

**MINUTES**  
**Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.**  
**Troutdale, OR 97060-2078**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

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

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Daoust, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Thomas, Councilor White (7:04pm), Councilor Allen, and Councilor Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Anderson (excused)

**STAFF:** Craig Ward, City Manager; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Scott Anderson, Chief of Police; John Morgan, Planning Director; Erich Mueller, Finance Director; and Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder.

**GUESTS:** See Attached List.

Mayor Daoust asked is there an agenda update?

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

**2. OATH OF OFFICE: Reserve Officer Jeremy Porth.**

Mayor Daoust administered the Oath of Office to Reserve Officer Jeremy Porth.

Chief Scott Anderson stated this is a good day for the Troutdale Police Department. We are getting a fine candidate through the process. Jeremy is already certified through DPSST Reserve Academy and the full Academy. He started his career in leadership fairly early. In 2005 he became an Eagle Scout, he graduated from Gresham High School in 2007, and in 2013 he obtained the certificate of music technology. He's a proud lifelong resident of East Multnomah County. He volunteered as an assistant basketball coach and became a head basketball coach at one of the middle schools. He's also very active in his church activities. He has experience as a sales associate and a logistics team manager. He comes with prior experience from the Fairview Police Department both as a Reserve Officer and a regular Officer. He's a 2014 graduate of the basic Police Academy in Salem. He will enter our field training program next month. Please help me welcome and congratulate Jeremy Porth as the newest member of the Troutdale Police Department.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3.1 ACCEPT MINUTES:** January 13, 2015 Work Session, January 20, 2015 Work Session, January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting, and February 9, 2015 Work Session.

**MOTION:** Councilor White moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was no public comment.

**5 APPOINTMENTS:** A motion to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointments to the Parks Advisory Committee.

Mayor Daoust stated the Selection Committee is recommending that the following applicants for appointment to the Parks Advisory Committee: Position #3 – Audrey Maroon with a term expiring 12/31/2015, Position #8 – Corey Brooks with a term expiring 12/31/2017, and Alternate – Graham Phillips.

**MOTION:** Councilor White moved to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation. Seconded by Councilor Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

**6 PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction):** An ordinance amending Chapters 1.020 and 4.700 of the Troutdale Development Code by amending the permitted use section of the Town Center Overlay Zone to allow Urban Agriculture Uses, along with a related amendment to the definitions, and amendment to the Town Center Overlay Zone Purpose Statement.

John Morgan, Planning Director, stated this is a matter that this Council took up last fall upon the request of the McMenamins Corporation who came to you asking, as the code requires, to initiate an amendment to the Troutdale Development Code (TDC). That amendment to allow urban agriculture in the General Commercial District specifically in the Town Center Overlay. Agricultural uses are not allowed in that zone today. In order to do some of the business work that McMenamins would like to pursue on their future property across Halsey it was necessary for them to ask you to initiate this amendment. I want to stress that this an amendment to the zone that applies broadly. Even though McMenamins asked you to put it on the table and it does impact their interest it also impacts every other property in the Town Center Zone. It creates an opportunity for others to do this as well. The Planning Commission is recommending approval to you. We worked with them through some work sessions and a public hearing process on a draft and I want to briefly walk through the proposed changes. I want to point out that the Planning Commission added something that was not part of the original discussion and that is a change in the purpose statement of the Town Center Overlay Zone. Chair Staffenson made a suggestion to the Commission and they accepted his proposal to remove "consistent with the Metro 2040 Growth Concept for town centers" from the end of the first sentence of the Purpose Statement. Going to the original reasons for the discussion, the structure has 2 fairly simple amendments. The first is to add a definition

of urban agriculture that covers a broad description of agriculture. Then in the Town Center Overlay the addition of a permitted use would read “local food production uses on lots or parcels one acre in size or larger, provided no poultry or livestock, other than household pets, shall be housed within 100 feet of any residence other than a residence on the same lot”. There has been additional language added to the ordinance which did not go before the Planning Commission to add “and shall not occupy an area greater than 10,000 square feet or 10% of the total property whichever is larger”. You will find in the Planning Commission’s Findings that they were concerned about the livestock potential but weren’t sure how to respond to it. They were afraid that it could become something that would not be appropriate in the more urban developed parts of the community and suggested that there may be a need to put some limitation on that and asked that the Council give that some consideration. At the staff level we created this language that essentially says you can have livestock as long as it doesn’t occupy an area greater than 10,000 square feet or 10% of the property whichever is larger. There are representatives from McMenamins here tonight and we’ll see if that’s acceptable based on their intent. The Commission isn’t recommending that to you, staff is. You have before you the draft ordinance and I’d be happy to answer any questions.

Councilor Morgan asked is this a potential bridge for them before they come up with their long term plan, a temporary use?

John Morgan replied that’s our understanding. One thing that’s critically important in terms of State Land Use Law is that you can’t have exclusive farm use inside an urban growth boundary. You can’t zone land for farm but it is ok to zone it as an interim use as long as it can be converted at some time in the future to an urban use.

Councilor Morgan asked it doesn’t prohibit them from having urban use?

John Morgan replied correct.

Mayor Daoust asked what is the total size of the property and what would 10% be?

John Morgan replied I believe its 13 acres so 10% would be 1.3 acres.

Craig Ward stated I wanted you to be aware that TDC section 4.720(E)(1)(b) makes it clear that local food production uses can only occur on parcels of 1 acre in size or greater.

### **Mayor Daoust opened the public hearing at 7:17pm.**

Steve Abel, Lawyer with Stoel Rives representing McMenamins, stated thank you for entertaining the notion of this code amendment. I’ve worked for the McMenamin family on this site for about 15 years trying to get this site purchased from Multnomah County and brought into the Edgefield District. I feel like this is kind of my baby because it’s been a trying time working through the County operations to get this property under contract and it is now under contract. As your staff has indicated, these code amendments are intended to allow for certain agricultural use on the property north of Halsey. The reason it’s important is that many of the crops that might go there are not annual crops, they are likely to be orchards which have longevity to them, they’re not year to year. Permanency

for being able to operate those crops over an extended period of time is important. Your code now allows for agricultural use in these zones but only on an annual basis on a renewable permit. I don't think anybody is going to invest the kind of money that's necessary to invest in orchards or vineyards without the permanency and the certainty that comes with a code amendment like this. That is really the core reason for this particular amendment. The livestock portion of this is not intended to be anything other than to kind of create the theme of the Edgefield District with a variety of uses and it would be very small scale, maybe a few pigs, maybe a little bit of poultry, maybe a couple of goats, and maybe some cheese production could occur from the goat's milk but that's really it. We agree with the limitation that's been proposed by staff. To bring you up to speed, we entered into a contract with the County to purchase this property in July or August of 2014. That transaction is contingent upon a number of items, one being some work that we've been doing through the fall and that is the science of the flood plains on this particular site. This site has FEMA flood plains all over it which we've now discovered was gross mapping that occurred with an aerial photograph. We've spent all of the fall and moving into this year to get to some modification of that flood plain map. We're happy with the science and we've submitted it to FEMA as of about 3 weeks ago. We expect that FEMA will give us an initial response within 60 days and we expect to be through the full FEMA process by fall of this year. That would put us in a position to be able to close with the County. It would be wonderful if we could get the crops in this year before the next winter season to get those orchards or vineyards moving. We don't know if we'll make it but we're going to try to. At the same time, there will be some efforts to put some commercial urban type uses much in the nature of what's at Edgefield right now on this site. Whether that's a coffee house, lodging, it's really up in the air right now depending on the FEMA work that comes back and tells us how much land we have to work with.

Councilor White stated it seems like you could buy cheaper land to do that type of activity. Is this part of the theme or an expansion of what you are already doing at Edgefield?

Steve Abel replied it is. When we did some work at the Edgefield facility in buying the Jail site about 3 to 4 years ago, we kind of renamed everything the Edgefield District. Edgefield was the County's poor farm and the property across Halsey was a part of that operation. Really the aim is to get back to the same scale. You'd find north of Halsey to be very similar to south of Halsey.

Councilor White stated about 7 years ago we saw a proposal for an amphitheater and wading ponds and housing. Is that a dead issue at this point?

Steve Abel replied that is all dead. It died at the time of the recession, especially the housing component. Whether it would have ever worked, I don't know. That same recession did things to land values which have made this opportunity appropriate at this time.

Mayor Daoust asked are you at liberty to tell us how things are going with the purchase?

Steve Abel replied if the FEMA work comes back and is approved by the Federal Government in the way that we hope, I think the chances of closing are very high.

Councilor Wilson stated you were talking about small retail space such as a coffee shop. Do you envision a strip mall out there or just individual little buildings like you have across the street?

Steve Abel replied the same character as the south side.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale Resident, stated the research I did showed the property was 46 acres.

Steve Abel replied 46 acres is south of the railroad tracks. We're purchasing both sides of the railroad tracks. Its 70 acres overall.

Paul Wilcox asked does that affect that 10%?

Mayor Daoust replied the way I understand it is that it's 10% of the total property acreage.

John Morgan stated yes and it does raise an issue that we might want to refine that language a little bit to which that accrues. I wouldn't envision it accruing to the property that's on the south side of Halsey, only the property on the north side. When we bring this back I'll have a more definitive answer and perhaps some language that might refine that a little bit.

Paul Wilcox stated I did some research and you can actually raise chickens classified as free range at the concentration of about 4,000 chickens per acre. There's a lot of potential there if you wanted to max it out. The heading of this ordinance is urban agriculture. McMenamins request is regarding raising food or growing food. Why are other agricultural uses not included such as flowering plants, Christmas trees, and ornamental plants? Also, as far as animals goes, why would you lock out something like horses or alpacas. I have some language issues. In section 1.020.60 it says "local food production uses include preparation or processing and storage of products raised on such land". In your light industrial zone it states the permitted uses are "processing facilities except any principal use involving rendering of fats, slaughtering of fish or meat, or fermenting of foods such as sauerkraut, vinegar or yeast". In general industrial it is permitted under a conditional use. In this zone, you're not addressing that at all. That may need to be clarified. The other language is in the same section "but do not include construction or use of dwellings", I'm not sure what that's referring to. I assume this will be cleaned up before it's printed because there are some grammatical and punctuation errors.

Paul Wilcox stated next I'd like to go to page 1 of the ordinance to the definitions. This part was added after the public hearing "Food does not include any substances regulated by the Controlled Substances Act enacted by the United States Congress". It seems to be an inappropriate place to be addressing that particular issues. As far as I know there aren't any controlled substances that are classified as foods.

Tanney Staffenson, Planning Commission Chair, stated the issue that we were looking at was raising food and that's what we were focused on. The livestock issue was more for properties other than McMenamins where you may have this use adjoining a residential neighborhood.

Councilor Ripma stated the Planning Commission recommendation to us required no livestock or poultry within 100 feet of any residence. Its staff that's recommending it not occupy an area greater than 10,000 square feet or 10%. Did you consider that and decide you didn't want to recommend that at the Planning Commission?

Taney Staffenson replied we would probably be ok with the 10%.

David Brown, Troutdale Resident and representative of The Chapel, asked how many pieces of land with 1 acre or larger is in this overlay? Potentially how much farming can go on in this area?

John Morgan replied probably The Chapel's property is one and also McMenamins.

Councilor Wilson stated our Urban Renewal Property would also be one and maybe the property across from the Police Department.

David Brown stated I'm happy we're addressing this and I thank the McMenammin family for poking us to think about this because that gives our church an option of multiple uses on our piece of property until we build on it. I'm excited!

**Mayor Daoust closed the public hearing at 7:38pm.**

Mayor Daoust stated this is the first reading of this ordinance. We'll have a second reading at our next Council Meeting which is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

- 7. RESOLUTIONS:** Resolutions approving City financial statements and receiving Annual Audit Report:
- 7.1** A resolution approving the City's financial statements and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014.
  - 7.2** A resolution accepting the Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on the audited financial statements of the City for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014, and the Auditor's Communication to the Governing Body (SAS No. 114), and OAR 162.10.000 required communication.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated this is my annual process of bringing you the financial statements for you to approve and make them the official statements of the City so that the auditor's report, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> item, is relevant and is one the official statements as mentioned in the staff report. It's City Management's responsibility for preparing and maintaining the records throughout the course of the year and ensuring the fairness and presentation of the financial information in the basic statements. It's the City Council's role as the governing body to oversee the official statements and as part of that process the external users, primarily financial institutions or lenders, make use of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). As I mentioned, the first resolution is to approve the financial statements. Then we can move on to the auditor's report. There's about 38,000 municipal governments across the country and only a small percentage of us go to this higher degree of reporting requirements known as the CAFR. It's above and beyond the minimum level and about 3,500 entities go through this process which has

been occurring here in Troutdale long before I got here. We've had 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive years that we've accomplished this and this would make the 24<sup>th</sup> successful year.

Councilor Morgan stated I wanted to applaud you and Craig. We're looking at nearly a quarter of a century tradition of being 1 in 10 municipalities across the Country that does this. There are 3,500 cities that do this out of a possible 38,000 and we've been doing this for 24 straight years. To Craig, Ed, and Erich I appreciate that due diligence.

**MOTION: Councilor Wilson moved to approve a resolution approving the City's Financial Statements and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Allen. The motion passed unanimously.**

Erich Mueller stated the auditors were in twice during the past fiscal year, at the interim testing cycle during midyear and then again this past fall and into winter as part of the year end analysis of the ending balances. This next resolution is you receiving and accepting the report of the auditors rather than approving it. They are rendering their professional opinion so we're accepting it as part of the record but it stands on its own without approval. As I mentioned earlier, City Management is responsible for the ongoing management and preparation of financial statements. This is part of your annual role in your oversight responsibilities. The independent auditor's role is to express an opinion about the fairness of the financial statements. You exercise the accountability and oversight responsibility of the City's fiscal affairs. In the financial statements that you just approved essentially there are two pages that belong to the auditors and the rest belong to the City and those two pages are flagged. If you look at the #1 tab and turn to the back side of that page, at the top it addresses their opinion of us. They make all of their statements and representations which ultimately translates to a clean audit opinion. That's the section in their letter where they are addressing that they've issued a clean opinion.

Erich Mueller stated the second part of their communication is referred to as the SAS No. 114 letter, The Auditor's Communication to the Governing Body. They also restate in that letter the results that it is a clean opinion with no reservations. They found no exceptions to the State standards and they found no need to issue a management letter again this year. In the detail of what they go through in terms of the areas that they've looked at and checked on, those are listed in the staff report. Another section of the report they point out upcoming GASB statements that are coming which will affect the City's financial and auditing practices going forward, and some pension reporting reform that will have an impact on how we have to present our statements which has a bigger impact on PERS and some of the information that they have to provide to us to incorporate. Those are in coming accounting periods. The summary of those is that they're likely to increase the time and effort as well as some of the auditing costs to get them implemented but I don't anticipate them being significant issues for us as an entity. The management letter as it's referred to, is called SAS No. 115, Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit. Again they didn't issue one again this year. It has a requirement to categorize 3 levels of issues: most serious "material weaknesses", intermediate "significant deficiencies", and lowest "not significant deficiencies". In the past we've had 2 and 3 items in the intermediate category and we've been fortunate due to the hard work

of the finance staff that they've addressed those items. The auditors have been back in and tested those issues and found a non-reoccurrence of those previous issues and the procedures that have been put in place have corrected those items. The last lowest category of not significant deficiencies, which are sort of suggestions, there were 3 that they've had in multiple years referring to the lean staffing level and separation of duties and so forth. These are items that they go on record to make the governing body aware of. There's not any specific issue that needs to be addressed but to some degree it's them going on record that they've pointed them out. The final item is the last page in the bound document flagged with #101 and that is a set of requirements and standards that they have to go through specifically because we're an Oregon Municipal Corporation and this is part of what's required by the State that has to be addressed and our filing that we file with the Secretary of State's office that we do by December 31<sup>st</sup> for the prior fiscal year. In that letter they've identified the areas that they've looked at and their back handed way of saying we're fine, they say "in connection with their testing nothing came to their attention that caused them concern". Fortunately this is non-controversial. There are no big issues, no serious deficiencies or concerns but it's not something that given the importance of it and the fact that we do it once a year I feel it's not something appropriate to put on the consent agenda.

Councilor Morgan asked is this way of reporting mandatory?

Erich Mueller replied it's required to have an audit annually. What we do is more substantial than the minimum and that's part of using the format of the CAFR versus the minimum financial statement requirements that the State requires.

Councilor Allen stated I like clean financials and I appreciate the work of yourself and your staff.

Mayor Daoust stated I think this is more important than people realize. I've been a Budget Director of a Federal Agency. All agencies have to be audited, it's a requirement. Before I was the Budget Director, the agency did not get a clean opinion and believe me that's a big deal because it requires that everything be reviewed by the audit agency, the accounting practices, the financial statements, what role the manager's play, it's a pretty comprehensive audit. To not get a clean opinion really requires the agency to do a lot of work in the following years to get a clean opinion. I'm really proud of the City of Troutdale for having a clean opinion for this many years.

Ed Trompke stated I've only been with the City for a little less than a year but I routinely get e-mails from Erich on Sunday afternoon's because after he goes to church he goes to the office to make sure everything gets done. The real problem is that he expects answers on Sunday afternoons! He does work hard and demands excellence.

**MOTION: Councilor Morgan stated I move to approve item 7.2 (a resolution accepting the report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on the audited financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and the Auditor's Communication to the Governing Body, (SAS No. 114), and the OAR 162-10-000 required**

communication). **Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Craig Ward stated I wanted to announce that we have a work session scheduled for next Tuesday night at 7:00pm on the proposed contract with the Multnomah County Sheriff. That is being held at the Police Community Room and the public is invited. Also, tonight I learned that I have a personal conflict on the night scheduled for my performance review, March 10<sup>th</sup>. My proposal to you is that the Council go ahead and meet, compile your collective opinions on my performance and we can either have a second Executive Session to convey those to me as a group or you can convey them to the Mayor and have him meet with me privately afterwards. With your permission, I won't be able to attend the March 10<sup>th</sup> Meetings.

Councilor Morgan asked does the performance review have to be on the 10<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Daoust replied it doesn't have to be. That is the date that the 3 Councilor's requested.

Councilor Ripma stated I think we can go ahead and meet as Craig suggested and decide to have a follow up with him if we want to.

Councilor Wilson stated I'd rather Craig be here to answer questions directly than to wait and have a reset if that would be alright.

Craig Ward replied it would be very difficult for me to be there that night but if you reschedule it to another night that's perfectly acceptable to me as is the possibility that you just convey your messages to the Mayor. It's really the Council's choice how to complete the Executive Session. I know here in Troutdale the practice has been for the City Manager to submit a written statement of their performance over the time period. I will certainly do that and you'll have that information. In previous places of employment the City Manager did not have to participate in what sometimes can be a long drawn out discussion amongst the Council members. Then they compile their joint opinion and then the Mayor would meet privately to convey their messages. The difficulty for that with Councilor Wilson is that there's not a face to face interaction of the City Manager with my 7 bosses. That may be useful and I'm certainly happy to do that, I simply cannot do it on that night.

Mayor Daoust stated I would find it difficult for me to summarize what all 7 people are thinking or trying to portray. I'd prefer you be there to hear and respond to what you are being rated on rather than me trying to summarize it.

Councilor Morgan asked would it be possible to continue on as requested on the 10<sup>th</sup> and if there needs to be follow up it can be personalized at a second meeting?

Councilor Allen stated I prefer the face to face so two meetings would be fine with me.

Councilor Wilson stated I don't see a need for 2 meetings. I'd like to have just 1 meeting and have Craig there and available for the meeting.

Mayor Daoust replied I don't think there's any rush to get this done, is there?

Councilor Ripma replied I don't feel strongly about the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The Council preferred to continue on with the Executive Session on March 10<sup>th</sup> and if needed they would hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Session to go over the performance evaluation with Craig face to face.**

## **9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Morgan stated I have been asked to do the Polar Plunge as was the Council by the Troutdale Police Department. It is this Saturday at 11:00am at Broughton Beach off the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street exit. They've challenged the Council to do so and if a majority of the Council does there will be some money that the Police Department will throw in for the Special Olympics. They're calling you out.

Councilor White stated we might have a smelt run heading our way on the Sandy River. They're going to allow dipping the first Saturday in March from 6:00am until 12:00pm. No license is required. You have to use a net and you have to be on the beach. Then the Sunday the following week with the same hours and rules. There is a 10 pound limit. Last year there were roughly 5,000 people for that event. You might check the dates online as they have been updating them based on when the smelt actually arrive.

Councilor Allen stated at our last meeting we cancelled the Goal Setting Session and I would like to see that rescheduled.

Mayor Daoust replied we'll get that rescheduled at the best time.

Councilor Wilson stated over the last year we've had a lot of Executive Sessions and a lot of stuff has been said outside the Executive Sessions or supposedly said. I would like to see if Ed could come up with a set of guidelines for breaking protocol on the Executive Sessions or reaching out into areas as a City Councilman that we shouldn't be reaching out to. Some of the ideas that have ran through my mind is that if you were on Committees that you could be removed from that Committee for violating our code of conduct or whatever other cities are doing. If you could come back with a recommendation so that we can review it.

Ed Trompke replied I can do that if that's what the Council would like.

Councilor White stated I think you've done enough work on that. It's pretty clear to me what we need to do.

Councilor Wilson replied the problem is that if the Executive Session is violated or we step out from what our guidelines are there are no repercussions to it. Over the past year it seems to be a constant theme of information coming out the Executive Session that

shouldn't be coming out. I'm not pointing fingers at anybody, I'm just saying we need to get it tightened up and I think this is one way.

Mayor Daoust asked so it would be like a from now on type of thing?

Councilor Wilson replied yes.

Councilor Ripma stated I want to thank Mayor Daoust for joining Chair Kafoury's tour of the Troutdale Historical Society Museums last Friday. She came with a staff member and Mayor was good enough to be there to show her the City and take her to lunch. Thank you, I appreciate it.

Mayor Daoust stated one of the purposes that Chair Kafoury came out was because of the levy that they're reconsidering. Could you speak to that?

Councilor Ripma stated there is one more year to go on a five year levy that was passed by the voters of Multnomah County to support the Oregon Historical Society principally but one of the beneficiaries of funds from that levy is the Troutdale Historical Society and several others out here in East Multnomah County. I have never heard anyone say anything against that levy. It's a very modest amount and frankly it goes to a very good cause and we would like to it go to the voters again and I believe Chair Kafoury is going to do that.

Mayor Daoust stated I wanted to talk about Visionary Park. This is the proposal from Rip Caswell to make a bronze sculpture of Sam Lancaster and Sam Hill which is related to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Visionary Park is a small piece of right-of-way that Multnomah County currently owns where Historic Columbia River Highway makes that 90 degree bend by Jackson Park Road, right by the Troutdale Arts Center. We need direction from the Council for the City to petition Multnomah County to transfer that right-of-way from the County to the City. That way if we make a little park out of it for Rip to put his bronze sculpture in then we could do our part to add to the 100 Year Celebration of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Staff needs Council direction, they can't go off on their own and ask Multnomah County themselves to transfer the right-of-way unless Council gives that direction. I think staff is ready to move on it if we give them direction to get that right-of-way transferred from the County. Would the Council like to move quickly on this one?

**The Council gave direction for staff to begin petitioning or drafting language to petition the County for the right-of-way.**

Mayor Daoust stated while we're talking about Visionary Park possibly becoming a miniature City Park, we need to bring the Parks Advisory Committee on board. Rip has already talked with them about this but they didn't take any action or make any recommendations to the Council on Visionary Park itself becoming a City Park. So that project should be presented formally to the Parks Advisory Committee. If the Council is ok with this the Visionary Team, the Ad Hoc Committee, can put something together for the Parks Advisory Committee. On that same topic, the Visionary Team has a meeting

on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Troutdale Arts Center at 6:00pm if anybody's interested in learning more about this.

Mayor Daoust stated March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Government Affairs Forum which is co-sponsored by the Gresham Chamber of Commerce and the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce. This is where the 3 Mayors will be presenting what is going on in our Cities. Gresham Mayor, Shane Bemis, would normally be there too but he has a conflict that night and will be rescheduled for a different time. If you'd like attend, it's a luncheon at Persimmons from 11:30am to 1:00pm. On March 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having the State of the City Address and the Volunteer Recognition Event at the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park. There will be dessert, drinks, and live music. Lastly, on February 11<sup>th</sup> I went to the Regional Mayor's Meeting in Tualatin and Tom Hughes the Metro President was there along with all of the County Chairs of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County. We talked about the Urban Growth Boundary Report that is going to be finalized this year. There was some discussion about disappointment in the models and analysis that Metro used to basically come to the conclusion that we do not need to expand the Urban Growth Boundary this time. We also talked about when the next analysis would occur. Normally it's on a 6 year time frame. If we wanted to propose an Urban Growth Boundary expansion we would have to wait a number of years to get into that 6 year cycle. Something that Tom Hughes threw out was the idea that the Metro Council is talking about is that once they get this current Urban Growth Report finalized, one of their options is to start the next cycle immediately because there's quite a bit of discussion amongst a lot of the Mayors of their disappointment in Metro with how they analyzed the need to not expand the Urban Growth Boundary. Certain cities have proposals where they want to expand but they are not able to.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

**Doug Daoust, Mayor**

**Approved March 24, 2015**

**ATTEST:**

**Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder**