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Doug Daoust. Mayor Dated

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MINUTES

Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers 219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Troutdale, OR 97060

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

Mayor Daoust called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Daoust; Councilor Ripma; Councilor Brooks; Councilor Morgan; Councilor White; Councilor Allen and Councilor Wilson.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Craig Ward, City Manager; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder; Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director; Travis Hultin, Chief Engineer; Steve Sparks, Planning Director; and Scott Anderson, Chief of Police.

GUESTS: See Attached List.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: Judge Raymond Young will administer the Oath of Office to appoint Corey Brooks to fill City Council Position #2.

Judge Young administered the Oath of Office to Corey Brooks.

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming April 23, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Troutdale.

Mayor Daoust read the proclamation.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 MINUTES: January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Councilor White moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Sheets, Troutdale resident, states I wish I was up here to say some good things but unfortunately I have some allegations that I have to respond to. Allegations that were leveled against me, the press and the City Council. Allegations that for some reason I am aligned with some people on this Council and that I am not neutral. And that being the basis for reversal of my nomination to this Council. That is absolutely a bunch of astro turf garbage. I have never been less than fully faithful to the facts and the issues that have ever been presented to me. And I subscribe to the ideas behind them not to the people

that support them. Second, I want to address the Mayor in which some of these meetings have recently been held where there's a bunch of prefacing about how people shouldn't be rolling their eyes or having inappropriate clapping or having any sort of body gestures that could possibly be interpretive as disruptions. That also is garbage. This Troutdale council has never seen an actual disruption. And trying to head that out in front of it by trying to suppress people's viewpoints on certain things, whether they're told to keep positive or told as a point of order not to mention someone's name. Those kind of things are completely inappropriate and viewpoint censorship. That should be allowed and the people shouldn't have to stand for it. Finally, I want to say I really support open dialogue with the public and part of that comes from being able to comment on things that are actually on the agenda. I can understand people taking up time and energy on things when there's an actual public hearing where there's public testimony that's invited. But not being able to comment on the public agenda or during important times when important matters are up for decision and the public is not allowed to comment on that as you put it, I think that's against our democracy and public involvement.

Mayor Daoust states I think we wanted to cover Imagination Station first in case some of you came to talk about that. If Jason Gates could come up and tell us about the latest in the investigation about the play structure burning.

Jason Gates, Chief Deputy with Multhomah County Sheriff's Office, states I was asked to come and provide a statement and make sure that Council is well informed in reference to how the Multhomah County Sheriff's Office Detective Unit is moving forward on this investigation. First I would like to say that, as usual, the Troutdale community is already coming together in an amazing fashion to get this thing rebuilt. Sheriff Staton has directed me to offer to the City of Troutdale the use of our work crews in removing the debris as we clear that out and get ready to rebuild. I want to offer that to the Council for your consideration. At this point the Sheriff's Office Detective Unit is working in somewhat coordination with Gresham Fire investigators. The Sheriff's office is the lead investigation agency on this crime. We are investigating this as a crime of arson. We have been investigating the leads and that has prevented us from releasing any videos. As we get further into the investigation we will have another meeting to discuss the possibility of releasing video for the purpose to see if the community can identify the suspects in this case. There are 2 suspects at this time for sure. We have not ruled out the possibility that these suspects are teenagers. We are continuing to examine 4 different views of 2 different types of video that we have in our possession. Also we are forensically investigating other evidence we have obtained from this crime scene.

Councilor White states I have one question regarding insurance. Whether or not we're covered.

Craig Ward responds Saturday morning Erich Mueller, our Finance Director, contacted City County Insurance Services. They have started a case on this. They haven't come to a decision yet and notified us as to how much insurance coverage will be available but I'm quite confident that we will have the insurance. I can't give any more specifics on that but I'm confident we will have some insurance coverage. We are also receiving a lot of offers. There are a variety of steps that need to be taken regarding restoring the structure itself and that translates into how much it's going to cost to restore. I fully intend to have

whatever contractor or agent we work with to restore this structure implement a program whereby volunteers will be utilized to keep that cost even lower. We're keeping a list of everybody who is offering. We have seen some GoFundMe accounts established privately. We're not in control of those and the last I checked those were under \$700. Today we gathered several hundred dollars in the City's account. It's nice to see that kind of support and cooperation and it will be helpful in any case.

Mayor Daoust asks Craig could you clarify the money donation, that we set up a separate fund.

Craig Ward responds if you come into City Hall with a check or cash, we'll write you a receipt, and we'll put that money in a fund dedicated to the restoration of the play structure. We will be accountable for those funds. We are also reaching out to whatever parties that have started these private funding accounts and ask for them to contact Erich Mueller so that we can help coordinate what they're doing and how we can make best use of those funds.

Ed Trompke states I don't want to encourage or discourage anybody from donating to one of the private accounts but if the City gives a receipt that's certainly deductible on people's taxes for a donation to a public entity. I don't know and I don't think staff would be able to say what the status is of a private donation through someone else. It would be in people's interest to bring it directly to the City.

Mayor Daoust states we sure have noticed the outpouring of community support. It is so obvious. It's emotionally charging to see the citizens of Troutdale, Gresham, Fairview, Wood Village, and Portland come forward and say, we'd like to help you with Imagination Station. It's incredible. Social media has exploded with people wanting to help rebuild Imagination Station. It reminds me of the feeling we had 22 years ago. Jon Brown called me today and asked how can I help? A guy that used to be on the City Council said he would donate \$1,000. People are wanting to help. It's really encouraging.

Claude Cruz, Troutdale resident, states my first item is my reaction of shock when I first read in the paper about the play structure. I know in particular how meaningful that was in your past. Penny and I wanted to express our condolences and also we were glad to hear you would be taking volunteers to help. When you do get to that point please do muster us and we will be glad to do anything we can. I have another item. As you know I recently resigned as Executive Director to the West Columbia Gorge Chamber having found my position lacking support and some outright animosity. Three other key Chamber Board members left at the same time that were driven by similar concerns as well as by organizational behavior that they wanted no part of. While no individual is indispensable, these multiple exits leave the Chamber in a pretty precarious position. From my perspective the old Chamber is dead and the new Chamber may be in the process of being born. Time will tell whether the proposed new direction is auspicious. It was interesting to see in the paper, however, this being spun as a good occurrence. In the interim the visitor center is largely unattended. Momentum on the Troutdale Gorge Hubs and the potential Chamber move to Depot Museum have been lost. Our local tourism work and strategic partnerships for tourism have ground to a halt and Chamber developed events such as Summerfest and Fall Festival of the Arts are losing traction and energy

and in my opinion they're all in jeopardy. I believe that the creation of a hostile environment that forced my departure was the work of 1 or 2 local interests who found my continued leadership to the Chamber an inconvenience. Those interests did not weigh what would be lost by the community or what pain would be inflicted on individuals. Their interest was solely in squashing even helping discussion that touched on their interest. This resonates with what Brian Sheets said earlier. The situation is exacerbated by what I see as unbalanced reporting by local paper and was facilitated by the Chambers new leadership. I'm addressing you tonight because I'm concerned that this Council may be too heavily influenced by these interests. I see that in the nature of the deals that the Council is approving. I see it in the way that Brian Sheets was treated as a contender for Eric Anderson's vacated Council seat. And by this I mean nothing negative with respect to you Corey Brooks. Welcome aboard. And I see it in the increasingly heavy handed way in which public attendance of Council meetings is be de-emphasized. I find this all very disconcerting. This will be my swan song for civic engagement. At least for the foreseeable future. Without being inappropriately self-serving, many will acknowledge the energy, the vision and the un-staking time, easily 7 to 8 thousand hours over the last 4 years that Penny and I have contributed to the Chamber and to the City. Without the engagement of committed citizens such as ourselves the City will suffer. This bodes ill. Our democracy demands such engagement. For myself, I feel that my only remaining recourse will be to address my concerns at the ballot box. I thank you for your attention and the opportunity to have worked with you the past few years. I hope we will see more harmony and a healthier balance between broad public interest and narrower business interest in the time ahead. I thank you for the path we have walked together over the past several years.

Sharon Ezell, Troutdale resident, states I attended my first Council meeting 3 weeks ago and I was very saddened and appalled by some of what I saw and heard. I was amazed that an agreement that was reached by the Council at their last meeting could be and was changed and vetoed by the Mayor. I am referencing the agreement to accept Brian Sheets as Councilman to replace the resigning Councilman Eric Anderson. What saddened and appalled me was the way you, Mr. Mayor, announced that you could make a change. It was arrogant and guite frankly rude. It would have been the perfect teaching moment for you to explain to us what gave you the ability or the authority to make that decision. When those of us that were shocked or surprised by the way that you did it, having normal involuntary response by gasping, you then proceeded to threaten us by stating that any further outbursts or clapping of any kind would not be tolerated. And that we would be escorted out of the chambers by the police. Since when is a normal response to surprise a reason to threaten us? The fact that you had the police present at the meeting indicates to me that you were planning on making a threat prior to the meeting and our collective gasps. After discussion about Brian Sheets' inability to be unbiased and Corey Brooks ability to be unbiased a vote was taken and Corey Brooks was voted in as the new Councilman. It was shortly thereafter that you yourself asked everyone to welcome the new Councilman, Corey Brooks. In fact, Councilor Wilson asked for a welcoming hand. You were called on it and you stated that you should have cleared the room however not everyone in the room had clapped. Brian Sheets was not given an opportunity to defend himself against the accusations that were made about him. I feel that this was very unfair and unprofessional. I felt sorry for both, Brian Sheets and Corey Brooks, in what was a very caustic environment. I noticed that several time throughout the meeting Councilor

Wilson interrupted and spoke out of order and yet not once did you correct or curtail him. So it appears to me that there is a double standard. As an elected official of Troutdale it is your responsibility to represent your constituents to the best of your ability. I do not feel that you represented, certainly not me, but also not a large portion of those constituents. The betterment of Troutdale should be your end goal. Not the betterment of select few. Please remember that you are here to work for us and that should not include threatening us or being pompous and arrogant just because you can. You never stated who you had talked to that did not feel that Brian would be unbiased nor why Corey would be. Which leads me to believe that it was not just the citizenry of Troutdale. Remember that you do not work just for the business owners but for the population of Troutdale. I have no prejudice toward Brian Sheets or Councilman Corey Brooks. In fact, I do not know either of these men. I am speaking simply tonight because I believe you, Mayor Daoust, owe us an apology.

Ryan McNaughton, Troutdale resident, states two years ago I came in front of the Council and spoke about my property up on Cherry Park and a road that's going through it. We got the road taken care of so it would not go through. I've been very involved in the development next door for the last 2 years. But just recently I noticed that a fire hydrant was placed in the very back corner of the property. Very peculiar placement. So I started digging around about why it was placed there, and I believe a statement that I got from Public Works from John Bushard, and it seems that it establishes an easement through my property for future development and it kind of states in the road placement. I was not made aware about it. The developer said it was very last minute. I feel betrayed really. You back handed it in there I feel like. It kind of leads to some staff arrogance sometimes that I felt. I'll leave it at that and leave you guys with emails (copies can be found in the meeting packet). The location is 301 SW Cherry Park Rd.

Bruce Wasson, Troutdale resident, states I received a letter from Steve Winstead's office last February stating that my address at 150 and Mr. Stan Nuffer's across the street at 149 were being arbitrarily changed because of this housing development going across the street from me and right next to Mr. McNaughton. It did not give us an option as to whether it was changed. It said it would be changed. The fact that they just come out and said that it would be done has irritated me. This is not good government so I sent a registered letter back to Steve Winstead and I have not gotten a reply back. But I have copies here of the letter that was sent to me from that office with Jodi's signature on it and the grid that they claim was the reason for the change in the numbering system. This grid apparently has been in position for years and now all of a sudden they decide to change the address. There is no need to change the address because there's 150 numbers between my address and Mr. McNaughton's across the street. So the change of address is purely arbitrary. I will give copies of this to the City so the City can have them (copies can be found in the meeting packet). I would like to ask the City Council to take this under consideration and grandfather my address and Stan Nuffer's, who has asked me to represent him in front of the Council, back in and direct the City Planners to reverse the address change that they've already sent out to organizations listed in their letter. That was the other thing that irritated me. They went ahead and sent out address changes to all these. I went and talked to Jodi 2 days after I got the letter and asked her what the regulations were. The regulations are stated in this letter that I sent to Steve Winstead. And our addresses meet that regulation. It just some arbitrary lines drawn on

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a map that I believe needs to be dealt with. In the instance of good government and understanding what people have to live with the amount of address changes I would have to undertake would be about 75 and Mr. Nuffer would well exceed 100. I have lived there for 35 years and Stan has lived there for 57.

Councilor Morgan states according to this we have until August to act.

Bruce Wasson responds that is the date that I have to change the address on my house. The City has already sent out the changes.

Vanessa Hayden, Troutdale resident, states Reynolds Little League Baseball Program, in regards to Imagination Station, we want to extend our collaboration and partnership as we go through this journey together as we're very closely related with the fields.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, read a statement to the Council regarding City Council Position #2. A copy of his statement is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

Jon Brown, Troutdale resident, states I would like to get a task force going to get the Imagination Station going before the summer. We can hammer down and we can do it.

Diane Castillo White, Troutdale resident, states I want to speak to the statement of the last Council meeting that the room was full because the people had an understanding that there was a division. The people that I talked to in the audience were there to celebrate a level headed vote selecting Brian Sheets. I was very pleased that Brian Sheets was selected. I found him on the Planning Commission to be very thoughtful, fair and professional. I looked forward to balance on the Council. I am not a fan of labels. I come to most of the Council meetings and I see many 5-2, 6-1, 4-3 and so on votes. Justification for expenses, thorough analysis of issues, seeking truth to present to the citizens so they can vote transparently is always important.

Sam Barnett, Troutdale resident, states this is all going to sound familiar from what we've heard so far tonight on this issue. The Mayor loses with a mouse to a game of hopscotch of which you, the Mayor, made the rules. You announce that you cannot ignore the final count of votes for Brian Sheets and concede that Brian will do well and is capable of "working both sides of the line" but then you hear something. Lots of somethings. From all kinds of people saying this and saying that about what might be with Brian or the Council. Things of which we don't know because you won't tell us. So you changed the rules, so to change your mind as to whom you believe would be best for the Council. Somebody neutral. I gave you that tip several weeks ago but you ignored it until you didn't get your man whomever that might have been. Now we're going to be fair. We're going fair and we're going to look for somebody neutral and even minded. Mayor, we all know there is something wrong here. If you're a smart man you know there is something wrong with this. Assuming you are, many of us feel that once again you have insulted our intelligence. Further, the City Attorney, I believe, acknowledged that he failed with the poor excuse to put Brian on the consent agenda. If he had done his duty Brian would have been there last meeting only for you Mayor to move to strike that aspect of the agenda. I firmly believe this miss to be completely deliberate to speed things along and I think that that's shameful. I think over the past year and more we've rushed some things

along that we have regretted and maybe down the road will regret it. During last meetings second nomination you chided Councilor White to nominate Brian Sheets. Again, knowing full well that action would be useless. Councilor White did not take your bait. Yet you still hung Brian's name out there even though he had not been nominated by any Councilor. I'm hopeful for Corey that you'll serve the City of Troutdale well. I hope you'll be fair minded and put the citizens of Troutdale first. Always put the people first. People come first. Mayor Daoust, like Councilor Morgan, many of us not only voted for you but we campaigned for you. The flipping and flopping and attempts to further your own agendas ahead of the people of Troutdale deeply divided this Council. Mayor, your continued disrespect towards your opposing peers and their opinions during Council does not become that of a successful man. I hope that you will spare yourself and this City the pain of rerunning for Mayor. You will be as disappointed at the outcome as we are for voting you in.

Tanney Staffenson, Troutdale resident, states I have some items, the first one being we have a couple of members of the Planning Commission that are on the Airport Advisory Committee and I wanted to know when is an appropriate time to address you on the future IGA between the City and the Port of Portland. You don't have to answer that now but if you could get me that so I could get that time. The other thing I wanted to comment on was how our Planning Commission meeting on March 16th there was an item brought up during public comment and that was regarding the Council meeting and everything that happened with Brian Sheets. One of the things that was brought up during public comment by an individual was after the discussion that took place would the Planning Commission members change their position to possibly further their political agenda in the future. That was brought up due to the position that the Planning Commission took on the Capital Improvement List. Although we did a recommendation and the Council had a different position on that we respect that. But the concern that I would have would be is, is there some type of reciprocity taken towards those individuals because of the viewpoint they have which may be different than the Councils? I guess I would come back to what was said during the interview session which was do we want someone on Council that didn't vote for Urban Renewal. The position of Planning Commission was not to vote up or down on Urban Renewal. It was a concern about funding and viability for some of the items. There wasn't a yes or no vote. I guess the hope would be that those individuals if they were to attempt to further their political career would not be labeled for the position that they took. If you look at the facts there was deliberation and there was a bona fide reason for the decision that was made. I don't think people should ever be labeled because they have a difference of opinion. With that personal comment, nothing against you Mr. Brooks, there's been a lot of talk about Brian. I served with Brian on the Planning Commission in excess of 5 years and the comment was made and I read in the paper not aligned to one side or the other. I worked with him very closely and I can tell you from my experiences I can't tell you how he's going to vote. I don't know. Sometimes I like the way he votes. Sometimes I don't like it. I respect the way he votes and he always has facts and a reasonable position for the way that he votes. That's something that we should all respect.

6. **PRESENTATION**:

Dan Staton, Multnomah County Sheriff, states tonight is a bittersweet moment for me. We're losing a very good man. He has served the public for over 40 plus years. He has served this community. I have worked with him for over 27 years. He is a very exceptional man. I would be very remiss if I did not recognize him and the service he has put forward for this County and for this City. I'd like to get a round of applause for Scott Anderson as we'll be saying goodbye to him. Next I would like to thank the Mayor and the Council, especially Craig Ward, for the work that we've done to locate a replacement to fill some very big shoes. It took a long time but I want to introduce Commander Monte Reiser. He is the one that we have selected with your support and with Craig Ward's support. I can tell you that he's been serving this community now for nearly 25 years. He has served in almost every capacity and his service has not been with just Multnomah County but it has been with the City of Troutdale as well. I couldn't think of a finer man to act in the capacity of your Chief and represent the Sheriff's Office. I think you'll be pleased with the selection. I'd like to introduce Commander Monte Reiser. And I'd like to introduce Chief Deputy Jason Gates.

Commander Reiser, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, states I would like to thank Sheriff Staton in partnership with City Manager Craig Ward for designating me as the Police Chief for purposes of the contract with the City of Troutdale and Multhomah County Sheriff's Office. Councilors, I met with Mr. Ward and I have worked with Commander Anderson these past several months which has given me an opportunity to learn a lot about City business. I look forward to working more closely with Mr. Ward and the City's management team in the upcoming months. Just a special thanks to previous Chief of Troutdale's Police Department Scott Anderson for all that he's done for me these past several months. I've also met with several City staff over the past several months. Some of the discussions have involved business while others have just been to get to know each other. I've enjoyed those discussions and I'm definitely somebody that appreciates and values open communication and I look forward to future discussions. Councilors, I understand the importance of public safety in the City of Troutdale and how important guality of law enforcement services are to you. Troutdale citizens and visiting citizens, I'm a firm believer in the Sheriff's Office mission's statement to provide exemplary service and I personally define that as going beyond the expectations of the customer of the public and all of you in terms of the contract. I want to make sure we're not just providing basic necessities of that contract but to go on and provide that quality service that you can really appreciate. I pledge to you this evening my very best professional approach in ensuring the Sheriff's Office provides accountability in the areas of quality, fiscally responsible and transparent public safety services and partnership with all of you. I look forward to working with Craig Ward and the City leadership team.

Councilor White states I wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department for some recent work they did regarding a homeless camp above Tad's Chicken and Dumplings. I think it had to do with a recent car prowl situation. I witnessed that and I want to thank the Sheriff's Department.

 REPORT: A report from the Citizen's Advisory Committee outlining their March meeting recommendations to the City Council.

Zach Hudson, Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, states since we got new committee members at the beginning of this year and had 3 meetings since then one of the things that keeps coming up is openness and communication and looking for ways to foster those. In fact this most recent Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting we added a public comment period to our own agenda to invite the public to come forward and speak to us. The Committee is bringing forward 3 recommendations. The first is to rearrange the agenda so that the public comment period comes before the consent agenda. One of our concerns was that if there was something on the consent agenda which does turn out to be something that members of the public would like some input on it would allow a citizen to say so which would then give the option to any Councilor to move an item from the consent agenda down to regular agenda. The next is to reword the text on the current meeting agenda to clarify the fact that public comment on agenda items is welcome but should be reserved until that time during the meeting. Suggested wording for City Council agendas public comment: Public comment at this time is limited to comments on nonagenda and consent agenda items. Public comment is welcomed on agenda items as they are presented. All remarks shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker unless a different time is allowed by the Mayor. The Mayor and Council should avoid immediate and protracted response to citizen concern. The last is to clarify the phrase "when appropriate" as it applies to the council's making decisions during work sessions.

Councilor Wilson states back on November 30th of last year you sent to the city these same questions.

Zach Hudson responds that was largely based on a misunderstanding that we had back in November.

Councilor Wilson states you got a response back from Mayor Daoust and you got a response back from Ed Trompke. When I encountered the gentleman that had these questions he said that the responses had not been shared with him so I forwarded them. My question is, were these responses back from November shared with your committee when you were discussing them?

Zach Hudson responds they were shared paraphrased and anonymously on my behalf. I do not share any communications that I receive from anybody. I paraphrased what I was told by Council members in general.

Councilor Wilson asks did you share what our Attorney shared with you with them?

Zach Hudson responds yes. I made copies of what Mr. Trompke sent me. I felt it was more appropriate to share the information from a legal point word for word. But I didn't want to feel that anybody was feeling like I was sharing what they said without their permission and so any response from the Council I simply said some Councilors.

Councilor White asks on item # 2 the language where you talk about limiting the speaking time to 5 minutes to each speaker unless a different time is allowed by the Mayor, were you implying a shorter time should be given? Or a longer time?

Zach Hudson states that was cut and pasted from the current phrasing. That interpretation I suppose is up to the Council and Mayor. We simply took that section of it and continued to include it and didn't change it. That item was not part of our discussion.

Councilor White states that language concerns me that the Mayor has the authority to possibly shorten somebody's public comment. As a suggestion maybe get some clarity on that.

Councilor Ripma states changing order of the Council meetings it's in our ordinance or rules. I think the other things don't require a passage of something we can just change them but I would recommend that the Council ask staff to proceed. I can't think of any reason why public comment couldn't come before the consent agenda instead of after.

Ed Trompke responds it is in an ordinance now. But ordinarily the consent agenda items are considered noncontroversial where public comment items might be controversial. I think the theory is that people in other Cities, when a member of the public is concerned enough they can approach a Councilor before the meeting and ask them to take it off the agenda. Or if during public comment someone does say something a person could always change their vote during the meeting on previous item. It then can be raised for consideration at the next meeting. There is a mechanism for it now as it's written.

Councilor Ripma states we have always done it this way. I don't see any reason myself not to reverse the order and try out the CACs recommendation of having the public comment before the consent agenda. I favor both of those changes.

Councilor Allen states I would agree to bring that up on an agenda item to discuss amongst the council.

Mayor Daoust asks Ed Trompke do you have any comments on any of the 3 recommendations? This is just a report. We don't have to make any decisions tonight.

Ed Trompke responds the first one does require an ordinance to implement, the second one, the clarification of the meeting agendas could be done and I might modify it a little more. I think it can be done because the form of the agenda is a matter of the staff having prepared it.

Mayor Daoust states I don't have a problem with any of them. Usually I allow public comment on almost everything.

Ed Trompke states the November email that I sent did say that public input by law is optional but you almost always allowed it through that time. You have been open with giving time for the public to comment. Quasi-judicial decisions are governed by more stringent rules and aren't as easy to change.

Mayor Daoust states the wording the CAC has come up says public comment is welcome on agenda items as they are presented. Does that infer that every single agenda item will get public comment? In order to run the meeting in an orderly fashion and watch the time, there may be certain items that I don't open public comment.

Ed Trompke states on resolutions it's not required. On motions by Councilors it's not required. It's really only required in ordinance adoption or in quasi-judicial hearing.

Councilor Wilson asks would it be possible if on the agenda items where people can't come forward and talk just put public comment welcome?

Zach Hudson responds that would be welcoming.

Councilor Morgan states it's not so much about who has discretion. If the public were allowed to comment on anything there wouldn't be a need to put before or allow certain subjects to not. They could give their comment at the beginning of the meeting on upcoming agenda items and then public comments for the meeting would be closed unless it is a quasi-judicial discussion.

Mayor Daoust states my take away from these suggestions is to make it clearer at the beginning of the meeting when public comment would be allowed. Maybe we can take your suggestions and I can talk with Ed and give a response back to the CAC on what we've heard tonight from the council. And clarify things to the CAC on how the council will implement these.

Councilor Allen states I would like this to be added to our next meeting if it can be. Staff prepare something and talk about this.

8. **PRESENTATION**: East Metro Mediation services that are provided to Troutdale Residents.

Tera Cleland, East Metro Mediation Services, states thank you for having me tonight. In one of my handouts you will see highlights from July 1, 2015 and December 2015 (copies of the handouts can be found in the meeting packet). Mediation is not meditation. People don't hold hands. They don't meditate. They actually come together when people are having some kind of issue or a problem and come together at the same table and have a conversation about it. A lot of people ask how mediation is different when I try to talk to my coworker or neighbor or children. Mediation is different because you have a neutral third party mediator there who is trained to help you work through the problem without getting advice or making judgments or taking sides. They help you come to your own resolution to the problem. We mediate neighborhood conflicts, workplace conflicts, truancy cases, family and parent/teen conflicts, custody issues etc. A good case for mediation is any case where people will sit down and talk about it voluntarily. It's a valuable and important process where people get and feel heard. We serve Gresham. Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village and unincorporated in Multhomah County for free. All of our services are free. Thank you for your support and hopefully continued support. We have a pilot project for the Second Home Project with the City of Gresham and the Gresham/Barlow School District to help homeless children find safe and secure housing. This is for good kids who are working really hard and graduating high school who are in an unfortunate situation that is not their fault. We're looking for home providers and awareness.

Councilor Morgan asks if there is somebody that is wanting to reach out or help out or inquire, where should they go to?

Tera Cleland responds we are housed with the City of Gresham. If they come to the City of Gresham they'll be directed to our office. You can call us at 503-618-2684 or email at greshamoregon gov/mediation.

Mayor Daoust states I want to thank you for doing this kind of work. It takes a special kind of people to sit in a room with people who have conflicts with each other. The Second Home concept is fascinating. You provide part time jobs or internships for some of the students?

Tera Cleland responds part of the program is connecting so these students, especially in the summer, when they're housed in Second Home that they're not allowed to hangout all summer. They have to be doing something to improve themselves. We look for internships and job positions and even volunteer opportunities so that student is doing something all summer to keep increasing skills.

Councilor Brooks states I love the Second Hand program. My question is what classifies as a good kid?

Tera Cleland responds we don't place students like foster care. We walk the student and the home provider through a series of interviews. They interview each other. Then we have a tenant contract that is signed.

Councilor White states I like the program but it raises the question do you have any stats on how big of a problem this is in our City?

Tera Cleland responds I do not.

Craig Ward states I would be happy to provide the information that the school district has on the number of homeless children who go to Reynolds School District which is an astounding number. This is a partnership that the City has with Gresham and the other Cities. We pay a nominal amount, \$1,500. We get great value for \$1,500 because it's really valuable and Chief Anderson made me aware first about this. The cops do what they need to do but they're not necessarily trained mediators. It's really helpful for them to be able to hand off some of these cases. It's true for code enforcement and it's true for a variety of cases.

Mayor Daoust calls for a 10 minute break at 8:46pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:01pm.

9. **REPORT:** Comprehensive well assessment and action plan.

Travis Hultin, Chief Engineer Public Works, states we're here tonight to share with you an assessment and action plan that we've been working on the last few months related to our groundwater well structure. I'm going to turn it over to Chris Augustine, Registered Geologist with GSI Water Solutions. Chris will walk you through what we did and his evaluation of what we found, what the conclusions were and recommendations with a PowerPoint presentation and slides included in the meeting packet as Exhibit A and B.

Councilor Wilson asks is the money there in the long run to take care of all these through 2016 and beyond?

Travis Hultin responds we do have money budgeted to commence some of the initial work that Chris outlined even to include other wells and possibly another one next year. I think that when you get into the out years, as our funding outlook looks right now, we may have some problems.

Councilor Wilson asks in the long run we're going to have to make big adjustments to the customer's water rates or are we going to do it through SDCs?

Travis Hultin responds we can't do it through SDCs because this is not emergency maintenance. On new wells we can use SDCs. As far as our existing wells that comes out of operational funding.

Councilor Wilson states we can't allow these to fail.

Councilor Allen asks in the long term actions of proposed sites, do we as a City own the land for these sites? Or is some land acquisition likely?

Travis Hultin responds the site that we have proposed for well 9 is property that we currently own. You pick a location and you do all the betting you can for it and you think you're going to have a good spot and then you drill and it turns out the spot you picked, the conditions are no good and you don't get the results you expected. There is no way to tell how good a well will produce until you actually drill and test pump it.

Chris Augustine states the City did do a site study for well 9 and the main purpose of evaluating alternative locations is more people put more wells in and that may turn out to tell us that well 9 may not be the best location. Or it may tell us it's a better location. It's been 10 years since that study and we should revisit it and make sure that it's still a good location.

Travis Hultin states we originally intended to construct well 9 and not going after well 5. When we went to construct well 5 it had been 15 years or so since the City had drilled a well and it ended up being a lot more expensive than we expected. We didn't have enough money to proceed with well 9 at the time. When your star well 5 has a problem you want to make sure you back it up. Depending on the problem it could take weeks or months to repair that well if it has a serious problem. You don't want to be short of capacity during the summer when the demands are higher.

Councilor Allen states we rehabilitated well 5 not that long ago. How long do we have to develop the next rehabilitation of well 5?

Travis Hultin responds well 5 wasn't exactly a redevelopment it was more of an error. It had an operation vibration issue that we had to resolve. There are monitoring capabilities

we would like to have and we don't. And a lot of that is the way the well was built at the time it was built. One of the best ways to see what's going on with a well is to get eyes on it and getting a camera down there. Right now to do that we have to pull the well, the pumps and everything out of the hole so we can put a camera down there. Some of the more modern wells have ports where you can insert a camera without pulling all that out. Just to pull everything out is expensive and it disrupts service.

Chris Augustine states as an example of what Travis is talking about, the City of Fairview's newest water supply well 9 had similar issues very early. It's only a couple years old and the way it was designed we were able to install a large diameter where we can introduce not only a camera but also a special tool that helps redevelop the well.

Councilor White asks is this a new thing we're doing in the City where we hire this firm to evaluate? Is this something that we used to do in house?

Travis Hultin responds GSI and Chris have been working in East County and with the City on various well related projects for many years. They are very knowledgeable about this stuff.

Councilor White asks they've been doing this for years?

Travis Hultin responds not necessarily this type of study but assisting on individual well projects. We haven't done a study like this in the past. Mostly it was reactive through an individual well basis. Staff would see there was a problem developing in the well and they would try to go deal with that individual problem.

Councilor White asks we don't have the capability to do this type of work in house?

Travis Hultin responds we have the capability to do parts of it but this requires a hydrogeologist. We don't have a hydrogeologist and we don't have a geologist on staff. So this requires a very specialized knowledge. Something like this takes an interdisciplinary team and with the size of our staff we don't cover all of those bases.

Councilor White states a concern that was pointed out when we were talking about uncapping the storm sewer rate was how much the department costs have grown the past couple of years. I took a tour of the facilities when Charlie Warren was the Public Works Director and he said aside from a mechanical problem in a well, there is really only 2 things you can do to rehab a well that's declining and that is to freeze a well with liquid nitrogen and the other option was to blast the well. Is that still true?

Travis Hultin states traditional means of redevelopment for mechanical. That's where you're actually introducing physical force into the water column to start moving those particles around. Then there's chemical which is some cases dealing with bacterial problems. There are a number of different techniques people have developed that fall into one of those 2 categories. It's almost like there are several different products that can do the same thing. There are a number of different techniques and technology, some of them proprietary, that people have developed to achieve those same ends. There are advantages and disadvantages to those.

Chris Augustine states freezing a well is done in certain cases but what's changed is that they've actually developed repetitive, percussive tools that you put down in a well and they make shock waves and the frequency of which you use repetition creates a harmonic disruption so it amplifies the sonic energy that goes out into the aquifer and screen and disrupts all that material is pointed out. It turns out that is a more effective approach than freezing a well. There's other techniques. There's something call aquafree which reintroduces carbon dioxide into the well. It lowers the ph, the bubbles expand and disrupt and removes the material. You need to have a structured approach. You don't go out and just do a chemical treatment.

Travis Hultin states the type of technique you use on a given well is going to be depending on the condition of the well and the symptoms. This is one of the reasons we did the study is so we can identify what the most effective approach is going to be for each given well.

Councilor White asks what was the cost of the study?

Travis Hultin responds this study was \$54,000.

Councilor White asks don't we have a well, well 4, that has the trace mineral that causes the bad taste?

Travis Hultin states well 4 has high total dissolved solids and that's one of the problems you used to see in the downtown area. That's one of the reasons we've made some changes to the configurations of the wells.

Councilor White asks is that a fairly high capacity well?

Travis Hultin responds relative to well 5, it's in a sense a backup. It's not one of the first wells we go to. The wells we like to run as much as possible are well 2 and well 5. Good quality and good production. We also have different zones and water systems. Those 2 wells can't take care of every zone.

Councilor Wilson states well 4 is in the low risk zone but you're telling me that it has some issues. Is there anything that can be done to clean that up?

Chris Augustine responds the issues with that don't appear to be affecting its performance. It has not changed since it was reconstructed. The well performance has been the same. Those issues aren't changing. The water issues with water quality, the TDS and that can be handled by blending or mixing waters or how they operate the systems which the City has been doing traditionally. On the plus side, since the well has been reconstructed the TDS has gone down. It was traditionally over 500 and in this study it was down around 390. The reason that it is different than other wells is still not well defined.

Mayor Daoust asks if we need to redevelop wells 6 and 8 in the next couple years are we going to be able to do that?

Travis Hultin responds we think we can do 2 in the next couple of years. Now whether that ends up being 6 and 8 or might be 3. We're not set yet on exactly what the combination is going to be because we want to take a closer look at well 3 and get some video on it.

Mayor Daoust states water is the precious resource and probably will be the more talked about resource at time goes on. Most of the arguments over water use are on surface waters, streams, lakes and rivers now days. When you have to collaborate with others on the deep aquifer well users and you get Oregon water resources involved, has that ever happened before? Or are we reaching a point in time where it has to happen now because of droughts or some other reason we are now having to collaborate more on well water use?

Chris Augustine responds it has been done before. Doug Gellar was the former lead hydrogeologist for the City of Portland and he arranged this forum and it fell apart. He left the City of Portland and when he departed he was the motivating factor and it fell apart. The motivation for getting Oregon Water Resources involved now is because they're the managing government agency. They have hydrogeologists on staff and essentially this is a transboundary aquifer. Across the Columbia River and Washington they have the same aquifer. Getting people to talk to one another, it's not because of 2015, it's a resource you're going to need to manage. There are folks like Wood Village and Fairview that already have intergovernmental agreements in place when they operate the wells. It would be best to be out in front of it and be a good steward and protect like we said through water resource. You do that through communication.

Councilor Allen states I thought there was historical data that when Portland pulls from the Blue Lake aquifer that there's an effect on our water level.

Chris Augustine responds I'm not familiar with that study. I do know that for well installation that they did say that the wells do respond to Columbia River fluctuations and flow stage. But there is more of a pressure response.

Councilor Morgan states I know there have been a lot of concerns about lead nationally and the report this week with East Gresham and Portland. I don't see on the list here, are we in danger whatsoever? Is that a concern?

Travis Hultin responds no, we don't really have a concern with lead. That's actually tested at the other end of the system not at the well. The lead source is not coming from the well source it's coming from the plumbing. We don't have any lead service lines in our public system. We can't say for certain what people have in their internal home plumbing. We do lead and copper testing on a regular basis which is required by law. That is all produced in our annual water quality report. We haven't seen any problems with lead.

Councilor Morgan asks with the addition of wells if our current consumption rate, how much population could our well service? Do we have any idea or indication of how much, theoretically, the current consumption rate?

Travis Hultin responds I couldn't tell you off the top of my head but I could figure it out. I could supply that to you.

Chris Augustine states the water rights to the City currently has a total of 8 million gallons a day.

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward states just a reminder more for the public than the Council, that we do have 2 Budget Committee meetings next week on Monday and Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the Kellogg Community Room at the Police Facility. There you will have the opportunity to go to notice the big blank wall on the north side of the room. That is the location proposed by me for putting the 3 paintings that the Troutdale Historical Society has received as donations and has offered to loan to the City. That's really the only logical place that 3 paintings of that size can be placed. It doesn't have to be permanent. They will be on loan to us.

Councilor White asks do we have a visual of those paintings available?

Craig Ward responds they gave us some scans so I can send them. They're waterfalls of The Gorge. Finally the comment was made by Mr. Cruz on the status of projects of the Chamber has been engaged in. The one I want to bring your attention to is the Bike Hub. You may be aware that the Chamber reached out and got a grant for the construction level design. Claude was very helpful in going out and getting a grant that will convert those conceptual plans into engineered design drawings then we can go to bid with and get grants for to hopefully construct the Bike Hub. The new Chamber leadership is well aware that that project is on hold and needs to be broken loose and my advice to them is use the money they got and hire an engineer and finish those construction drawings. They have a lot of other things on their plate right now. They have another smaller grant that has to do with Keep America Beautiful grant from Waste Management that will install a recycling center and drop boxes at Depot Park. We still need to proceed with new policy to replace the former Art Acquisition Policy this is only for the temporary phase.

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilor Morgan states I agree with Jon Brown about uniting a task force or a committee and a couple of Councilors to coordinate stuff for Imagination Station if staff agrees that's a good idea.

Craig Ward responds if I could speak to that I welcome help and I would work with the staff. The simplest approach is to simply take that project as it was and make sure that its replacement components conform to current code. Anytime you deal with an older structure it may have a new set of codes to some level. We need to make sure that that's true. My preference would be to simply hire a contractor with whatever money we get out of our insurance settlement on this and move ahead with replacing that structure as it previously existed. And to have the contractor have a plan for involving the public. So we can take advantage of the volunteer effort. If the Council wants a task force to be formed and wants to take a more aggressive approach to than that that's certainly your choice. I

welcome the assistance but it is pretty straight forward project if you do it the way I just recommended.

Mayor Daoust states if a task force were made up of children, the children have spoken and they want it exactly the way it was before.

Councilor Allen states it seems like we should be engaging the Parks Committee with their suggestions working with staff.

Mayor Daoust states contrary to what we heard about the Chamber tonight Craig and I met with Cindy Passannante who is in charge of events and believe me we came away from that meeting rather impressed with how the Chamber is going to handle events such as Summerfest, the Christmas tree lighting, the Fall Arts Festival. Cindy has some new ideas of other events that she's just a ball of energy. As far as the events go, which is not all the Chamber does, I think they're in really good hands. Cindy gave a pretty good presentation to Craig and I just want to make us feel better about what the Chamber has gone through recently. I have the regional Mayor's meeting tomorrow and the GPAs Small Cities Consortium in addition to a meeting with Ed Trompke at 10:30 tomorrow. They're all combined. I wanted to keep the Council educated on the Mt Hood Community College bond in case anybody asks you how to get more information. The bond is coming up on the May 17th election for MHCC and I think our Council should be educated enough to answer questions from the public.

Councilor White states now that Councilor Morgan and Craig Ward are back from Washington DC I was hoping we could get some type of report so the public could be informed. I know you had some written emails but I would like to see some outreach to the public outlining that trip. Also, I was concerned when I read the article about a loan we're assuming for 5 million dollars. Is that going to be a part of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) that's available or is this in addition to that?

Craig Ward responds there's always been some confusion about the TIF that is used for the Urban Renewal Area and only generates money when the development has occurred. So our letter of intent with Eastwinds obligates the City to condemn the right-of-way initially before even the property sales go through. It's a condition of selling our property to Eastwinds that we initiate that process. From the coaching Ed's given me on this, we go to a judge and the decision on condemnation is made by the judge we then are likely to have to purchase that right-away right away. That is well before the tax increment money starts to come in. I would think of the loan that we're talking about as a bridge loan. In that it will allow us to finance that right-away acquisition prior to the tax increment money coming in to pay it off.

Ed Trompke states traditionally with TIF is to go out and sell bonds and you repay the bonds with the TIF because the TIF can only be used to repay debt. You have to have debt otherwise you can't use the TIF. So you have to borrow money if you're going to make use of it. So whether it goes through bonds or from a state loan or our government sources are being looked at. It is how urban renewal works generally you need to have debt then you repay it with the TIF.

Councilor White states I was surprised to read it in the newspaper first. I was also surprised at the dollar amount when the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is approved for only almost half that amount.

Craig Ward states there is a couple of different components to that and we would be happy to schedule another Urban Renewal meeting if you'd like to go through these and the mechanics of this.

Councilor Wilson states I remember you sending out an email about all of this and all the different financing options that we have. We all had it from Craig so it got sent out. When I saw it in the paper it wasn't a surprise to me because we had already been informed.

Councilor White states I want to declare that I own property on Beaver Creek and on the Sandy River. I'm not going to declare a potential conflict of interest because I've been told by our attorney that it's not a conflict of interest and I've been told by the state ethics board it's not a conflict of interest but out of courtesy I will announce that I own property on both of those locations. I read Craig's update that talked about FEMA that they're going to go forward now and I just need to know what the next step is so we can ahead of this process:

Craig Ward responds Professor Huber, as Councilor White well knows, is under contract with us to evaluate the methodology applied by FEMA and creating that draft map. He has begun work on that. The next step for FEMA and the State is to publish notice of public meetings to review those draft maps. They have not done that yet. They have not informed us or collaborated with us on the date on when those meetings will be held. I expect that any day. They have provided us with the draft maps which I have provided links to and is available on our website. I've asked for City staff to do some additional evaluation of those because the maps that Councilor White and I looked at with a few other Councilors over the last couple years as we got the initial draft in 2013 it had a very beneficial aspect where it showed the properties that would be added that had additional area in the 100 year flood zone and those properties that would have less acreage in that area. That was really helpful and what we got right now doesn't provide that so we have to actually do an interpretation based on this data and we're working on that as well. As soon as FEMA produces their maps and as soon as Professor Huber gives us some feedback I expect to schedule a work session for the Council so we can go over his feedback and update the council in more detail.

Councilor White states as you know the Council has put me in charge of this task. Now that we've reached this step is it possible to show this map to other interested parties?

Craig Ward responds absolutely. They were public records as soon as I sent them to you. I think that they're on our website.

Councilor White states my reason for asking that is I think it would be appropriate to forward this to the Planning Commission. I would like their input so it's not just me doing all this work myself. If I could get support of the Council to do that I think it would be a very appropriate thing to do and very helpful.

Mayor Daoust asks is that an appropriate thing for the Planning Commission to look at?

Ed Trompke responds it would be appropriate for Planning Commission to look at in terms of what the zones are. If they have something zoned residential that's going to be in the 1% or 100 year flood zone then that might be something they want to look at to make zoning changes. They would take that into account and take those things into account. If the floodways have changed. It might inform them and it might not be of any relevance either because the changes may not be that significant. But certainly it wouldn't hurt if they looked at it.

Councilor White states my reason for bringing it up in our Council Concerns is I know timing is going to be critical on this and we are getting just a short window to make any corrections.

Mayor Daoust states I want to make sure that we don't use the Planning Commission as just another work team that we want to give stuff to but that's in their authority to look at.

Councilor White states on the 2 gentlemen that are facing the address changes after 1 living in Troutdale 57 years and the other 37 years I'm hopeful that we can do something to avoid them having to change their address. I think that would alarm any citizen facing that.

Craig Ward states I have a meeting tomorrow with Steve Winstead and we will discuss that process. As I understand it it's under the building code and I may be overstating it here it is his authority under the building code to deal with addressing. I don't know what leverage the City Council or our policies have to change that procedure.

Councilor Ripma states on that issue, the map that was sent to Mr. Wasson, I've been looking at it and the numbers in the grid spill over all over the place a little bit and it seems very high handed of the City to say that because this new subdivision is being built north of you, you have to change your address. I just can't believe there isn't a fix for this.

Councilor White states now that we have completed the purchase sale agreement for Urban Renewal, I'm assuming the negotiation team has been dissolved.

Councilor Morgan states a long time ago.

Craig Ward responds just technically we have not completed the purchase and sale agreement. All we have is a binding letter of intent. I do agree that at this point that the responsibility with the staff to implement that agreement.

Councilor White states similarly with the Charter Review Committee losing one of the members I feel like that works completed it would be my recommendation to dissolve that committee as well.

Councilor Wilson states Eric stepped down from that committee a while back and Doug was brought in as the third member. We haven't met. But nobody has met and there haven't been any meetings. I think it's up to Mayor Daoust. Eric made an announcement

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at the meeting that he was stepping away because of work and Mayor Daoust stepped up to keep the committee together. We haven't had any meetings.

Councilor Ripma states we probably ought to consider dissolving it at least. I would favor dissolving it. I've lost my enthusiasm for subcommittees of the council taking on these tasks.

Councilor White states my final concern I want to pass out a handout. I want to give some clarification on an article I read from our Mayor who reached out to the media on an online comment in regard to the article that was talking about the Council selection. I will read you the first part of it. The Mayor stated you'll notice that 4 Councilors agreed with nomination of Corey Brooks, not just the Mayor. In fact the 2 Councilors that voted against Corey, Glenn White and Rich Allen, originally voted for Corey Brooks during the interviews. Then they switched their vote when the final vote was taken to continue the division in the Council. First of all, I disagree that there is a division in the Council. Sometimes we agree unanimously and sometimes we don't. I also want to state for the record that I never changed my vote. I wanted Brian Sheets because I felt that he was the most qualified and had done the work for the longest length of time and that was my only reason. I never once changed my vote and I welcome anybody that was at the meeting to speak up and if you weren't at the meeting to review the audio tape that was meeting recorded. You will clearly see that I never changed my vote.

Councilor Allen states I'm actually not that petty. That I'm going to vote just so I could create disruption and a division.

Councilor Allen states our Municipal Court is a service for our town and according to our negotiated agreement with the Sheriff's Office people that are not considered a threat or risk would be sent to our Municipal Court. However I'm still getting people coming to me that are normal upstanding citizens being sent to the County Court and I don't want to jump to conclusions. How widespread is this? Perhaps data would be the best way of doing this. Can you give me another spreadsheet of the last 3 years?

Craig Ward states we have done some analysis of this concern and I've heard as well as the Sheriff's Office. I will try to compile and get you the information on it.

Councilor Allen asks can I get an updated graph continuation of the previous draft with the number of cases for Municipal Court? I'm confident to hear that you're already on it. The last draft was about a year ago.

Craig Ward states we have data on the history of the tickets and it's done on an annual basis.

Councilor Wilson states just recently, 2 months ago, they had gone through all their tickets and sent us a report. I know that there was a letter from one of their officers that had put it together and explanations about who gets what and where they get sent depending upon the altercation or the ticket. A couple months ago there was a report done and the weekly comments from Craig he had attached that report for all of us with the number of tickets that were issued, what years they were issued and the Sheriff's report. Councilor Allen states I'm gauging that report with what I'm hearing from the public and trying to make sense of it all.

Craig Ward states I would be happy to update that report and answer your questions.

Councilor Wilson states the committee that is reviewing whether the recommendation is for the Sheriff, the elected or appointed by County, is looking for information from the Cities by April 20th. But I didn't know whether or not we wanted to get together as a Council to discuss if we wanted to send a letter of support either way to this committee but we have to get it to them by the 20th. Or if you would rather each have us individually send something out or as a group.

Councilor Morgan states in the current proposed change the County Chair would appoint the Sheriff as opposed to being directed.

Councilor Wilson responds they haven't made a decision. Those are the 2 options. What Mayor Daoust sent us gives us a lot of good information about when they were appointed and how many Sheriffs they actually went through. I would rather it stay as an elected position so that they're accountable to the public and not to the County Chair.

Councilor Ripma states I think all of Oregon Sheriffs are elected.

Councilor Wilson states according to this there are a lot of different ways that it's done. I'm not trying to make a decision tonight. What do you see Mayor Daoust?

Mayor Daoust responds the only reason I sent that out today was because I thought the Sheriff might bring it up when he was here tonight but he didn't. It's up to the Council whether we want to take an official letter stance on that. It doesn't matter to me.

Councilor Wilson asks does the group mind if 3 or 4 of us want to get together and sign one letter? Would that be acceptable by the Council?

Ed Trompke states it is fine by me as long as it's signed by you each individually it shouldn't go on City letterhead either unless it is adopted by Council. The question would be whether the discussion was deliberating or towards a decision about something that would come before Council. Since this is actually comes before the County Commission it would be safe to do that.

Councilor Allen asks if 4 Councilors come up with a letter that they forward would that be seen as a majority of the Council and therefore a decision without the benefit of the public meeting?

Ed Trompke states as long as you sign it individually and don't put it on City letterhead so it's not mistaken as a City action. The best practice would be to say the 4 of us agree, this is not a formal City action.

Councilor Wilson states there is an upcoming meeting to prioritize parks nature recreation community in East County. In the information that was sent out it's showing that the City of Troutdale is a partner with Intertwine. There was a letter that was sent to Shirley Craddick and then forwarded to Michael Wetter and he says we're not a formal partner of Intertwine. We don't have a membership. We're not on any of their partner lists they provide on the internet. He says that that partner City of Troutdale can be removed. I would like to see it removed and if the City of Troutdale is on this list as anything it would be as a participant in the event.

Mayor Daoust states we're only listed as a partner to say that we're a partner in putting this summit together.

Councilor Wilson states it doesn't say that, Mayor Daoust. Even the letter from Michael says that it's misleading and that he doesn't recall us ever being approached with the IGA. He is willing to remove that from any of the material that is out there and I would prefer to be removed as a partner with Intertwine and listed as a participant because not all of us are participating in this. There is only 2 of us and this was the first that I knew that we were even getting involved in it. I know you don't have to tell me everything that you're doing but I think unless we as a group vote to be listed as a partner or supporter of an event for the City of Troutdale that we should be left off the list unless they come to us and we vote to say that we want to be put on there.

Mayor Daoust states that's fine we can take it off. It won't change anything. It's misinterpreted to say that we're listed as a partner with all those people. We're a partner when they were putting the agenda together. It's meant to say that the City of Troutdale is a partner in developing this summit. We're a partner in the conference. That's what that partner word meant.

Councilor Wilson asks can we have Craig let Michael know that we'll be removed from being listed as partner?

Mayor Daoust states the word partner can be taken off.

Councilor Ripma states the City of Troutdale should be taken off.

Craig Ward states I will email Michael tomorrow.

Councilor Ripma states the Troutdale Historical Society annual meeting is this Sunday, April 17th at the Sam Cox Building at 2:00pm. Sharon Nesbitt does one of her oral history of Troutdale of longtime residents of East County. This Sunday she's interviewing Sharon Petrie who grew up in East County during World War II.

Councilor Brooks asks in regards to the unfortunate event that happened at Imagination Station, as time goes on and more and more donations keep coming in, what is going to happen if those donations exceed the amount of money we need to repair the play structure. What happens to those funds? Craig Ward responds that's a good question. When we approach that circumstance we'll come back to you and ask you what you want to do with the money. It's a fair Council question. I don't know what the public will expect the money to be used for. It could be used for further enhancement of the park or the facility itself. We will have a discussion about that if that happens.

12. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Councilor Morgan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:43pm.

Doug Dadust, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

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There were three Resolutions presented at the March 22 Council meeting, and public comment was not invited on any of them. Since my time is limited, I will concentrate on the most timely of the three.

My comments tonight are in reference to the complete fiasco that was the Position #2 Councilor appointee selection process, Part 2, which occurred at the March 22 Council meeting, following the interview and selection meeting of March 14.

The Mayor had been insisting nearly from the time that Councilor Anderson first announced his resignation two months in advance that Councilor Anderson would fully participate and vote in the selection of his successor in office. At the March 14th Work Session Councilor Anderson was invited by the Mayor to fully participate. Yet on March 22nd the Mayor arbitrarily decided that Councilor Anderson would be permitted to vote only in the event that the balance of the Council's vote ended in a tie. "The only reason Eric can vote is if it's a tie." Under what authority can the Mayor prohibit a Councilor from voting? At first I thought this looked like the Mayor making up the rules as he went along. After I delved into the Municipal Code a little further, I discovered that the Mayor and Councilor Anderson appear to have been in violation of TMC 2.08.170, which states, in part "Every councilor present when a question is put votes for or against the question unless excused by the council or required by law to abstain." I would also reference TMC 1.04.095 regarding Violations and Penalties.

The end result was that Councilor Ripma chose to vote for Mr. Brooks over Mr. Sheets, mainly to deny Councilor Anderson the satisfaction of being the decisive vote. I considered this action by Councilor Ripma a very petty move on his part.

Resolution No. 2330, a purpose of which was "designating a procedure to appoint a person to fill the vacancy", had been on the agenda twice at the February Council meetings, but was not passed until after the selection and decision process was already completed. This strikes me as procedurally backwards.

Also, the two previous Councilor appointments in 2009 and 2011 were simply made by way of a motion and second, both of which passed unanimously. Why was this appointment handled differently?

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Toward the end of the process the city attorney suggested that Mr. Brooks could be sworn in prior to the end of the meeting since Councilor Anderson had revised his resignation to be effective after the end of business for that same meeting. However, section 4 of Resolution No. 2330 requires that the applicant be confirmed as qualified by the City Recorder as to whether city residency is current and of 6 months immediate duration, as well as being an elector and not holding another elective office. A verbal assurance from the candidate as requested by the Mayor should not be sufficient. The rush to confirm could lead some to think that this appointment was a predetermined outcome even prior to the opening of the meeting.

A particularly telling comment was made by the Mayor during his arguments against Brian Sheets as the appointee when he referred to "comments from the business people downtown". This raises a red flag question as to who is actually in charge of city government in Troutdale. The Mayor had also earlier stated that he began hearing concerns about Brian "almost immediately" after the meeting. It might be enlightening to know who was at that meeting other than the Councilors, candidates, and Deputy City Recorder. The only "public" present for the interviews were Rob Canfield and myself. Councilor Morgan arrived late and missed the first interview entirely. Tanney Staffenson was present for the entire deliberation process, and Matt Wand arrived toward the very end. This might give a clue as to who the Mayor was hearing from before retiring for the night.

My final comment is in regard to the perceived necessity to have a "police presence" at Council meetings when there is a potentially "controversial" topic on the agenda. I would suggest a slightly paraphrased Harry Truman quote "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen".

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