

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

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Craig Ward, City Manager; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; David Ross, City Attorney; Elizabeth McCallum, Senior Planner; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Kight stated I received a call today from Comcast and after talking to Councilor Thomas we collectively decided to pull Agenda Item #4, which is a motion to approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission's 2012-13 Budget. This item will be rescheduled for our June 26th meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing acceptance of a gift of in-kind services from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48 to install permanent lighting on the Centennial Arch and rescinding Resolution No. 2129.

2.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet and the City of Portland for Transit Police Division.

2.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving a Declaration of Private Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Agreement and Covenant to Record Future Easements for the Sandy River Run residential subdivision.

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

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

John Leamy provided the Council with a handout (copy included in the packet).

John Leamy, resident and representative of the Troutdale Kiwanis Club, stated I am here tonight to talk to you about the upcoming Cruise-In on August 5th in downtown Troutdale. This event has been happening off and on for several years. We are expecting 250-300 cars, and around 3,000 to 5,000 people. There will be a pancake breakfast from 7am – 10am and the event will go until 5pm. There will be vendors that will be enhancing the show. We are asking all of the downtown businesses to stay open on that day. In the past years the City has partnered with us on this event. We would like to ask if you would be willing to consider partnering with us again this year by becoming a sponsor. We thought that maybe you could be a T-Shirt Sponsor at \$1,000.

Mayor Kight stated since you are requesting funding we should put this on a future agenda so we can have a proper discussion. I would request that this be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. MOTION: A motion to approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission's 2012-13 Budget.

This item was pulled and will be put on the June 26, 2012 meeting agenda.

5. UPDATE / REPORT: 2012 SummerFest.

Marcia Chiaudano, West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, introduced the SummerFest Committee members.

Marcia Chiaudano outlined the events that will take place this year at SummerFest: Chalk It Up at 9:45am in the streets of downtown; at 10am The Beat Goes On will put on a concert at Mayors Square; at 10:30 the Turkey Creek Desperados will be entertaining us with their antics; the Parade starts at 11am in downtown Troutdale and ends at Glenn Otto Park where there will be events and vendor booths until 5pm.

Donna Erwin is the Citizen of Year, Maddy Trattles is our Youth of the Year, and Michael Orelove is the Grand Marshall of the Parade.

We only have one agenda this year and that is to make this event the best event that Troutdale has ever seen in the 40 years of SummerFest.

6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 5/22/2012): An ordinance amending the Troutdale Development Code (Text Amendment No. 47) to comply with Title 13 of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan – Nature in Neighborhoods.

Mayor Kight read the ordinance title.

David Ross stated Item #6 of tonight's meeting agenda is being processed as a Type IV Legislative Land Use Hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Troutdale

Development Code. A staff report has been prepared for this matter and was made available before the hearing. The staff report identifies the approval criteria that apply and analyzes those criteria. The procedure the City will utilize for this hearing is as follows: 1) staff will present their report; 2) the Mayor will open the public hearing; 3) anyone who wishes to testify about the proposed text amendments will be given an opportunity to do so; and 4) after all the testimony has been submitted, City Council will discuss the proposal.

If you are going to testify, make sure that you have signed in and give your name at the beginning of your testimony so the City has it in the record. If you are going to submit exhibits such as letters, reports or pictures, please identify the exhibit for the record and confirm that you want it included in the record before you distribute it to the Mayor and City Council members. Your testimony and the exhibits should address the applicable approval criteria. If you believe that other criteria apply in addition to those that are addressed in the staff report you must identify those criteria and explain why you believe they apply to the proposal that is being considered. The Mayor may reasonably limit oral presentations in length or content depending upon time constraints. After all the testimony has been submitted, the Mayor may close tonight's public hearing and this matter will be considered by the Council. This summarizes the procedure.

Elizabeth McCallum, Senior Planner, stated at the May 22, 2012 hearing on this matter we had three property owners testify regarding their concerns. Tom Bouillion, representing the Port of Portland, raised concerns about off-site mitigation opportunities for use of the vegetation corridor and removal of trees therein. On page 12 of Exhibit A (under iiiA) is new language that addresses the question that Mr. Bouillion posed to us about allowing them to do some off-site plantings in what we commonly call the Thousand Acres area (Sandy River Delta). We have added specific language that was reviewed by our City Attorney. Mr. Bouillion agreed with the revised language. Metro is also okay with this change.

In addition, on page 5 of Exhibit A, there are some revisions proposed by staff to clarify that removal of the trees that interfere with the operation of the Troutdale Airport is only subject to implementation of either an on-site or off-site mitigation plan in accordance with the standards of TDC 4.315A(3)(c).

On page 13 we have another staff editorial amendment that goes in-line with the tree amendments for clarification and pertains to the off-site mitigation provision.

Mr. Williams, resident, requested that another exemption provision be added to the standards, which are shown on page 7 and 8 of Exhibit A. This exact exemption provision language shows up in the Metro Title 13 model ordinance. Metro does not object to this language as it is directly from their model ordinance.

Peter Matzke, a property owner, requested that Council omit the requirement for monitoring and reporting. There was some discussion at the last hearing, however no changes have been proposed.

I would direct your attention to the letter from Metro (Exhibit F) in support of our ordinance and the amendments therein. Staff is recommending adoption the ordinance.

Mayor Kight stated I think the second to last sentence in the letter from Mr. Harper (Metro) is very revealing. It reads, "Adoption of these proposed changes will result in substantial compliance for the City of Troutdale regarding Title 13."

Councilor Daoust asked were you able to contact the US Forest Service as far as the off-site mitigation?

Rich Faith replied yes. I contacted the wetland specialist, Robin Dobson, at the US Forest Service. We discussed this proposed language and she saw no problems with the language. Her only caveat was that there is limited area in the Sandy River Delta in her opinion for planting trees, but given the language requires an agreement with them to identify the location and so forth, she had no problems with the language as it is written.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:26pm.

No testimony received.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:26pm.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt an ordinance amending the Troutdale Development Code, Text Amendment No. 47, for substantial compliance with Title 13 of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, Nature in Neighborhoods. Seconded by Councilor Anderson.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTIONS: A public hearing on the following two resolutions:

- 7.1** A resolution certifying the City of Troutdale's eligibility to receive State Shared Revenues.
- 7.2** A resolution declaring the City of Troutdale's election to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated these two resolutions are related to the state shared revenues. This is an administrative process that we began during the Budget Committee meetings. There was a public hearing that the Budget Committee held on April 16, 2012 on the possible uses of the state shared revenues which enabled us to

comply with the first requirement from the state. The second requirement is a public hearing on the proposed uses, which were incorporated as part of the Budget Committee Approved Budget that was addressed at the May 2nd Budget Committee meeting. The resolution under Item 7.1 represents to the State that we meet the qualifications and requirements that are in the statute in order to be eligible to receive the state shared revenues. Once we have represented that then the second resolution (Item 7.2) indicates our election to receive the revenues that we have indicated we are eligible to receive. Exhibit A in your packet outlines the different areas in the budget where the state shared revenues are proposed to be used. State shared revenues represent approximately \$1.2 million for the City for the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:32pm and asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to Item 7.1 (a resolution certifying the City of Troutdale's eligibility to receive state shared revenues)?

No public testimony received.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:32pm.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt a resolution certifying the City of Troutdale's eligibility to receive state shared revenues (Item 7.1). Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:33pm and asked is there was anyone here that would like to speak to Item 7.2 (a resolution declaring the City of Troutdale's election to receive state shared revenues for Fiscal Year 2012-13)?

No public testimony received.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:33pm.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt a resolution declaring the City of Troutdale's election to receive state shared revenues for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

8. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: A resolution adopting the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget and making appropriations.

Mayor Kight read the resolution title.

Erich Mueller stated the budget process is spelled out in the local budget law. We have been making our way through that process. The Budget Committee completed its work for this particular cycle on May 2nd by approving a budget that has been subsequently published on the prescribed forms as required by the Local Budget Law within the timeframe required. This resolution outlines the language as well as the recaps and categories that the Local Budget Law requires in terms of its categories for appropriations in order to be properly adopted and acceptable to the County and the State.

I am requesting that the Council approve a pre-adoption amendment to the Budget Committee Approved Budget. There were capital outlay projects that were planned for the Sewer Utility Fund operations and due to some items that caused delay they simply did not get underway in time for them to be completed in this current budget year. When the 2012-13 Budget was being prepared it was not apparent at that point that those projects would be unable to be completed in this fiscal year. Those projects will be completed in the coming fiscal year. This amendment simply moves the appropriations that were already approved in the existing year into the coming fiscal year. Prior to addressing this resolution I would request that the Council make a motion to approve this amendment which is outlined in my staff report.

As mentioned in my staff report there will be changes with this budget in the coming year, as there are with budgets every year. Both collective bargaining agreements (Troutdale Police Officers Association (TPOA) and AFSCME unions) are still in negotiations. What those contracts will ultimately be is unknown at this point, but it is likely that they will have some sort of budgetary impact. Once the Council approves those collective bargaining agreements then there will be a subsequent budget adjustment made during the fiscal year.

Councilor Ripma asked what page of the resolution is the sewer utility fund listed on?

Erich Mueller replied page 2 right below the water fund.

Councilor Ripma stated that says sewer fund, not sewer utility fund. Is sewer fund the correct name?

Erich Mueller replied yes.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to amend the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Approved Annual Budget as submitted by the City of Troutdale Budget

Committee to increase both resources and requirements in the Sewer Fund by \$170,000. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:40pm.

Malcom Boswell, Employment Department, stated my reason for being here this evening is because 5 years ago I was asked to assist with developing the Consortium project by both the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (WCGCC) and various elected officials from the cities that were original members of the Consortium. One of the reasons that they developed this Consortium was because each individual city on its own did not have the resources to establish a presence in the economic development efforts regionally, statewide or internationally. Several attempts have been made in the past to have an economic development presence at all of those levels and none of them were successful for a variety of reasons. What we decided on was a neutral situation where you have an economic development officer that was housed with the WCGCC and they were supposed to follow through with the requirements of the Consortium which was made up of a representative from each of the funding parties to support economic development efforts that benefitted the entire region. This would give each city member a presence at the local, regional, state and international level. The understanding of that project was that the cities would agree on what projects were acceptable by all cities, or all members of the Consortium, and present those to the Economic Development Officer. We felt that this was the best approach and the most economically feasible and gave no preference to any one city. We feel at this time, despite the fact that a couple of cities have backed out from that agreement, that it still serves its purpose and it has already attracted funding that otherwise would not have come to this area. The efforts of the Consortium, even though it is really young and hasn't had time to develop the structure that it needs to develop, has been successful to a certain extent. Understanding the budget constraints and the difficulties of today's economics, I would ask that you support the continuance of the Consortium because of its value. Take into consideration what the alternatives are of not having the Consortium. What would we lose by letting go of the Consortium at this time?

John Wilson, resident, stated the Budget Committee asked the City to come back with a revised budget showing reductions in the amount of \$200,000 and \$400,000. The Committee received a list of items that were not recommended to be cut. For the most part after three hours they didn't get cut. It would be very hard to make cuts from the very important items that were on the list. But there is the ability to ask the City to go back and reduce the general fund budget by 1½% to 3%. The Budget Committee shouldn't have been brought into the weeds to decide what items needed to be cut. I don't think that is fair. I think the City Manager and directors know more about what

they can live without. As I talked to the Police Chief he really can't live without these cars, so how can we cut the cars. How can we cut the lighting when the lighting needs to be there? I could go on. If we took a smaller reduction of 1½% out of the \$9 or \$10 million I think that is more livable. As time goes on we keep reaching into our reserves and they are getting narrower; we have been doing that for 6 to 8 years. I would ask that you ask staff to go back and make a minimum of a 1½% reduction in the overall budget and let them decide where those cuts can be made.

Carolyn Meece, Business Development Officer for Business Oregon, stated the State participated in funding the Consortium when it was originally set up about 5 years ago as a pilot project. We had never before or since funded a program like this. We are still in the process of evaluating the work that has been done. I have worked with the Consortium on a variety of projects and opportunities. We did count it as a one-time award to help an organization get up and running and to see how effective a consortium of small communities, who may not have the capacity individually, could work together. I am here to support the continuation of the Consortium.

Craig Lichtenthaler and Tatjana Twerdochlib, city employees, stated we would just like to ask that the budget be passed as is. Any further cuts to the budget would probably lead to layoffs.

Karen Schaaf, West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, read a letter into the record from Lise Glancy the Regional Affairs Manager with the Port of Portland (attached as Exhibit A).

Councilor Daoust asked of all the people who have come up in support of the Consortium, I just want to be clear that you are talking about the \$18,000 that we have in the budget?

Karen Schaaf replied that is your support.

Paula Goldie, resident and city employee, stated I am here to encourage you to pass the budget without the cuts, without the 1.5% out of the general fund. We are in a really hard place right now financially. I am at the bottom looking up and I can't see what could possibly make this City better by cutting services or cutting people. We are at bare bones now. Everybody is doing double time just to make up for the lack of people. I hate to see the livability of Troutdale go downhill, but money doesn't always equal livability. You may have a little extra cash but that is not going to improve the parks and it is not going to improve the streets and it is not going to help the people that are here trying to do their jobs. On behalf of AFSCME and myself, I would encourage you to just go ahead and vote yes on the budget the way it is.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:57pm.

Councilor Thomas stated I would like to propose an amendment to the budget before we adopt it.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to amend the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Approved Annual Budget as submitted by the City of Troutdale Budget Committee to eliminate \$22,000 for the Consortium Economic Development Director position by reallocating \$4,000 to the East County shared Emergency Management program and \$18,000 to Contingency from the General Government department budget.

Councilor Daoust asked do we have \$22,000 budgeted rather than \$18,000?

Craig Ward stated we budgeted \$18,000 for them this year. The Proposed Budget is \$22,000, but in the conversation we had with the Budget Committee when we outlined the proposed cuts my proposal to you was that we reallocate \$4,000 of the \$22,000 to the Emergency Preparedness Consortium that we are involved in with the other cities leaving us with a balance of \$18,000 that would actually be realized in the cuts. \$18,000 is what we budgeted this year and is what I identified as an option for the Budget Committee, but the actual amount in the Proposed Budget for the coming year is \$22,000.

Motion Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

Councilor Ripma asked where in the resolution does this appear? Is it in General Government?

Councilor Thomas replied yes.

Councilor Ripma asked is the \$4,000 also in General Government?

Erich Mueller replied the amount is in the General Government line. The resolution that is in your packet does not incorporate that change. If that amendment is adopted I would need to provide you with some revised numbers prior to passing the resolution. On the first page of the resolution the fourth number down that is listed as \$446,178 (General Government) would be changed and the second to the last number on the first page (Contingency) would change. The total at the bottom would not change.

Councilor Ripma stated General Government number of \$446,178 would go down by \$18,000 and the Contingency would go up by \$18,000.

Erich Mueller replied correct.

Councilor Daoust asked can this be taken care of tonight?

Erich Mueller replied I was made aware that this might be desired so I anticipated this potential change and I am prepared to deal with it tonight.

Councilor Daoust asked you already have a revised resolution?

Erich Mueller replied I have revised numbers that I will provide should it pass and Ms. Stickney and I will fix the paperwork on the backend.

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

Motion Passed 5 – 2.

Erich Mueller stated to clarify the revision to the resolution, if you go to the fourth line on page 1 that number would change to \$428,178 (General Government) and the second to the last line would change to \$768,000 (Contingency). The total would remain the same. The rest of the resolution and the rest of the subtotals for the appropriations would remain the same.

Councilor Daoust asked so that was an amendment?

Erich Mueller stated you amended the budget that had been approved by the Budget Committee. As far as the budget law process it has been forwarded to the governing body, the City Council, for adoption. You amended the budget prior to adopting it.

Craig Ward stated just to clarify, the amendment that dealt with the \$170,000 for the Sewer Fund, does that also change the numbers in the overall budget?

Erich Mueller replied I was presumptuous that the Council would be supportive of the amendment and I included it in the text of the resolution that was provided in the packet.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt a resolution adopting the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget as amended and making appropriations. Seconded by Councilor Thomas.

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

Motion Passed 6 – 1.

9. RESOLUTION: A resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Erich Mueller stated this resolution is required by the Local Budget Law. The Budget Committee has a statutory duty to approve the amount of the levy, for both the general levy as well as for the general obligation debt service levies. The Budget Committee completed their approval of the three different levy amounts on May 2nd. This resolution

provides for the permanent rate of \$3.7652 per \$1,000 assessed value as a fixed rate for the City of Troutdale, and the debt service levy for both general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,475,294. This comes to you without any adjustment or modification from what was passed by the Budget Committee. The governing body has to take action on this prior to July 1st in order for me to certify the information to the County Assessor in order for them to actually levy the taxes for us to collect.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt a resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

10. RESOLUTION: A resolution recognizing the Budget Committee's deliberation, resource allocation and policy decisions relating to lighting upgrades at Sandy Palisades Park and Kiku Park.

Erich Mueller stated this is a new resolution for us. There has been increasing challenges as it relates to tort exposure for communities within Oregon. When there are difficult resource allocations made and things are foregone that may have the possibility of resulting in a claim to a municipality, CIS recommends that you document the process by which you came to that decision. Oregon Tort Claims Act (OTCA) provides a degree of protection from that possible liability. It is not a guarantee, but failing to document it certainly doesn't help if a claim should arise. It is certainly the hope that the resolution is entirely unneeded and there will be no issues, claims or problems. It is an attempt to document, for the record, that there were deliberate decisions undertaken by the Budget Committee, which under the Local Budget Law has the authority to make those decisions. At the time the decision was discretionary which is where the immunity within the OTCA comes into play. As noted in the staff report this was the result of an exercise of judgment, it was a discussion of public policy as opposed to a routine decision made on the part of staff, and it was exercised by the appropriate authority level, in this case our Budget Committee. As your Risk Manager I am recommending that the Council approve the resolution which simply helps to document the record, and should we have a claim it may provide a degree of protection for the City.

Councilor White asked is there any way those lights could be considered a capital improvement because they would be so much different than what is currently there?

Erich Mueller replied from the Budget Law standpoint they are considered a capital outlay. From the system development charge expenditure standpoint they don't qualify due to the fact that they are not a capacity enhancing expenditure.

Councilor Daoust stated I recognize that this is an anti-risk resolution, but we have never had one of these before. With the Budget Law identifying the role of the Budget Committee as clearly as it does, do we really need to state the obvious here with this resolution?

Erich Mueller replied I am operating based on the advice from the general counsel at CIS and they feel that it is appropriate to have a resolution passed by the governing body. The governing body in this case ultimately adopts the budget, so you do have the final say on the budget. The documentation is a little bit bifurcated in that you are passing the resolution but the Budget Committee is the one that had the policy deliberations. However, due to the way the budget law is outlined, you are also all members of the Budget Committee so there is a little bit of an overlap. This is recommended by CIS as a best practice. It is certainly up to the Council if you chose to not pass it.

Councilor Daoust asked will this be a routine resolution from now on?

Erich Mueller replied that will depend on the nature of the actions taken and what public policy decisions this body or the Budget Committee makes going forward.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt a resolution recognizing the Budget Committee's deliberation, resource allocation and policy decisions relating to lighting upgrades at Sandy Palisades Park and Kiku Park. Seconded by Councilor White.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

11. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward stated the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) has requested that the Council deliberate or provide feedback on legislative priorities. We could put this on the July 10 meeting agenda so that you could deliberate on it, or you could just rank them individually and send your rankings to staff. I could average the rankings and provide that information to the LOC.

Council agreed to individually rank the legislative priorities and provide their rankings to staff.

Craig Ward stated now that we are in our new meeting space and we have moved city functions to new locations, we are proceeding with drafting a scope of work on the space needs study that was budgeted this year. I know that the Council is eager to deliberate and to have the public provide some input through the form of an advisory

committee and perhaps other means. We are drafting that scope of work and we will bring it to the Council for consideration before we post it.

Our layout for the meeting this evening is a work in progress. The cameras are not yet permanently installed. We will have them permanently installed but before we go about that we have several floor plans for the council and public seating that we want to try. Our proposal is that we experiment by having different floor plans for the next several meetings. We will then get feedback from all of you on the pros and cons and how you would like this room arranged.

I need direction from Council on whether or not you would prefer to amend the remaining meeting schedule for this summer. The practice has been that the Council does not hold their second meeting in July (fourth Tuesday of the month) or the first meeting in August (second Tuesday of the month). I would like direction from Council as to whether it is your desire to cancel the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August.

Council agreed to cancel those meetings as long as there is no pressing business.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Anderson stated I would like to offer my commendation to the Reynolds School District Board and the REA for settling their dispute. Furthermore, I would like to express my appreciation to Mayor Kight and Council President Daoust. I was pretty vested in this dispute because I have a dog in the fight and when it looked like it was going bad I reached out and called the Mayor and Council President Daoust and they stepped up and provided the leadership that this City deserves. I want to thank you both for helping. With labor disputes things can get ugly. Our Police Department did a wonderful job, but really all of our staff did a wonderful job.

Councilor Thomas stated I have to agree with Councilor Anderson's comments. I do appreciate the fact that it has been resolved.

I also wanted to thank staff, specifically Craig, Rich, Councilor White and Councilor Daoust for going down and meeting with Metro staff to come up with a resolution for Title 13. I know it took a lot of time to get this done.

MPACT will be bringing 20 to 25 folks out here to tour the TRIP property tomorrow.

The Economic Development Subcommittee has looked at our fee schedule and one of the options that we would like to bring forward to the Council is to remove the current fees for the amusement devices and we are also recommending that the business license fees be increased by \$5.00 which recovers about \$3,000. The reason behind the increase is that it costs staff time and effort to process those licenses.

Councilor White stated I just want to compliment and thank staff on this difficult move, especially Craig Ward. I can't imagine what it was like to move out of a building that everyone has been in for so long.

Councilor Allen stated it looks like with the cuts that we have done that the budget will be balanced in a couple of years. It concerns me that we will burn through the majority of our contingency and basically be left with little more than operating funds. The city is very well managed. There are not any easy cuts. I do not want to be in a position of losing staff so I wonder if it would be appropriate to ask our City Manager to look for opportunities to save through time since we are running pretty lean as it is and it is hard to figure that out while within a budgeting process. Something to keep your eye out for throughout the year keeping in mind that if we could have a safety buffer then we don't risk our staff. Would that be appropriate?

Councilor Anderson and Councilor Thomas replied yes.

Councilor Anderson stated if I am reading you correctly I think you are reiterating what we have all been talking about. Are you talking about the sharing of resources, pooling resources and things of that nature?

Councilor Allen replied keeping your mind open.

Councilor Daoust stated I will also second what Councilor Anderson brought up about the Reynolds Employees Association and the Reynolds School Board. I think once City leaders show their face it helps all those involved know that they are not standing there alone and that people are watching what they do and the decisions they make. Just that simple act of being present was a good thing. I want to thank Councilor Anderson for being in the lead and recommending things that the City should do in that area where we are not really directly involved.

On June 5th Craig Ward and I went on a bus tour sponsored by Home Forward, which is another name for the Housing Authority of Portland. I must admit that I came away from that bus tour rather impressed with the buildings that were developed by Home Forward, most of which were in downtown Portland. Their goal is that everyone deserves a roof over their head so they provide housing for lower income folks. The apartments that we saw were beautiful. We saw some one and two bedroom apartments in fairly new buildings some of which were built across from Jeld-Wen Field right next to a condominium complex where you had to dish out \$400,000 for a condo. The next building across from that was a low income housing development that Home Forward bartered with the developer to build and it was just as nice except to rent an apartment in that building it was only \$800 a month. We also saw a very nice apartment that all you needed to make for an annual income was \$15,000 and you could rent an apartment. They have financing and assistance for folks to help pay their rent. They have helped nearly 9,000 households in the Metro area afford a place to live and they have in the neighborhood of 6,200 apartment units in the Metro area. They provide housing for very specific groups of people and different levels of housing, not just

Section 8. We came away pretty impressed with what buildings they were actually able to get financed. They receive \$85 million in HUD grants a year. They have opportunities to partner with developers or build their own buildings. I am not sure but there may be opportunities for them to help us out here. We need to check that out.

Mayor Kight stated we have completed the corridor study which was a study of the routes between I-84 and Hwy. 26. The study was headed up by Metro. The most notable item that has changed is 238th Drive. The City of Wood Village made a magnanimous decision to make improvements to 238th Drive in the form of sidewalks on both sides, a retaining wall on the south side, address the issue of the springs that are weeping down the bank and across 238th Drive, and to widen 238th Drive to accommodate large trucks. The good news is that there would be no taking of private property to accomplish this. Based on that, the City of Wood Village made a motion and passed a resolution that they are supportive of this. McMenamins has indicated that should the vacation take place that they would go forward with their project north of Halsey. Wood Village City Council indicated that the improvements that they are supporting on 238th are conditional on the vacation of the 242nd right-of-way taking place. Councilor Shirley Craddick will be presenting the plan to each of the cities in East County.

Craig Ward stated that presentation is scheduled for June 26th.

Mayor Kight stated I attended the graduation ceremony at Memorial Coliseum for Reynolds School District. 450+ students graduated. I made a contact there and there is a very good chance that East County, and I am hoping that Troutdale will be selected, will be getting a \$3 million Boys and Girls Club.

Craig Ward asked for clarification. Councilor Thomas noted that the recommendation of the Economic Development Subcommittee is to bring forward a staff report for action on the amusement device fee and an increase in the business license fee. The Council has deliberated on the amusement device fee previously. I would appreciate some direction to make sure that a majority of the Council concurs with this recommendation and that staff is to bring this forward.

Mayor Kight stated we have deliberated on this multiple times. If memory serves the last time we discussed this it didn't pass. I can't remember if that was a resolution or ordinance.

Councilor Anderson stated it was a resolution last June and it was a 4-3 vote.

Mayor Kight stated procedurally for it to come back it would need to be brought back by someone who voted for it.

Councilor Daoust stated I am sure one of the three of us voted for it. All we need is a fourth person to bring this forward.

Councilor Anderson stated lets bring them both forward. If the Economic Development Subcommittee has voted to bring this to the Council let's see it.

No objection voiced by Council.

Councilor Allen stated going back to 238th Drive, I think it is an important point that the discussion is to widen the lanes. It would seem that if we are to be asked to vacate a right-of-way that 238th should be made safer.

Mayor Kight stated the entire body voted unanimously. There were three different options. The refined 238th Drive called for the widening of it, sidewalks, retaining wall and addressing the issue of the water draining across 238th Drive. For all intensive purposes it was everything everybody wanted and that is why they have unanimous support of it.

Councilor Daoust stated but the vacation of the right-of-way was not part of the decision, correct. That is a separate issue?

Mayor Kight stated it is a separate issue. The City of Wood Village clearly stated if the vacation does not take place then they will in fact withdraw their offer to make the improvements to 238th Drive.

Councilor Thomas stated Councilor Daoust mentioned the Home Forward tour he took. They also came and spoke to the Economic Development Subcommittee a couple of months ago at Councilor Daoust's request and gave us a really nice report.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Mayor Jim Kight

Approved July 10, 2012

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder