



CITY OF TROUTDALE

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AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Troutdale City Hall - Council Chambers
219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. (Lower Level, Rear Entrance)
Troutdale, OR 97060-2078

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 – 7:00PM

Mayor

Doug Daoust

City Council

David Ripma
Eric Anderson
Larry Morgan
Glenn White
Rich Allen
John Wilson

City Manager

Craig Ward

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 2.1 **MINUTES:** September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting.
 - 2.2 **RESOLUTION:** A resolution providing for current FY 2015-16 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes.
3. **PROCLAMATION:** Red Ribbon Week – October 23 – 31, 2015

Mayor Daoust
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment is limited to comments on non-agenda items. *Remarks shall be limited to 5 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 comments.*
5. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving the City of Troutdale Adopt-A-Park Program.

Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director
6. **MOTION:** Implementation of the previous Council decision on NLC Travel

Craig Ward, City Manager
7. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT



Doug Daoust, Mayor

Dated: 10/22/15

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

Mayor Daoust called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Daoust, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Anderson, Councilor Morgan, Councilor White, Councilor Allen, and Councilor Wilson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Craig Ward, City Manager; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director; Erich Mueller, Finance Director; Tim Seery, Parks and Facilities Superintendent; and Sarah Skroch, City Recorder.

GUESTS: See Attached List.

Mayor Daoust asked are there any agenda updates?

Craig Ward replied there are no amendments to the published agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 MINUTES: September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting.

2.2 RESOLUTION: ~~A Resolution providing for current FY 2015-16 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes.~~

Pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to the Regular Agenda after Item #6

Councilor Allen stated there are a couple of typographical errors on the September 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Also on the resolution, I would like to pull that from the Consent Agenda and discuss it after Item #6.

Councilor Anderson asked can I ask why?

Councilor Allen replied Item #6 deals with a transfer that's in the consent agenda.

Councilor Anderson replied that makes sense.

Mayor Daoust stated since we all have to agree to the minutes, could you cover the errors?

Councilor Allen replied on page 4 of 23, it should be Portland Centers, not Portland'5. On page 18 of 23, the second paragraph should be changed to giving instead of getting. Those were all the changes.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 2.1 with the changes (as stated). Seconded by Councilor Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PROCLAMATION: Red Ribbon Week – October 23 – 31, 2015

Mayor Daoust read the Proclamation.

Mayor Daoust presented a signed copy of the Proclamation to the Lewis and Clark Young Marines.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to comments on non-agenda items.

Mayor Daoust stated the City Attorney has something to say before we get started with Public Comment.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated there have been questions asked about the process that was used to settle litigation about the return of property that was held by the police as evidence in a homicide. The City adopted a resolution on October 13th. The resolution and staff report were my responsibility and I want to say that if I were to be given the opportunity to do it again, I wouldn't follow a much different process. There was no intention on the part of anyone to hide any part of the settlement but instead there was an intention to involve the Council and the public in this process. The irony of this all is that the City Manager has all the necessary authority to settle that case without any public action by the Council and without any discussions with the public. The Manager suggested to me that I place it on the Council agenda to facilitate openness and transparency and so that's what was done. As a result more public process was involved than was required and a lot more public process than what would have been done had it been done in private rather than being brought before the public. It's easy for the press to criticize local governments and often times that criticism can be good for government. But the best kind of criticism is the kind of criticism that is well informed. No laws were broken in this process. It seemed important to me when I wrote the staff report that any public discussion focus on the case that was being settled, which was the issue at hand. The City police had a desire to keep the homicide weapon and other evidence in their custody. There was then and there is now no reason to inflame public passions about the tragedy in which 2 young men died. The police now retain the evidence if they ever need it for a future prosecution and the owner is satisfied with the result. Nothing wrong occurred but if any Councilor or citizen believes that more process was appropriate, I'll make sure that I take action in the future so that public input and process be followed in the future. The only thing that I would want to leave the press with is the idea that the result that the City took, which was to settle the litigation by purchasing the weapon, the body armor, the ammunition, and all, was required because state law required that result as the judge read the state law. We couldn't do anything about that. The City followed an action to resolve the case in a fair manner and if people are upset about it then they

should go to the legislature and talk to them about changing the state law with respect to the evidence that is or is not retained for future prosecutions.

Mayor Daoust opened up the meeting to Public Comment.

Brian Sheets, resident, stated to follow up on Mr. Trompke's statement, there have been press editorials that have come out such as "Troutdale City Council Insults Constituents by Keeping Secrets" and "With Gun Buy, Troutdale Council Thumbs Nose at Open-Meetings Law" (copies of the articles are included in the meeting packet). Those are the 2 pieces of bad news. The good news is that I didn't have to write those stories. It's not necessarily about the settlement of the litigation. It's about things being on the consent agenda, particularly budget items. When I talk about budget items I'm talking about things that we've discussed in depth at different Budget Committee meetings such as things like Visionary Park, the Bike Hub, and there are other budget items that have a considerable amount of importance to be discussed out in public because these are expenditures of public funds. This happened to be a part of it and what I'm talking about tonight isn't necessarily the items on this agenda, I'm talking about the process in general, about putting those things on the consent agenda. These things are worth more to talk about with them being open for discussion rather than just possibly approved without any discussion through the consent agenda process. I think it's really unfortunate that I had to come up here and say something like that because I work with everyone here on the Budget Committee. I'm not speaking as a member of the Budget Committee, I just have experience on there. I wish that there was more opportunity to flush those things out to get some more discussion about those because those are important matters that require more than just Council input. It's talking about the state of our community and if you're going to try to get that kind of backing from the community for those kinds of projects then there needs to be some sort of openness to it. It's not necessarily going to the openness of settling litigation, it's about what our community needs. Transferring almost \$500,000 out of contingency is worth talking about. I don't think that a 1 page resolution not being able to be talked about at the present meeting is an effective way to do that. That's the limit of my comments tonight, I hope it resonates because I like working with everyone here, I like making things happen, I just want to make sure that the people that have an opinion about things have a chance to address that.

Rip Caswell, Caswell Galleries, stated I wanted to give you an update on Visionary Park and the sculpture of Sam Hill and Sam Lancaster. I've brought some pictures to pass around of the progress (copies of the pictures are included in the meeting packet). I plan to have the sculpture completed in bronze by June for the 100 Year Celebration. Last weekend you might have seen that the old building came down. I wanted to make a shout out to Kelly Broomall and Gary Purvine, they volunteered their time and Gary brought in his own equipment and spent 2 days there tearing it down, cleaning it up, we had dumpsters donated, and it hasn't cost the City anything so far. We're really happy with the progress that we've made and how beautiful it's starting to look. I want to thank the Council for your support on this worthwhile project.

Jean Ice, Troutdale Resident, stated I'm so excited with what Rip has done and what the City has done. In the last few years the improvement in Troutdale has been amazing.

The Troutdale Historical Society has done so much for their exhibit. Part of my concern with Rip's statue is a safety issue on the street. I live on this street and I go in and out many times during the day and I jog there. It's kind of an awkward turn there and I know that when that beautiful statue is there people will want to come and look and they'll want to read the inscription on it and there really isn't any place to park. I think parking is going to be greatly needed. I talked to Rip about it a little bit and I know he is willing to donate an easement for people to get to the parking. Otherwise they'd have to come from Glenn Otto Park which is a bit of a ways or go across the street and park which wouldn't be good.

Mayor Daoust replied Rip sent Steve Gaschler and myself a layout of what the parking could look like. Maybe it's something we can discuss.

Claude Cruz, resident, stated I wanted to follow up on Mr. Sheet's comment. I greatly respect the need for transparency. We can all improve in that area. You can almost not do too much in the way of transparency to keep people engaged and feeling that they're really part of their government. There is a balance point in there I think where for example the Chamber on the backs of some really die hard volunteers has put an awful lot of energy into Troutdale in efforts such as what we're doing with the Bike Hub. I want it to be known that thus far, that's proceeded on the basis of grant money that I've brought in. That's not to say that we won't ask the City for some help if and when that becomes appropriate. I would be leery of not giving the Council latitude that they need to avoid being micromanaged. There's a balance point in there and I would really like to be able to come to you when there is a need and ask for your help.

Paul Wilcox, resident, stated despite Mr. Trompke's contrition, I have some additional comments on the issue. As a subscriber to the Gresham Outlook, I'd like to publicly state that I agree 100% with their October 23rd editorial regarding the City's settlement concerning the firearms and materials related to the Reynolds High School shootings. To be specific, they are referencing Consent Agenda Item 2.6 on the October 13th Council meeting agenda. I would recommend that anyone who has not read the media opinions in both The Outlook and The Oregonian to do so. I commend Katy Sword at The Outlook for doing her research and looking below the surface. I'm also disappointed that the entire Council was willing to go along with the subterfuge of burying the issue within the consent agenda. I happen to agree with the ultimate resolution, but the Council should have been a lot more upfront about their intentions. I have an additional comment which is completely unrelated, but is nevertheless timely. At the January 27th Council meetings, approval of the \$70,000 expenditure for Barney and Worth, the gas tax consultants, was similarly placed on the consent agenda for approval. Councilor White requested moving it to the regular agenda for further discussion. While this Council talks about transparency, they do have their opaque moments.

5. RESOLUTION: A resolution approving the City of Troutdale Adopt-A-Park Program.

Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director, stated with me tonight is Tim Seery, the Parks Superintendent. The Adopt-A-Park program is something that Tim and I have been talking about for some time now. The reason for the program is that we want to do a

better job managing our volunteers and encourage citizen involvement and we hope to improve the appearance of our parks and trails. The current staffing levels that we have in the Parks Department do not allow us to keep parks and trails up to the level that we'd like to see. We've received numerous inquiries from citizens who tell us that they are concerned about the appearance of our parks and trails. The Adopt-A-Park program will enable us to offer a formal program to the citizens and community groups wanting to help the City to manage some of our parks. The program is modeled off of a state model that ODOT's been using called Adopt-A-Highway. Some Counties also have Adopt-A-Road programs and some other jurisdictions in the State have also formulated this into an Adopt-A-Park program. Tim has talked to them and some are having varying degrees of success with it. The program is basically just a written agreement between the City and the adoptee or adoptee group that lays out what they will do and what the City will do and it established a liability release. Tim drafted the program, did all the work on it, took it to the Parks Advisory Committee, and worked with them through several meetings to get it into the form that you have today. We're optimistic that it'll be a successful program and encourage citizens to come out and give us a hand.

Councilor Allen stated we don't charge a fee for our parks, they are free for all to use and enjoy. I think a program like this is a really good idea. Two concerns that I would have would be we've had issues in the past where even our own employees have dug up plants that they shouldn't have. There is a bit of a training to this as to what areas are to be kept and what not. Are you up for that task?

Tim Seery replied yes. It's more about what the adopter wants to do for the City. Do they want to work on a special project, do they want to work on replanting? It all comes forward in what they want to do. It's not something that I'll assign. The work is pretty much created by the group wanting to adopt the park. I have things I can suggest to them but for the most part the adopter would be presenting that to me.

Councilor Allen asked is there sufficient oversight?

Tim Seery replied yes.

Councilor Allen stated the second part would probably be more of a question for Ed, on our parks it seems like there's always some other group or jurisdiction that wants to take over our parks for us. We love and appreciate help but sometimes it gets to where they just want to take it over and not even consult us anymore. Is there weakness in this? I see the adopter can be any individual or individuals, corporation, company, firm, business, partnership, or public agency. How do we prevent someone from coming in and the next thing we know we're not allowed to make our own decisions in our own parks?

Ed Trompke replied the agreement with the parks adopter is approved by City staff so to the extent that the City Manager has oversight of staff and you have oversight of the Manager then you can always make sure that that is the case.

Councilor Allen asked do you feel comfortable with this?

Ed Trompke replied yes. It's worked in other cities and other places and nobody that I've heard of has taken over a park and run it rogue away from City control. I'm sure your staff won't let that happen.

Tim Seery replied no. The rotary in Newport took over a park and made some improvements to the park with their fund raising and it's really brought City pride to Newport.

Steve Gaschler stated there is also a termination clause.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to approve (a resolution approving the City of Troutdale Adopt-A-Park program). Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. MOTION: Implementation of the previous Council decision on NLC Travel.

Craig Ward, City Manager, stated the purpose of this action is to ratify a decision tentatively made under Council Comments on October 13th. At that time it was discussed and I believe it was the will of a majority of the Council to authorize expenditure of funds to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Conferences and some boundaries were put on that in order to prevent over expenditure. It's limited to \$2,000 per Councilmember. Each Councilmember is limited to 1 event every other year. As I started to think through this, I may have bounded it a bit too tightly and a bit beyond what I think the Council anticipated. I expect some Councilmembers will ask me about that and I'll welcome that. As Councilor Allen has brought up there is a need to make this policy consistent with this year's budget. The clause that is at the end before Pro's and Con's says preparation of statutory amendment to Troutdale Municipal Code for council consideration may be necessary but authorization of travel expenses in the current fiscal year for no more than 4 elected Troutdale officials is hereby authorized. That will permit the staff and the Councilmembers to proceed with making reservations and plans for upcoming NLC Conferences this year. There are quite a few complexities that could apply under Troutdale Municipal Code 2.08.240 but it does state very clearly in Section 3 that no other expenses shall be reimbursed unless preapproved by the City Council. That is exactly what I understood had occurred in general at the last meeting and now it just needs to be ratified by a Council vote.

Councilor Allen stated when I heard this idea for the first time at the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference I thought it was a good idea. But for me it goes to the bottom of my spending priority list. There are a lot of other things that are more important to me. For one, it seems like every year I'm asking for more money for Parks and Recreation and I would put that above this. That's why I'm not favorable to it.

Mayor Daoust stated this is just implementation of the travel decisions that we made on October 13th.

Councilor Ripma stated the packet doesn't have a resolution in it and I think one is needed to flush this out. The Troutdale Municipal Code section that we passed was to prevent the abuses of the former Mayor who was charging expenses of all kinds that were not necessarily related. Anything he'd call city business, he would submit a receipt and get reimbursed for until we passed this. We passed it to limit reimbursable expenses to the League of Oregon Cities Conference, the Mayor's Association Conference, and no other expenses shall be reimbursed unless preapproved by the Council. The intent of that was to have anyone that wanted to do something else to bring their request to the Council for pre-approval it. What the wording in this very vaguely worded packet purports to do is essentially preauthorize any other expenses, it doesn't even say travel expenses. It authorizes up to \$2,000 per Councilor until the money runs out for expenses that shall be preapproved. If you think about that, it eats up the restrictions that we put in there when we passed this. I think this sorely needs a well written resolution. We just discussed this under Council Concerns and initiative and was brought up by the Mayor. There was no packet or explanation but there have been a bunch of e-mails back and forth trying to explain it. Is this \$2,000 in additional reimbursable expenses for each Councilor and in addition to the stipend as long as we submit receipts? It doesn't mention that it's for the National League of Cities.

Craig Ward replied it was my understanding that that was the intention, that this was in addition to the stipend but I don't think that was ever articulated directly by the Council. This is about what the Council wants so if you want to change it and have a resolution then that's up to you.

Councilor Ripma stated I'm encouraging the Council to think this through a little bit. This is simply a blank check for up \$2,000 in reimbursable expenses for practically any purpose that the Councilor of the Mayor chooses to name as city business like Jim Kight used to do. It's one of the reasons he got voted out. It would do us all good to have this tightened up. Shouldn't it be a specific expense for a specific thing? If you read the words it is \$2,000 per event. When we have a resolution on the agenda, usually there is a resolution in the packet and there isn't one here. It isn't clear that you are limiting it to anything. Is this in addition to the stipend?

Mayor Daoust replied yes it is.

Councilor Wilson stated in the background it says the National League of Cities sponsors a variety of annual events typically in a conference format designed specifically for elected officials of Cities, so it says what it's for.

Councilor Ripma replied it says that staff is directed to process reimbursement requests consistent with adopted city travel policies and with appropriate receipts on a first come first served annual basis for 1 event per elected with each elected official reimbursable costs limited to \$2,000 per event provided that no individual elected official is to be reimbursed for attending an NLC events in consecutive fiscal years. That is the only reference to NLC, it is not otherwise limited. I think we can do better. I'm against this as a waste of taxpayer money. If we're going to do it we should have a resolution specifying what this is for.

Councilor Morgan stated I wasn't here during the Jim Kight years. I think we all know that there were some abuses. I think we all know specifically what this is talking about. If there's concern about a vast conspiracy of compensation or reimbursement then that's 1 thing. If we're talking about Councilors going to Washington D.C., like Ron Wyden at LOC told us to, to talk about infrastructure and fiber optics or investing in renewable energy or how we distribute trash or water. I know that people run scared around here based on how the past has been but I also know what this is about. This is about Councilors going to a national conference to network, to expand, to grow, to not be an isolationist in a 21st century global economy. We can use hyperbole and play semantics all day long. This is about Councilors going to Washington D.C. to advocate for the City of Troutdale.

Councilor Ripma replied you should use your stipend for that and not taxpayer money.

Mayor Daoust stated we've already agreed on this. This discussion item is about implementation of a previous Council decision.

Councilor Morgan replied if we want to be consistent about saving tax payer money in regards to this and you want to talk about reimbursement, if you have Councilors who spend money and book their flight and hotel on their own, it's going to be a lot more expensive in the long run as opposed to the City authorizing the travel, booking them together like we do for the League of Oregon Cities Conference. We're talking about 1 conference next year. If it's not a good use of money then vote no, that's fine but I think that it is.

Mayor Daoust asked do we really need a resolution for this?

Ed Trompke replied previously I spoke to Councilor Ripma and told him that I thought it was appropriate to do it by resolution but I'm going to withdraw that. I didn't think about just doing it by motion. It is implementing a city code section so that can be done by motion to preauthorize the expenses.

Councilor Ripma asked is it limited to NLC events?

Ed Trompke replied I think it should be. I think it would be stronger if it said "this motion if approved will authorize travel expenses to National League of Cities Conferences of each elected Troutdale official". I think that was the intention of the discussion.

Mayor Daoust replied we can clarify that, it's no problem.

Craig Ward stated I take the fact that it's somewhat confusing and could be better written, since I wrote it. I'm not happy to admit that but in retrospect, I agree. The issue of reimbursable costs, I use that term several times. I think it is overly tight because it does not permit exactly the same situation that Councilor Morgan suggest which is that there may be situations in which it's more efficient for everybody for City staff to make reservations and even pay the costs directly for the members to attend. If you are so

inclined, "staff is directed to process reimbursement requests consistent with adopted travel policies and with appropriate receipts on a first come first served annual basis with 1 event per elected, with each elected officials costs limited to up to \$2,000 per event, provided that no individual elected official is eligible to attend NLC events in consecutive fiscal years. All costs inconsistent with travel policies including but not limited to expenses without valid receipts, and/or costs exceeding the limits stated herein, shall be the personal responsibility of the elected official". I think at first blush, that would get us around that problem of city staff booking travel arrangements and paying for them directly. In the case of reimbursable costs, they would require receipts as our policies currently do. There would be receipts in the other event as well so there wouldn't be any undocumented expenses.

Councilor Allen stated this was part of Council Concerns and it is worthy of at least a motion so we have a chance to discuss it. We all have different spending priorities. How much does it cost? What are we likely to gain out of it? It sits lower on my spending priority than maybe Councilor Morgan's. I think it's important that subjects like this become an agenda item and we do discuss it.

Councilor Morgan replied we have a difference of opinion on this but I respect that.

Councilor Allen stated there are expenditures that you need to do, some that you have to do, and some that you want to do. This is a want and it's at the lower end of my wants.

Mayor Daoust stated everybody understands the \$2,000 per event and \$14,000 every fiscal years. That's the implementation piece that we're voting on tonight. I think everybody understands that and the fact that we'd like no more than 4 Councilors to go to any 1 NLC Conference. We understand that we're only talking about NLC Conferences and nothing else. We'll only get reimbursed for actual expenses.

Councilor Allen asked could we put that in the form of a motion or resolution?

Mayor Daoust replied there are wording changes that Craig brought up that we could incorporate to clarify things.

Ed Trompke stated the paragraph with the edits from me and from Craig looks like the motion at this point.

Councilor Morgan stated the word reimbursement still doesn't underscore if it's like what is done with the LOC for hotel and airfare and whether it's initially covered or not. It's inconsequential but it makes sense to block book as opposed to getting reimbursed. If we don't want to do that then that's ok but I just want to know.

Mayor Daoust replied I've done my share of government travel. Anytime we get into an arrangement when we are traveling, we can coordinate with City staff and if they want to make all the hotel reservations in a big group we can either agree with that or if individual Councilors want to go on their own and make their own reservations, then we'll just negotiate that. If we have an expense as a Councilor then we'll get reimbursed for that.

If the City pays for the hotel room then we won't get reimbursed for it. We may not all want to stay in the same hotel, we may want to travel on different dates, so there's flexibility here that's inherent in any travel that anybody does and we can just work that out.

Councilor Allen stated the only reason that I was asking that we put it into some kind of a motion form, which I think we're going to do, is so that we don't end up 2 years from now wondering what those meeting minutes say and it's actually recorded and know what the rules are.

Mayor Daoust stated we have a motion in front of us which is the paragraph with the edits that were made by our City Attorney and the City Manager. *(This motion, if approved, will authorize travel expenses to National League of Cities Conferences of each elected Troutdale official pursuant to article 3, of TMC 2.08.240, subject to authorization within the City budget. Staff is directed to process reimbursement requests consistent with adopted travel policies and with appropriate receipts on a first come first served annual basis with 1 event per elected, with each elected officials costs limited to up to \$2,000 per event, provided that no individual elected official is eligible to attend NLC events in consecutive fiscal years. All costs inconsistent with travel policies including but not limited to expenses without valid receipts, and/or costs exceeding the limits stated herein, shall be the personal responsibility of the elected official, unless pre-approved by Council action pursuant to TMC 2.08.240.)*

MOTION: Councilor Anderson stated so moved (see staff's edited motion in parenthesis just before this motion). Seconded by Councilor Wilson.

Councilor White stated I've been to 7 LOC events. I've gone every year that I've been eligible to go. I've gotten a lot out of it and that's why I continue to go. This is brand new, the National League of Cities. I don't want to set this up without an evaluation of what the takebacks are. I'd be willing to approve this as a 1 time introductory, evaluate it, and see if it's worth doing. The President of the LOC was Mayor Truax of Forest Grove and he couldn't say enough good things about it. I remember the words of Claude Cruz the other night when he said you have to be willing to put a little bit in the pot to try to make it grow. That's how I view this and I always support education. I've personally gotten a lot out of going. I would support this but only if it was to be evaluated to see if we should do it in the future.

Councilor Allen asked do you mean for 2 years?

Councilor White replied yes, do the 2 year cycle. The feedback might be sufficient. Then we could also take the time to run this by the Budget Committee. I'd like their input.

AMENDMENT: Councilor Anderson stated I would move to approve that by friendly amendment. Seconded by Councilor Wilson.

VOTE: Mayor Daoust – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – No; Councilor Wilson – Yes; Councilor Ripma – No; Councilor Anderson – Yes; and Councilor Morgan - Yes.

Motion Passed 5 – 2.

2.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution providing for current FY 2015-16 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes.

Councilor Allen stated I've had a couple of evenings to look at this. We went through a recession and the economic recovery has been modest. It hasn't been robust that I can tell. Our costs, in some categories are going up 10%, 7%, 12% and so it's a little concerning for me. I don't know what it's based on. I understand the labor contracts but there's some subjectiveness to that and I don't know if we can even talk about this stuff in public meetings.

Mayor Daoust stated the resolution before us strictly deals with budget transfers.

Ed Trompke replied that is all that it does, it transfers from 1 account to another.

Mayor Daoust stated in order to balance the budget by the end of the year there are certain transfers that have to occur to put money in the right fund.

Councilor Anderson stated I think the issue is that there was some sticker shock. Yes we settled with AFSCME and we did the right thing, in my opinion, but there was some sticker shock at the overall price tag when you take the funds that were effected.

Councilor Allen stated I know what we said and I know what I see and I see a mismatch.

Councilor Anderson replied I do too. I think in the future that Council could stand to see the impact across all funds when we are making those decisions. I don't believe that we saw across all funds. I believe we looked at the big picture when we decided to do what we did. I'm not second guessing the decision.

Councilor Allen stated we were dealing with smaller numbers too.

Craig Ward stated I'm sure that a lot of these expenses that are identified as transfers were identified in the briefing that you had but they were rolled up. That was an even bigger number but it wasn't broken down by the subcategories that this document does and I can understand your confusion about that. I have no reason to believe that these numbers are inconsistent with the rolled up number presented to you for the overall expense.

Councilor Anderson replied I'm not second guessing it. In the future, I'd like to see it broken out as we see it here. When you settle on something you want to see the impact across all funds. I don't disagree with what Craig said about the rolled up number being what it is, I'm not disputing the accuracy of it at all.

Councilor Allen stated what occurred in practice is different than what was asked for. If I can get some more transparency in the future as you suggest then I'll be happy with that. The second item I had was \$250,000 for Urban Renewal. Do we need to be doing that transfer now when we don't have an agreement?

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, replied the \$250,000 outlined in the transfers is another in a series of loans. It's a transfer from contingency in the General Fund into the Urban Renewal Agency. It's not an expenditure on the part of the Urban Renewal Agency. The money goes into the Urban Renewal Agency and is then governed by the budget that was adopted for the Urban Renewal Agency. There's no new expenditures that are occurring on the Urban Renewal Agency side because there are still things in negotiation and in process. There are ongoing expenses associated with the EPA grant in the Urban Renewal Agency which we are required to pay for up front and then get reimbursed for. As I mentioned in the staff report, the \$250,000 is a loan and it gets repaid to the General Fund based on the collection of the tax increment. The Urban Renewal Agency must be in debt in order to collect the tax increment.

Councilor Allen asked but isn't this is above and beyond what we did through the budgeting session?

Erich Mueller replied no.

Councilor Allen asked then why are we doing a transfer now instead of handling it in the budget?

Erich Mueller replied the Urban Renewal Agency budget refers to a loan of \$2,000,000 from the City. We're not loaning \$2,000,000, we're only loaning \$250,000 at this point.

Councilor Allen stated on top of what we've already done.

Erich Mueller replied in prior years. This is the first and only loan to the Urban Renewal Agency so far in this fiscal year. As things progress with the Urban Renewal Agency in coming months, I can't predict what else may occur. But this is the only one that's occurred thus far this year.

Councilor Morgan asked for clarification, the information that you provided was in the staff report? It's not new information?

Erich Mueller replied in writing the staff report you always try to write for your audience and you may be able to answer the question for 4 out of 7 on 1 item and 6 out of 7 on another and maybe only 1 out of 7 on another. I hit and miss in terms of the effectiveness in what I am able to communicate in the staff report.

Councilor Anderson asked at the midyear Budget Committee Meeting how much was it that we wanted left over in reserves?

Craig Ward replied I don't recall.

Councilor Anderson stated we took \$428,000 out of contingency which leaves us with \$321,000 going forward. Is that correct?

Erich Mueller replied there is that much that remains in contingency that has not yet been transferred. I am assuming that this coming June, just like every June that I've been here and prior to my arrival, there will be another set of transfers from contingency for the remainder of this fiscal year because there will be more things that happen between now and then that we don't know about today that will require making budget adjustments.

Councilor Anderson stated I appreciated that answer. When we go into the midyear Budget Committee Meeting I want to make sure we set a reasonable expectation and not an unreasonable one. I was looking at this \$321,000 in addition to what we held back in reserves. So I was painting a rosier picture than perhaps is the reality and thanks for clarifying that.

Councilor Allen asked are you saying that we're not increasing the amount that we budgeted, we're just going to do these transfers until they reach the amount that we had budgeted for Urban Renewal? This is not above and beyond what we budgeted for?

Erich Mueller replied the Urban Renewal Agency Budget was several million dollars and it has been each year. We've not made that level of expenditure because we've not had that level of resources come into the Agency. Last year there was a \$2 million loan from the City to the Urban Renewal Agency in the budget but we only loaned it \$140,000, I think. There was a large loan in the budget but the resources weren't received by the Agency.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to approve (a resolution providing for current FY 2015-16 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes). Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Daoust stated every year you provide summaries and it's always a challenge to know how much detail to provide behind each number. The numbers are the numbers, they are what they are. I will say that if this is an example of what you think you should give us in the future, I don't want this much detail. These are ledger sheets that are very confusing to go through. I think what you've been providing us in previous years, I'd say keep at it and if we have questions then we should contact you before the Council meeting to make sure we know what the numbers mean.

Councilor Morgan stated for clarification, he did the detailed ledger because Councilor Allen had follow up questions.

Councilor Allen replied right.

Councilor White stated I appreciate the extra effort from Erich Mueller and Councilor Allen. It helped clarify some of the same questions that I had.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward stated I have no comments tonight.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Daoust stated Debbie Stickney our City Recorder retired and I wanted to make sure the Council saw her thank you. Legacy Mt. Hood is having their grand opening for their medical services building this Thursday, October 29th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Anybody who wishes to go to that can show up, no RSVP is needed. Today when Craig Ward and I were walking around the Depot Museum we noticed that city staff was putting up new flags and new rope. Lastly, to add to what Ed talked about at the beginning of the meeting regarding the consent agenda being handled the way it is. I fully support what the City Attorney did and the decision that was made. It was totally in concert with the press release that the City put out. The main reason the press release was worded the way that it was and the consent agenda was handled the way that it was, I would say the primary objective was not to make the emotional situation in the City any worse than it has been over the last 16 months since the shooting at Reynolds High School. We did not want to make it a spectacle, an open discussion on gun control, we wanted to be conscious of the families that suffered and we deliberately made the decision in the press release, and the way that it was worded, and the consent agenda for that main reason. The secondary reason is that it was a settlement agreement on a specific court case. We do not normally hold public comment periods on a settlement agreement on a specific court case. I think this was handled totally appropriately and I supported the City Attorney and the City Manager in their decision to handle it the way that it was.

Councilor White stated in addition to Kelly Broomall's work on Visionary Park, I wanted to thank him for pointing out that the flags were tattered at the Depot Park Museum. I know that he replaced them with his own personal flags and I'm glad to hear that they have been returned to him.

Councilor Allen stated Mayor Daoust, I wanted to add to what you said that one thing people need to realize is that legal costs eat that kind of money up real fast. It starts to look like a bargain when you talk about court cases.

Councilor Anderson stated we're making too many decisions, having too many discussions, and too many debates coming up under Council Concerns. We have to stop that. If something is worth doing then let's put it on the agenda. If the agenda is 13 items long then so be it and let's get through it as quickly as we can. I have zero issue with NLC. If we can book the rooms together in blocks then that will save us money. It's not that, it's the fact of do we discuss it, do we not discuss it, what do we do. There are e-mails back and forth. We're better than that so let's act better. If we feel passionately about something let's put it on the agenda and talk about it. We can get through things quick.

Councilor Morgan stated I don't know how things have been but my frustration is that we have a lot of really big things. I feel like we are amongst ourselves infighting at the

expense of valuable time, resources, important decisions, and process. My spirits have been uplifted by people like Claude and Rip. I would like to believe that we can do things and think of a thousand ways to argue about what we can't.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Councilor Wilson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.
Motion passed unanimously.**

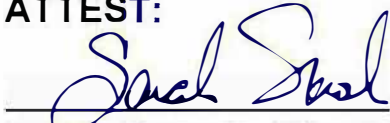
Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.



Doug Daoust, Mayor

Dated: 01/14/2016

ATTEST:



Sarah Skroch, City Recorder

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