Administrative Secretary at 541.296.5481 extension 1119 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate income housing which is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.