

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Craig Ward, City Manager; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Daoust stated in the wake of today's events I would request that we take a moment of silence to show support for our students at Reynolds High School, and the families involved.

Council, staff and members of the public observed a moment of silence.

Mayor Daoust stated some folks may question why we are holding our meeting tonight. I decided to hold our meeting because as leaders in our community we have to show strength and a level of calmness around the hectic emotions that are going on around us, especially today. Part of our job as members of the Council and as leaders in this community is to support each other, especially the students and the families involved. It was a tough day today. There was a tremendous amount of police cooperation in Troutdale today. Police departments from all over the Portland Metro area responded very quickly. There were officers from Vancouver and Camas that came to assist. Sheriff Deputies from several counties also responded. We did lose a student at the high school today – Emilio Hoffman. There are a couple of vigils taking place tonight. Governor Kitzhaber and Senator Jeff Merkley have both expressed their deep sorrow and concern. I have received numerous emails from other Mayors and County Commissioners from around the nation.

Mayor Daoust asked are there any agenda updates?

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting

2.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the cities of Fairview, Gresham and Wood Village for provision of mediation services.

~~**2.3 RESOLUTION:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to clean up solid waste at unlawful camping sites in Troutdale. (This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda after Item #3)~~

2.4 RESOLUTION: A resolution of the Troutdale City Council declaring its support of logical regional service sharing and the 3 C's of Communication, Cooperation, and Collaboration.

Councilor Ripma asked that Item #2.3 be pulled from the consent agenda to correct an error.

Councilor White requested that Item #2.3 be placed on the regular agenda so the Council can have a brief discussion on it.

Mayor Daoust agreed to have Item #2.3 moved to the Regular Agenda after Item #3.

MOTION: Councilor Wilson moved to pass the Consent Agenda Items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.

Jean Ice, resident and realtor, proposed that the City consider purchasing 7.6 acres of property for a park that was the Sam Cox Estate. We do have this property listed. We have temporarily taken it off of the market because over the last four days there has been a lot of conversation about making this property a park. Rip Caswell looked at it; he and I looked at it as a future botanical garden. It is the most amazing property. I never had the privilege of being there or meeting Sam Cox, but I have recently spent many hours wondering the property. It is so unique and special. It has a waterfall off a cliff that looks just like when you go into the Gorge; it is unbelievable. There are gazebos, staircases and all kinds of wonderful things. I do not know the total feasibility of turning it into a park, but everyone who has mentioned it in just this last week has been so wholeheartedly for it, including the family. They would be honored to have a memorial for Sam Cox. The price that the family has listed it for is \$475,000. They would like for the City to have first option to do something before they put it back on the market.

Jean Ice submitted photos and information about the property (copy included in the packet).

Mayor Daoust stated we have a work session scheduled for next week to talk about property. Can we add this item?

Craig Ward stated there is time to add it; there is not time to do any due diligence.

Council agreed that this could be discussed at the meeting next week.

2.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to clean up solid waste at unlawful camping sites in Troutdale.

Councilor Ripma stated if you read Section 1 of the resolution it authorizes the Manager to enter into an IGA for mediation, which was the topic of the resolution for Item #2.2. Exhibit A is identified in the resolution but the IGA is not labeled Exhibit A; there is an Exhibit A but that is the Clean-up Request and Approval Form.

Councilor White stated this is the first I have heard of this. I was wondering why this isn't something that the City of Troutdale could handle ourselves with our public works folks.

Craig Ward replied it is my understanding that Waste Management operates under a contract authorized by Metro, so ultimately it is Metro's responsibility to deal with solid waste issues and therefore this IGA is with Metro for them to exercise that. Probably more importantly, this IGA indemnifies Metro, which I am sure is why they want it. There are a variety of issues with cleaning up illegal waste sites. On occasion there is hazardous material, and yes we have trucks and employees who could go out and do this, but Waste Management, through Metro, are really the appropriate agencies.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated if my recollection is right Metro collects a fee from the haulers to provide this service so it is already being paid for in some respects by Troutdale residents.

Councilor Allen stated I first heard about this from Wood Village. I do not believe that we are the only city taking this approach.

Councilor Ripma stated we could move this to the next meeting which would give staff time to fix the resolution and there could be a staff person here to explain this, unless there is some urgency for this.

Craig Ward replied there is no urgency.

Councilor Thomas stated it doesn't look like a bad idea to me, but I would be more than happy to move it to the next meeting.

Councilor Allen stated I personally support the idea, but if there is concern I am open ears.

Councilor Thomas asked can we fix the resolution tonight?

Councilor Ripma stated I think it is a simple fix, and this seems like a good idea so I would support it.

Councilor Anderson asked can we fix it tonight?

Ed Trompke replied you could amend Section 1 of the resolution by striking out the last word of the first line, "*mediation*" and inserting "*solid waste clean-up*". So Section 1 would read "*The Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an IGA for solid waste clean-up services in substantially the form of the IGA attached as Attachment A to this resolution.*"

Councilor Wilson asked do we know what the fee is that we are already paying to Metro?

Craig Ward replied I don't.

Councilor Wilson asked but it isn't going to be something new that will be added on?

Craig Ward replied that is my understanding.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an IGA with Metro to clean-up solid waste at unlawful camping sites in Troutdale as set forth in the packet with Section 1 to read, "*the Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an IGA for solid waste clean-up services in substantially the form of the IGA attached as Attachment A to this resolution*", and then marking the IGA as Attachment A. Seconded by Councilor Allen.

VOTE: Councilor Wilson - Yes; Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Anderson - Yes; Councilor Thomas – Yes; Mayor Daoust – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes.

Motion Passed 7-0.

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTIONS:** A public hearing on the following resolutions:
- 4.1 A resolution certifying the City of Troutdale's eligibility to receive Fiscal Year 2014-2015 State Shared Revenues.
 - 4.2 A resolution declaring the City of Troutdale's election to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated there are two resolutions related to state shared revenues which have been provided in your packet. State shared revenues provide a significant source of revenue for the General Fund, and a specific portion of it is also dedicated to the Street Fund. There are four actions that the State requires us to accomplish in order for the City to share in these revenues. The first step was a public hearing before the Budget Committee on the possible uses of state shared revenues. That was held during the April 14, 2014 Budget Committee meeting. Tonight we will need to hold another public hearing for the proposed uses of stated shared revenues to allow anybody from the public to speak to the proposed uses of stated shared revenues. Once that is concluded then there are two resolutions that the State requires us to pass. The

first resolution states that the City is eligible; there is an eligibility criteria that is spelled out in the resolution. The final step required, once we have determined that we are eligible, is that we as a City elect to receive those revenues that we are eligible to receive. Exhibit A of the Staff Report spells out the breakdown of the state shared revenues including: Liquor tax, cigarette tax, general revenue sharing - all of which go into the General Fund; and the gas tax which is split between the Street Fund (99%) and the Bike Paths & Trails Fund (1%) which is required by statute. At the bottom of the page is a list of the various services that a city has to provide in order to establish eligibility; you have to provide more than four of those services, which the City easily complies with.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Daoust opened the Public Hearing at 7:23pm and asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us on the proposed uses of the state shared revenues?

Not testimony received.

Mayor Daoust closed the Public Hearing at 7:23pm.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt a resolution certifying the City of Troutdale's eligibility to receive Fiscal Year 2014-2015 State Shared Revenues. Seconded by Councilor Wilson.

VOTE: Councilor Wilson - Yes; Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Anderson - Yes; Councilor Thomas - Yes; Mayor Daoust - Yes; Councilor White - Yes; Councilor Allen - Yes.

Motion Passed 7-0.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt a resolution declaring the City of Troutdale's election to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Seconded by Councilor Anderson.

VOTE: Councilor Wilson - Yes; Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Anderson - Yes; Councilor Thomas - Yes; Mayor Daoust - Yes; Councilor White - Yes; Councilor Allen - Yes.

Motion Passed 7-0.

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTIONS:** A public hearing on the following resolutions:
- 5.1** A resolution adopting the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Budget and making appropriations.
 - 5.2** A resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated a public hearing will be necessary on the first resolution. The first resolution, as outlined in the Staff Report, provides the information that came from the Budget Committee meetings where the Budget Committee received the Manager's Proposed Budget and through its deliberations created an Approved Budget. The next step in the State budget law process is for that Approved Budget to be published, which was done in the Gresham Outlook meeting our publication requirements. The next step is a public hearing before the governing body on the Budget Committee's Approved Budget for your consideration and ultimate adoption providing for the budget and the appropriations.

Taney Staffenson, Budget Committee Chair, thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to chair the budget process this year and for allowing the citizen members of the committee to have an equal voice and be part of the process. While it was difficult I think we came up with the best solution that we could.

Erich Mueller stated the resolution is laid out in the detail required by the Local Budget Law, which has different requirements based on the nature of the fund. It spells out the program or organizational unit appropriations as well as contingency and unappropriated ending fund balance, providing a total on page 5 of all of the funds across the entire budget.

Councilor White stated time has passed since we approved the budget. Taney, I know you are the type of guy that will continue to look and study it. Is there anything we missed in your opinion?

Taney Staffenson replied I wouldn't say there is anything that we missed. I think it is continually changing.

Councilor White stated for myself since we are in the process of reevaluating our code and removing barriers, I think it might behoove us to look at doing more consultant work in the planning process until that code lands on solid ground again. I think we need to try something different rather than the direction we have been going with that department.

Mayor Daoust stated I think we are trying something different. We are going to hire a new person to lead us in that direction. I have full confidence that that person can do a great job as a city employee.

Councilor Anderson asked Councilor White to describe his vision a little more.

Councilor White stated I have kind of felt like the City has had an ongoing problem in that area and I think the property owners and developers are expecting us to do something other than just replace a person and go right back into business as usual. I think we need a better correction than that. I think we owe it to our citizens.

Councilor Anderson asked is that we are doing? Going back to business as usual?

Craig Ward replied it is my intention to hire a person that I think is a particularly good fit for the challenges that Troutdale is facing. I certainly don't object to having more money in the consulting budget. That may be beneficial down the road. I think that any time we hire a consultant we need to manage that consultant. The scope of work needs to be well defined. The day-to-day oversight of the products, answering the questions, giving direction as to the code amendments that will result is a critical function and we need somebody highly skilled to be able to do that. We have actually downgraded the position from a community development director to a planning director. That is partially because the former community development director had assignments that no longer reside with that position. I think that is actually an improvement because I think it will leave that person charged with a tighter focus on the code amendments and permit administration which are the primary functions of the planning department. It is not my intention to keep doing things as usual and that is one illustration. Another is that I have converted this position, as I converted the public works director position, into a contract based position. That is a more responsive model should we find that the person doing the job is not the best fit for Troutdale. That is also an improvement from the past practices. I will certainly interview the individuals with the charge to focus on the kinds of community that Troutdale is and how to make it a better place. I still support, and have designed this around the need to have a full-time planning director and a full-time planner to assist them. They support one another and it would be very important that the planning director be schooled in our existing code in order to understand how to make changes to improve it. Our Senior Planner, Elizabeth McCallum has submitted her intentions to retire at the end of September. That adds to the need to get a full-time person in place so that we can make sure that the person who is handling the counter in September is fully knowledgeable of our existing code and therefore gains some experience on the portions of the code that they will be charged with improving. My belief is that we do need two full-time employees and a highly skilled individual to be able to run that department. I will talk to that person when they are hired about the nature of the job description and the work that goes with the assignments that now go to our Senior Planner. I am not making any commitments as to whether or not any reconfiguration of the department will be necessary. One of the aspects of a department head is when you hire somebody you are hiring them for the most complicated set of skills that you have. This is a complicated city to be a planning director in. Not only are our codes complicated, but our environment is complicated. We have the Sandy River flood codes that need to be administered; we have had issues with that in the past and we will need to improve those codes. We have a wide range of development applications that need to be dealt with. It is a complicated job and I need a highly skilled person to do that work. If I don't have a planning director then I am not sure where that skill set comes from to do the work. I have been doing the work as Acting Planning Director for a little more than a year now and while I think that I have done a credible job I have done that with the assistance of Elizabeth McCallum who has been able to handle the day-to-day work very effectively. A lot of other tasks have simply been put off. That is what will continue if I am not allowed to hire a planning director. The administration of a consultant to do the work of a planning director will require a lot of hands-on work by me to manage that. That comes at the expense of the work that I do for the Council and the overall functions to administer the city. That is the best answer I can give. It is certainly not continuing to do things as usual in my way of thinking.

Mayor Daoust stated I think everyone on this Council is aware and conscientious about the reputation we have gotten over the years with codes and permits. We want to see improvement in those areas. Working under Paul Thalhofer for so many years he always reminded us when we were getting on the outside edge of our Charter. I think when we start talking to Craig and recommending to Craig, our City Manager, how to staff positions, we are on the outside edge of a Charter violation. With all due respect, and I know that you are concerned about the codes and the permits as I am, Craig is the manager of city staff, the Council is not. If Craig thinks that the best thing that we can do to handle our codes and permits is to hire those positions than that is Craig's call; it is not the Council's call. We can get involved with budget items, but what I am hearing is not a budget discussion. It is a contractor verses a city employee discussion and I am telling the Council that we should not go there.

Councilor Allen stated I do believe that we have gone through a Charter change since Paul Thalhofer was here. It is my understanding that if we have concerns, that it is the public meeting in front of the public where we need to raise those concerns. This would be the proper place for that, but I would defer to our City Attorney.

Mayor Daoust stated a charter change is a completely new agenda item for a different night.

Councilor Allen stated I am not talking about a charter change. I am talking about understanding the Charter we currently have and what it allows us to talk about and not talk about.

Councilor Ripma stated it is true that we hire the attorney, the judge and the city manager, but we are not really supposed to get involved in staffing decisions. If you want to make a budget change, fine, but...

Councilor Allen interrupted and stated we are asking for \$276,000 to staff a department that we have had some concerns with. I can understand those concerns. I just wonder if there is a way we can resolve or at least address those concerns.

Councilor Thomas stated it is not our job to tell the city manager how he should staff his departments.

Councilor Allen stated we can say that he can only hire one person instead of two.

Mayor Daoust stated no we can't.

Councilor Ripma stated I am not sure we can.

Councilor Thomas stated I think you are pushing the limits.

Councilor Allen stated in a public meeting we can't do that.

Mayor Daoust replied no we cannot. It is in our Charter.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, replied Section 21 of the Charter is what addresses the office of the city manager. It says that the city manager is the administrative head of the city government. Subsection E-4 says that, "*The manager must appoint, supervise and remove city employees.*" It delegates to the city manager in the imperative that he has to do that. Subsection I goes further and reads, "*No council member may directly or indirectly attempt to coerce the manager or a candidate for the office of manager in the appointment or removal of any city employee or in administrative decisions regarding city property or contracts.*" To the extent that it rises to the level of coercion it is prohibited by the Charter and that is grounds for removal from office. To the extent that it is a mere suggestion, probably doesn't cross over the line but where that line is is a gray area and is difficult to determine. If Craig were a shy retiring type, then anything might be viewed as coercion; it is how he takes it. You do need to be careful with how far you go with any discussion on this. I think that is probably as far as it ought to go tonight in terms of telling the manager how to appoint, supervise or remove city employees and whether or not to appoint, and then Subsection I of the Charter speaks to city contracts, which is the other piece of it. It is a gray area ultimately how far you go with it. Use your best judgment with it. The Mayor can decide what is in order and out of order at the meeting.

Councilor Allen stated if you go on to complete reading that, does it not say that we can address anything.

Ed Trompke stated it does say, "In council meetings councilors may discuss or suggest anything with the manager relating to city business."

Councilor Allen asked what is anything limited to?

Ed Trompke replied I don't know how to define city business. Contracting may be city business. Employment, may be city business too. That is getting into gray areas and I haven't had enough experience, being fairly new here, to know how that has been interpreted in the past so I am going to rely on you folks who have been on the city council for some period of time to know how it has been interpreted in the past. If it has been broadly interpreted or not.

Mayor Daoust stated I will answer that question. It has not been broadly interpreted in the past. In my mind this recommendation to go contract verses city staff is not gray; it is rather black and white. It is a recommendation to contract instead of hire city staff. That is pretty black and white and that is why I am saying that we are towards the edge and that I as Mayor will not allow this Council to go there. I cannot.

Ed Trompke stated that is the correct answer; you can't direct the manager how to make a decision. You have raised an issue, and it is probably appropriate to raise it and it has probably gone far enough to the edge and after that you have to look to the manager and hold him accountable for his decisions. If he makes decisions that you can support, support him. I am sure you don't always agree with everything he does.

Councilor Allen stated we are being asked to spend \$276,000 plus. At some point we have a decision to make whether that is the right funding level. We choose that funding level based on what the needs are, what the perceived needs are.

Councilor Wilson stated I think we already did that at the budget meetings when we the Budget Committee approved this amount. We were part of that Budget Committee and we approved this amount. Now we are here to finalize it.

Councilor Allen stated finalizing it is not automatic.

Councilor Wilson replied I understand that, but you didn't raise any objections at the budget meeting regarding this.

Councilor Allen stated I am actually not trying to get us to a certain spot, I am just clarifying the procedure here.

Mayor Daoust asked are there any discussions on the budget?

Councilor Anderson asked what would this do to the \$276,147 that is allocated if we were to go another way? You made a statement that you would appreciate more money in a consultant budget. How much more money are we talking about here? Do you have an idea?

Erich Mueller stated I would be happy to address the effect it would have on the resolution should the Council end up taking this step which may or may not be advised. The way the local budget law is structured the General Fund, given the type of fund that it is, it is based on the funding level for the service that has been decided to be provided. There is one dollar amount for this entire page; this is what was presented as the service level to be provided for that function. One of the things that we referenced in the previous resolutions for state shared revenues is that we provide planning services. The Budget Committee made a judgment that this is the amount of money to spend toward that service. From the local budget law standpoint once the appropriation is made the money, in theory, could all be spent on paperclips if that is what is necessary to deliver that service. I am being extreme to try and illustrate that whether the money is spent on consultants, or staffing, or utilities or whatever expenditure within that service level, as long as it is within that dollar amount that has been authorized by the appropriation, it is in compliance. If you were to say you were going to remove \$75,000 from salary and add \$75,000 to consulting, there is absolutely no change to this resolution.

Craig Ward stated it is actually more difficult today to estimate that than it would have been last week because last week I wasn't aware that the Senior Planner McCallum intended to resign. As I mentioned earlier, I will need to talk to the new planning director about what the appropriate staffing level is for the planning department. I don't know if that will be a senior planner or a less senior planner and how much that is likely to cost us, nor have I negotiated a contract with the planning director because I haven't selected one yet. With that issue put aside, I can assure you that it will cost us more. I can't give you an estimate of how much more. If you are inclined to plug a number in than I would

say virtually any number is probably as accurate as anything I could give you. It will be in the tens of thousands of dollars if we were to shift the planning director functions to a consultant to do that work. We cannot simply shift the responsibilities that are now done by the senior planner into a contract position short of bargaining it with AFSCME because it is a represented position, but we can probably change the job description and title in a way that might provide some savings. If you are going to go down that path and amend the budget I would certainly recommend that you increase the department budget by \$30,000 or something in that ballpark.

Councilor Anderson stated your scenario that you have laid out here, in your words, you said we are not going to do as we've been doing or stay the status quo. Would this scenario not do that, and would it accomplish the Council goal of stability in the code? It is a stated Council goal that we want stability in the code.

Craig Ward replied unfortunately the Council has expressed two goals. One is stability in the code and the second is to remove barriers to development. Removing barriers to development is inherently contradictory to maintaining stability in the code. The Chair of the Planning Commission has volunteered to support a process to help us define what barriers to the code means and how we would amend the code in order to accomplish that goal. I think that the budget that we have here can be managed to amend the code to remove barriers to development, to amend the code to modify it in accordance with FEMA requirements for flood plain administration, as well as to make other amendments to the code that will simplify and streamline it to remove barriers to development. I think there is adequate money in the budget to do that with the support of the Planning Commissions effort and the guidance of a new planning director.

Councilor Thomas stated passing the budget tonight as is is the right way to go. We can do budget adjustments during the year as necessary. It is not as if we are locked into these exact figures forever. There are options down the road if it becomes necessary. There may be things that come up that the Council wants to support for other issues that may require budget adjustments. There are opportunities throughout the year to make adjustments; that is why you have contingency funds. One of the things we tried to do with this budget was to keep it under a certain dollar figure. We gave staff a direction to do this and no more and they did that.

Councilor Wilson stated Council Goal 3, Section B, Measure 4 - is to strive to maintain or grow our reserve funds through the budget process. Bringing in a bunch of contract workers is going completely against trying to maintain or grow our reserves because it will always cost us more.

Councilor White stated it was not my intent to tiptoe on the edge of our Charter but I felt it was important enough to say something. I like the example of what we did with the building department. I think that was a necessary change. I think we are forgetting that this is a partnership between the developer, land owner, and staff and that partnership has been rogue and I think we definitely need to do a similar plan like we did for the building and permitting aspect to get these people re-engaged. Right now they are not

engaged and they will not be engaged unless we do something drastic to fix what has been going on. The problem still exists; it hasn't got any better.

Mayor Daoust stated there are a lot of different processes that can be used to engage all of the parties necessary to make it better. It is not related to a contract position person or a city staff position person. If we want to engage developers in what the city does to them or with them, there are a lot of different ways to do that. We need a planning director that has the right attitude and the right personality; we have always said that. I hope we get that kind of a person.

Ed Trompke reminded the Mayor that he may be stepping at the edge.

Mayor Daoust stated I withdraw my comments.

Councilor White stated I look at the dollar amount and realize that we developed six houses last year. We could have built those houses ourselves out of this one budget item. I don't think there is enough inventory. At some point Troutdale is going to have to downsize to an appropriate staffing level. I think in this department it is critical that we don't make a mistake here.

Mayor Daoust stated that is Craig's decision.

Mayor Daoust opened the Public Hearing at 7:58pm and asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us about the FY 2014-15 Annual Budget?

Jay Ellis, Troutdale, stated the Councilors give policy direction but you have to let the Manager do his job. I like the Senior Planner that is retiring; she is really nice and she has done a great job for a long time. However, just like you did with the police department and fire department, you can sub out the planning too and it will save you money. That is what other cities do.

Mayor Daoust closed the Public Hearing at 8:01pm.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt a resolution adopting the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Budget and making appropriations. Seconded by Councilor Wilson.

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

Motion Passed 6-1.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director stated this is the final part of the process required by the Local Budget Law. This resolution (Item 5.2) imposes and categorizes Ad Valorem Tax Levies. The levies outlined in the staff report cover both what is referred to as the permanent rate for general government purposes, as well as the levies necessary for the

bond debt service both for the Water Pollution Control Facility as well as the new Police Facility. Those were outlined during the budget process and were also included in the required publications.

Council had no questions on Agenda Item 5.2.

MOTION: Councilor Wilson moved to adopt a resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Seconded by Councilor Thomas.

VOTE: Councilor Wilson - Yes; Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Anderson - Yes; Councilor Thomas – Yes; Mayor Daoust – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes.

Motion Passed 7-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: An ordinance amending the Troutdale Municipal Code Chapter 2.20 Committees and Commissions, pertaining to the membership of the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Mayor Daoust read the ordinance title. This committee started out with seven members and when we were recruiting for members we didn't receive enough interest so we decided to reduce the number of members to five. Lately there has been increased interest for becoming a member on the Historic Landmarks Commission. Rather than increase the membership to six we should increase it to seven members to eliminate the possibility of having a tied vote on issues. My recommendation is to increase the membership on the Historic Landmarks Commission to seven members so that we can get increased public input on the valuable resources we have in Troutdale.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Daoust opened the public hearing at 8:05pm and asked is there anyone here that would like to testify on this ordinance?

Jay Ellis, resident, stated I think it is great that you brought this up Mayor, and I agree with you.

Mayor Daoust closed the Public Hearing at 8:06pm. A second hearing on this ordinance will take place at our next meeting.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward reminded Council that we have an Urban Renewal Agency meeting next week. The dedication for the I-84 Bridge has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated I had an opportunity this afternoon to listen to an internet posting of the police dispatch radio. It was phenomenal. The City Council, City Manager, and Police Chief should be very proud. The dispatcher calls in that there is a problem at the school, a shooting, and within about 1 minute the first officer is on the scene reporting that he sees .223 shell casings on the ground and within 30 seconds of that Lt. Wendland is on the scene taking charge (he didn't identify himself but I recognize his voice). From there everything goes by the book. It is an incredible thing to listen to and everyone here on the City Council has reason to feel very proud of the services that you provide for your citizens. These things can't always be prevented, but when they do happen the response is critically important and this was a wonderful response to a terrible situation.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Wilson thanked all of the law enforcement folks who came and helped out today.

This last weekend the Troutdale Kiwanis, Jon Brown and members of his family and members of Troutdale Terrace held their annual Bike Rodeo. We fixed about 40 bicycles. The Troutdale Police Department came and talked about bicycle safety and then took them on a parade around the apartment complex with their sirens and lights going. The kids had a great time. Mt. Hood Community College came with their hair styling class and was giving free haircuts to those that needed it. It was a good day and it was good to see a lot of happy kids.

Councilor Ripma stated my heart goes out to the family of the student who was killed today. I just can't imagine anything worse. We are truly sorry.

Councilor Anderson stated I agree. When the story comes out about this there will be some heroes. One of them is Mr. Ripsler, the PE Teacher/Track Coach who encountered the gunman, was grazed in the hip and in a moment of stunning clarity ran from the gym to the main office to activate the lockdown. When the lockdown was activated everything kicked into place. Two of our School Resource Officers (SRO) at Reynolds encountered the gunman. Within one minute 5 Troutdale Police Officers were there led by Lt. Wendland. Then the cavalry came from all over – Oregon City, Vancouver, Camas, Hillsboro, Beaverton, and Portland. It was stunning. While it can happen anywhere, it did happen here. I think if we can take a little bit of comfort in this it is that our SROs and our Troutdale Police Department and one PE Teacher/Track Coach prevented this from being far worse than one senseless death. They have my internal gratitude along with Chief Anderson who was absolutely stunning today.

Councilor Thomas stated it has been an emotional day. When I saw the police coming down the freeway as I was heading to work it was just a solid line of police vehicles and emergency service vehicles including tactical vehicles, command vehicles, fire trucks, and ambulances. It was amazing the response that we got. I am forever grateful to the Police Department and all of the emergency service personnel that helped keep this under control.

On Sunday I attended the Eagles Award Banquet for Troop 174. Three boys received their Eagle Award.

Mayor Daoust stated it has been a long day. I will tell you with certainty that it could have been a lot worse if it were not for the quick action of our SROs and our Police Department. That really stopped what could have been a lot worse. I am so impressed with the Police and the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff was there constantly supporting Chief Anderson and our Officers. I cannot say enough about the different agencies that helped out today.

Councilor White stated I echo all of the sentiments that have been stated tonight. I was really proud to see the representatives of our City and the way that they spoke to the media, you could just see the deep concern in their eyes and hear it in their voice.

Councilor Allen stated it's a tough day. I was talking to my daughter and I was grateful that she was okay like many parents, but I was crushed when I found out about a student that we know; it was sad.

Craig Ward stated no one has mentioned the Mayor's role of taking questions from national press with very limited information and being bombarded all day with a variety of questions as information gradually came in. That is a tough job. I want to commend you Mayor, and thank you for the service that you gave the City.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Doug Daoust, Mayor

Approved July 8, 2014

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder