

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

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

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; David Ross, City Attorney; and Rich Faith, Community Development Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

2. STATE OF THE CITY MESSAGE

Mayor Daoust delivered his State of the City Message (attached as Exhibit A to the minutes).

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 MOTION: A motion to dissolve the Economic Development Subcommittee and the Budget Oversight Subcommittee.

3.2 MOTION: A motion confirming appointments to the following committees:

- a) MPAC: Councilor Lisa Barton-Mullins as the Member, and Councilor Norm Thomas as the Alternate.
- b) JPACT: Mayor Shane Bemis as the Member, and Councilor Lisa Barton-Mullins as the Alternate.
- c) EMCTC: Mayor Doug Daoust as the Member, and Councilor Rich Allen as the Alternate with authority to vote in the absence of Mayor Daoust.
- d) EMCTC Technical Advisory Committee: Public Works Director as Troutdale's representative.
- e) EMEA Board of Directors: Mayor Doug Daoust as the Member and Councilor Anderson as the Alternate.

3.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution accepting the transfer of a portion of old Kendall Road.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

None.

5. REPORT: An update by Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick.

Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick stated my job as your Metro Councilor representative is to keep you updated on discussions that are occurring at the regional table, receive feedback from you about these discussions, and to bring to your attention discussions that you might want to participate in.

Councilor Shirley Craddick showed the Council a PowerPoint Presentation (attached as Exhibit B to the minutes) that provided an update to the Council on the following topics: Natural Areas Local Option Levy; Recent Natural Area Purchases; Industrial Lands; Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants; East Metro Connections; Climate Smart Communities; Regional Flexible Funds; Community Planning and Development Grants; and Metro Legislative Priorities.

Councilor Anderson asked is a toll being considered for the Columbia River Crossing?

Councilor Shirley Craddick replied the replacement bridge will not be built unless it has a toll.

Councilor Anderson stated I know that you were personally involved with the issue regarding the management of the Glendoveer Golf Course. You walked into a hornet's nest at that initial meeting, but I think what came out of that was a better management team and it is going to end up being a better golf course and a better place overall. It is nice to see some positive results on that.

Mayor Daoust stated the local option levy that is going to be on the May ballot, how is it determined if any land in Troutdale would receive some of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement dollars, or whatever improvements would be made to any piece of land that Metro owns? How is it determined?

Councilor Shirley Craddick asked which lands those are?

Mayor Daoust replied yes.

Councilor Shirley Craddick stated there are some targeted areas that staff is recommending. The Metro Council sees this levy as a short-term patch; it is not a long-term solution to how we are going to maintain and restore these lands that we

have been able to purchase. Our ultimate goal is to get the regions support to go back to the State Legislature and say that we would like to have you declare the Metro Region as a service district and if they do that then we would go to the voters to ask for a tax rate to be established. If that were to occur then there would be money on an annual basis that each parks district could depend on that would come back to your city for your parks system. This levy is going to be focused more on the Metro land. There is \$737,000 set aside in that levy to go back to the jurisdictions through a grant process. You would have to apply for the funding to be able to look at specific lands in your city.

Mayor Daoust stated on your map of Metro owned lands you had different colors on different parcels. I noticed that the Thousand Acres Sandy River Delta piece was colored green. Did Metro have any role in Thousand Acres?

Councilor Shirley Craddick replied I don't know the answer to that, I will need to ask about that.

Mayor Daoust stated Craig Ward indicated that we were in the process of applying for both of the Metro grants you mentioned. Is the MTIP funding for Exit 17 one of them?

Craig Ward replied that is a third grant which is really an ODOT and Port of Portland application.

Mayor Daoust stated so one of the grants is the Community Development and Planning grant for the Urban Renewal Area.

Craig Ward stated Rich and I just met about this last week so it is not yet finalized. Our current thought is that our best chance for that grant would be for an assessment of expanding our urban renewal boundaries to include more of our downtown properties.

Mayor Daoust stated it is encouraging that we are taking advantage of these Metro grants.

Craig Ward stated the other grant is the Nature in Neighborhoods and that was really pushed by Eastwind. It does affect our urban renewal area and deals with a planning process that would apply to the shoreline specifically to try to bring together stakeholders and come up with a plan that works for both Eastwind and our environmental conservation goals.

Councilor Anderson asked are the improvements to 238th going to include widening it to four lanes?

Councilor Shirley Craddick replied they still need go through the planning and designing work. The East Metro Connections Plan did not identify it as four lanes. There will be two lanes uphill and one lane downhill, but they would be widened so that trucks can use them. Improvements to the sidewalks will be made, and they will

address the issue of water draining across the road and creating ice problems. By making those improvements it would allow the trucks to use 238th which would then allow trucks to use all four interchanges and continue to distribute themselves equitably between the four interchanges so that no one jurisdiction would be burdened more than any other. The City of Wood Village and Gresham agreed to that. Gresham went ahead and supported the notion, through the Regional Transportation Plan, that the land that comes down to the east of Wood Village, that right-of-way, could be determined to go away. Multnomah County will take responsibility for that and will initiate it. Obviously you will have a role in that because it is in Troutdale. Nothing has officially been done or completed, but I think we are making good progress.

The other thing that Metro Council did is we removed the Regionally Significant Industrial Land designation from your land on the north side of Halsey recognizing that it will really be a much better benefit with a General Commercial designation. I know that Edgefield was very interested in the East Metro Connections Plan and really influenced the decision because it will give them some opportunities that they wouldn't have had if that right-of-way had stayed there. It does make the property on the north side of Halsey more interesting. I think all of the pieces of the puzzle are falling into place.

I will be attending the upcoming 4 Cities meeting next week to talk about the levy in more detail.

Mayor Daoust stated what would really help me before the 4 Cities Meeting on January 31st is if we had a lesson on compression. Shirley, you mentioned that there would be no affect on Troutdale and I assume that is correct. You made the statement that local option levies are compressed first and I thought I heard someone at the last EMEA meeting say that they are compressed last. I am a little confused as to how that works. Could our Finance Director send the Council an email to explain the issue of compression?

Craig Ward replied I will ask Mr. Mueller to send you an email.

Councilor White stated two things caught my eye. One was property tax reform. Could you briefly outline what Metro's role would be in that?

Councilor Shirley Craddick replied it is to support the effort that the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is working on. The LOC is going to the State Legislature to see if we can get their support on some key modifications to our property tax system. They will be asking the Legislature to consider two things: 1) if you can pass a levy that is longer than five years; and 2) look at the possibility that when a house sells that it would convert to the market value as opposed to the assessed value. Metro will play the role of bringing the cities together and helping at the State Legislature.

Councilor White asked is there going to be time to educate the public on that prior to the bond levy in May?

Councilor Shirley Craddick these don't relate to each other. The property tax reform is something that we have to work on with the Legislature. It will likely take more than one legislative session to make that happen.

Councilor Allen stated I am a supporter of four lanes on 238th. Has that option been looked at?

Councilor Shirley Craddick we are applying for funding through MTIP to do the planning for that improvement, and we are applying through the State Improvement Transportation Planning for the construction of that improvement. The planning phase will answer your question. I know there currently is enough right-of-way for the three lanes so there is no need to purchase land to widen the lanes to allow for trucks. If they were going to expand it to four lanes land would have to be purchased to do that and that would be more challenging because the right-of-way is pretty constricted in that area. The recommendation said that we would have adequate mobility up that road if we had the three lanes. The constriction in that area is the signal at Halsey Street and the signal at the top of the hill; that is what slows traffic down through there.

Councilor Allen stated I see the growth going on in the southern part of the region and the traffic that we have today. If the fourth lane doesn't cost that much more than the three lanes it makes sense to do it. I haven't looked at it that closely. I am hoping that the engineers have looked at it.

Councilor Shirley Craddick stated that is what the design phase will be. Gresham is looking at the Springwater area and the work that they want to do in that area will also help 242nd. They are looking at a connection from Hwy. 26 to 242nd that will then take some of the traffic that traditionally comes all the way into Gresham to a route over to 242nd. There is effort being made on multiple fronts.

Councilor Thomas stated we should probably look to see if we could get some of the tourism dollars. As the Mayor mentioned in his State of the City Message, we need to look at ways to increase our tourism.

There are hazardous waste collection events held out this way periodically. It would be nice to have something that is more local for the east side where we can take things like florescent bulbs to dispose of them. Right now you either have to go to north Portland or Oregon City which is a distance to travel especially when we are talking about reducing transportation. It would be nice to have a location out here or hold events more frequently.

You mentioned a few things that the State Legislature was going to be looking at. One of the other things that was mentioned by the LOC was being able to take operating levies and bond measures outside of the \$5 and \$10 cap so that it didn't affect compression.

Councilor Shirley Craddick stated I will look into the hazardous waste and I will find out if the Thousand Acres area was land that was purchased by Metro.

Craig Ward acknowledged the role that Councilor Shirley Craddick played in assisting the City with settling the Title 13 issue last year.

Mayor Daoust called for a break at 8:26pm and reconvened at 8:37pm.

6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 1/8/13): An ordinance amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map and the Zoning District Map for the Edgefield North Property in completion of Periodic Review Task 2, pertaining to Economic Development.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated this ordinance was introduced to you two weeks ago. This ordinance pertains to rezoning the Edgefield North property from its current zoning of Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC), and a concurrent Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map amendment from Industrial to Commercial. We had two individuals testify at the hearing two weeks ago. One was a representative from Multnomah County and another from the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Consortium. Both of those individuals spoke in support of these amendments. In response to a request from Councilor Allen two weeks ago I have included, as an exhibit to my staff report, a list of the permitted uses in the LI zone as compared to the GC zone.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on this and they have forwarded it to you with a recommendation for adoption. Staff concurs with that recommendation.

Council had no questions for staff.

Mayor Daoust opened the public hearing at 8:40pm.

No testimony received.

Mayor Daoust closed the public hearing at 8:40pm.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map and the Zoning District Map for the Edgefield North Property in completion of Periodic Review Task 2, pertaining to Economic Development. Seconded by Councilor Allen.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward, City Manager, updated the Council on the following:

- On January 30, 2013 at 6:30pm the Department of Environmental Quality will be holding a meeting regarding the air and water quality permits for the Troutdale Energy Center. That meeting will be held at the Sam Cox Building.
- On February 5, 2013 we will be holding a work session.
- Councilor Wilson suggested that we offer some training to our members of the budget committee. I have already provided some background information to all of you regarding classes offered by the League of Oregon Cities. Unfortunately the training sessions that were offered anywhere close to us have already occurred this year. They do offer on-site training that we could request. The cost for that is about \$1,700; this was not budgeted for this year. I have checked on their availability and they could offer this training in February or March of this year. Do you want to pursue requesting an on-site budget training session?

Councilor Thomas stated my preference would be to wait and actually build it into the budget for next year.

Councilor Anderson stated I think it is a great idea, but I have to agree with Councilor Thomas. However, I would encourage members of our budget committee to become engaged with Craig Ward or Erich Mueller, as their schedule allows, prior to the April budget meetings so that they can become as fully versed as they possibly can. I think that would be helpful.

Councilor Wilson stated we need to have the best educated committee members and councilors. I looked at the information that Mr. Ward sent out about the free training and unfortunately the closest one is in Oregon City and it is being held on a work day, so I think we would have very limited participation. I think that the \$1,700 would be money well spent this year, and then put it in the budget for next year so that we can have a continuing education.

Mayor Daoust asked is the \$1,700 for the entire session regardless of the number of people who attend?

Craig Ward replied that is correct.

Councilor Ripma asked is there an upcoming free training being offered in Oregon City that is open for any budget committee member to attend?

Councilor Wilson replied it is being held at the college from 9am to 3pm on the 27th. That is a weekday and would make it almost impossible for most people to go unless they take that day off. I feel that our budget is such an important part of the city's overall

well-being that we should hold this training on a Saturday and make it a requirement to be on the budget committee in the future.

Councilor Thomas stated we have a very good finance director who is really good at teaching the ins and outs of the budget law. I think if you go to the class what you are really going to get is the budget law.

Councilor Wilson stated it would be taught by someone that was not connected with the city and therefore it would be more detached from our specific goals or trouble spots.

Councilor Allen asked has anyone been to this particular session? If not, is there anyone who wants to go to the session on the 27th to find out how useful it is?

Councilor Ripma stated I think we should invite anyone who wants to go. It is free. I feel strongly that we shouldn't require people who serve on the budget committee to attend a Saturday session. We have never done that before. We need to think about that. I think it is a worthy goal to get educated Council Wilson. I took a class offered by the League when I was serving on the planning commission and that was held during the week. I think people who feel the need for such a session should be able to take a day to attend if they feel that strongly about it. I do not myself. I am in favor of training. Erich Mueller does a very good job of explaining the very technical limited role that the budget committee has. It is important, but it is very focused. If there is a free class being offered I really don't think we ought to spend city money to arrange for a special session.

Mayor Daoust asked is it February 27th?

Councilor Wilson replied yes.

Mayor Daoust stated we could send a notice out to the entire budget committee informing them of the February 27th free training opportunity. Some of the members may be available to attend. At the April budget meetings we can bring up the topic of training for the committee members. The third option is that Erich Mueller could provided one-on-one meetings with members of the committee, if he has the time.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Anderson stated after sitting through two State of the City Messages and listening to what ODOT did, what FEMA did and what every other federal and state jurisdiction did for Troutdale, it is very refreshing to take a look back and hear about what we did. We being the Council, we being the staff, and we being the city. There was no "I" in that. Yes we have challenges coming up and I can respect and understand that, but it was very refreshing to me to listen to that. We have done good. I don't want that to be lost. We will continue to do good and hopefully we will do better. I want to compliment you on a well-stated State of the City Message.

Mayor Daoust replied thank you. City staff had a lot to do with it.

Councilor Thomas stated I want to relay the same compliments that Councilor Anderson gave. The one thing that I appreciated about your State of the City Message was the call of order at the end where you talked about the things that we need to look at for this next year. You talked about the future versus rolling in the past. I really appreciated it.

Emergency notifications was brought up during Councilor Shirley Craddick's presentation. One of the things that I am not aware of and maybe we can include it in the Champion, is how to sign up to receive these emergency notifications on your cell phone. There are a lot of folks who no longer have landline phones.

Craig Ward stated I know that we did one last year and we can refresh that and publish it again.

Mayor Daoust stated I sent all of you an email asking whether you were going to be attending the 4 Cities meeting next week. Mayor Weatherby would like a rough count of who will be attending.

All Councilors indicated they would be attending.

Mayor Daoust stated I had the opportunity to speak at the Springdale Job Corps graduation last Friday. It was a very nice ceremony that was held at Mt. Hood Community College in the Visual Arts Theater. The Job Corps takes disadvantaged youths and trains them in specific programs that enables them to obtain a job or to become enrolled in college after they graduate. They were noticed as the number one job corps center in the nation for placement of their kids after they graduate either in a job or enrolled in college. Every one of the graduates had a job and they were so proud of that fact that each one of them announced where they were working when they received their diploma.

Councilor Allen stated you did a very good job tonight Mayor. I appreciate you as our Mayor, the Council, our staff and our citizens.

Councilor Wilson stated last week was the first time I have sat in on committee interviews. We have a lot of talented people out there. It was a very hard process and I really respected everyone who was interviewed. Hopefully we can keep them and get even more next year.

I want to bring up the scheduling of the extra budget meetings again that I felt were needed for the budget process. Instead of just being limited to two meetings I am requesting that we schedule 3 or 4 nights so we are not pushed to get everything done in one night. I talked with Mr. Ward and there is a third date that is possible that he was going to talk to Mr. Mueller about, and then he was going to check to see if there was any room for a fourth meeting.

Craig Ward replied I have and there is.

Councilor Ripma stated I would also like to compliment the Mayor and the Council for a good meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Doug Daoust, Mayor

Approved February 12, 2013

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Copies of the attached exhibits can be found in the January 22, 2013 Meeting Packet in the microfilm.