

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

Tuesday, October 23, 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; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Kight asked are there any agenda updates?

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 ACCEPT OF MINUTES: September 18, 2012 Work Session

Councilor Anderson stated I believe that there was a comment at this work session that I might have said that didn't make it into the minutes so I would like to pull this off of the agenda and review the recorded record to make sure.

Council voiced no objection to pulling this item.

3. PRESENTATION: 2012 Fitness Leadership Award.

Mayor Kight stated at the League of Oregon Cities Conference I was presented with this award for the City. Mayor Kight read the following letter from the Oregon Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, "It is my pleasure to inform you that the City of Troutdale's Camp Kaleidoscope has been selected to receive the 2012 Fitness Leadership Award. Thank you for participating in this important project. It moves us a little closer to our mission of healthy physically active citizens all across our great state." Mayor Kight then read the press release that was sent out. "The City of Troutdale is the

only city in East County that currently has a recreational program for children and adults. The summer program is very popular for Troutdale families. When you look at the activities and sports offered you wish you were a kid again. Field trips include the Oregon Zoo, Oaks Park, OMSI, Children's Museum, and a trip to a working farm. They played games together, did arts and crafts, went swimming and had a good time just being a kid. The eight day program attracted 184 children from ages 4 to 12. One of the keys to the success of this program is the junior volunteers. Many of the junior volunteers attended the recreation program when they were younger. Collectively they volunteered 788 hours to the program. The age of the junior leaders is 12 to 14. Recreation Manager Mollie King stated, the Camp Kaleidoscope staff and I were truly thankful for the junior leaders and the intern this summer. Their help was invaluable."

Mollie King introduced Lisa and Evan Chandler, two of our lead day camp staff members. We have a third staff person, Matt, who could not be here tonight. This is a fantastic program. I have been in Troutdale only 2 years, but this program has been going for about 14 years. It is a delight to see it in action. I have been in this field for about 17 years and this is the best program I have ever seen. So many fitness opportunities are provided to these kids all day long that they go home tired, in a good way, and they sleep well. The best thing that I saw with the staff for this program is that they really get kids. That is something that not everyone can do. For example a 12 year old girl who comes in and she is the oldest kid in the camp and there is no other girl her age, they are figuring out right away how she is going to network in and what they can do to make it fun and enjoyable for her. It is incredible to watch them in action.

Lisa Chandler, Camp Leader, stated the junior volunteer program was a big part of our summer. This was the first year that we tried this and it was a great success. The junior volunteers that we trained as leaders helped us the entire summer. They were great with the kids. As far as fitness goes one of the things that we like to pay attention to is where each camper is at and we try to meet them at their level. We try to play games and do activities that allow them to participate however they can. They interact with other kids and run around and have a good time instead of staying home and playing video games all summer. This summer was very successful.

Evan Chandler stated Lisa and I have been doing this for 9 summers now and one of the reasons that we keep coming back is because we get to be kids again. We have a great time. We are both teachers so to be able to spend a summer with kids without the academic pressures, state tests and report cards and instead we just have to make sure they are safe and having fun. This program is possible because of the way that the City has supported it for so many years. There is no deal like it anywhere. Even the communities that have programs like this are charging a lot more than Troutdale does. We had one family this summer that sent one of their sons for 8 weeks of camp, and their younger son for an additional 3 weeks of camp. To be able to send their kids to a program like this and have them enjoy it all summer long, you just don't get that when you are paying \$250 for a week of camp. I think this program is a win for everybody.

Mayor Kight presented Mollie King with a plaque for the 2012 Fitness Leadership Award and stated you and your staff have done a great job and we really appreciate everything that you have done.

Councilor Thomas stated I had a chance to attend your Egg Drop event this summer. My grandkids thoroughly enjoyed it and they still talk about it. I really appreciate what you and your staff have done for the kids in our community. Thank you.

Mayor Kight stated the initial thank you goes to the Troutdale City Council because without your support for the program we wouldn't be funding these programs.

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

John Bushard stated I am a resident of Portland, a City of Troutdale employee, and I am on the bargaining team for AFSCME. I am here to express to you that we haven't got anywhere yet with the union negotiations. At your last meeting we came forward and expressed our opinions about how we felt and there hasn't been any movement since then. It has been silent for two weeks and we are not sure what is going on. In reviewing the letter that I sent to all of you back in September I wanted to reiterate that the opinions that are being expressed across the bargaining table from the other side is that the direction is coming from the City Council. We think that it is coming from you so we want to make sure that we get our opinion across so that you understand we are there and we need to make a deal. This has gone on for several months. I am kind of at a loss. We've stopped bargaining and we are going to mediation. The first mediation date is on November 7th and the next one is November 14th. I don't know why we are going to mediation; we have met the financial requirements. There are items on the table that don't have a financial impact but we can negotiate on those and come to a resolution, we just need to meet more. We need movement. We have gone considerable distance from where we were. I don't know how much further we can go. We have given a considerable amount. We have done a survey with our members and over two-thirds of our members want the health insurance plan that the union is proposing. We are going to stick to our guns and we are going to go through mediation if that is what it takes, but I don't see a need for it. Attorney's fees, getting the state mediator, and time lost because of this; it seems very unnecessary. We are willing to meet again and figure it out. We need to go back and forth again and come to a resolution. At the last meeting there was talk of a Council executive session. I wanted to remind you of that and I would like to recommend that you pursue that and have that discussion and get things moving. We are just wasting time going to mediation; I think we can settle this before we get there. Are there any questions?

Mayor Kight replied we don't take questions during public comment.

John Bushard replied at the last meeting there was quite a discussion on parks after our negotiation comments were made.

Dan Claussen stated I am a Troutdale resident, employee and President of AFSCME Local 3132 representing the city employees. We are going to mediation. We have met

your financials. You are insisting that we take the high deductible insurance plan and we don't want it. We devised a method to meet your financial goals with a lower deductible health insurance plan by taking a lower COLA. The City is balking because they want to force this higher deductible plan on us and since last February our membership has said we don't want it. Our membership has been well informed and advised on every step of the negotiations and their message has been clear. You are our employers not our parents. Don't tell us what is best for us. We know what we believe is best for us and we want the plan that we put forward. It meets your financials. It meets our goal and it meets your needs. Lets get this settled. At the last meeting I spoke about the wage reviews and I brought up the position in human resources and I categorized it as a coordinator. I was mistaken, it is a human resources generalists. I stated that she received a \$12,000 pay increase. That may have been slightly misleading. The position was moved from a 12 to a 17 and the difference between a pay grade of 12A and 17E is \$12,000 and that is where that number came from. With the five step increases at 5% per step, it is still a 25% increase in that wage. That is why we want a wage review to look at our positions. We feel that we have some positions that are out of line with our competitors.

Noel Deal, Gresham resident and City employee, stated you have heard John and Dan tonight and Paula Goldie spoke to you two weeks ago. I am basically saying the same thing that I said two weeks ago. We would like to have this ended. Those of us who are single parents we would like to know where our money is going and we would like to know what we are looking at medically. Please bring this to an end. Just as the people that you have hired to do this need direction, we would like to know where we stand.

Michele Card, resident, stated I am a mother of a Reynolds High School student who is involved in the musical, Legally Blonde, that they are preparing to put on. The students are working incredibly hard and it is going to be a fantastic show. We are trying to advertise the show. In the past they have hand painted one 4x8 billboard to use to advertise their shows. This year we have made four. I am hoping to put one of these signs up at their regular place that we have always had permission to do at the corner of Hogan and Cherry Park Road where the vegetable stand is located. We would like to place two of them around the high school because we don't have banners. The reason I am here is that I would like to put one at the corner of Columbia River Highway and 257th where right now you see mostly political signs. I think we need to lighten it up with a little bit of pink. I called and asked how I could do this and I was told to propose this as an event of citywide interest. I believe it could fall in this category because without the City's support for this show we won't make enough money to have another show next year. We are trying really hard to support this show and make ticket sales so these kids get to continue to have an awesome program at Reynolds High School. It has been a hard few years and they are trying to build it back up. We could use all of the advertising that we can get. I would like the City's permission to put this sign up.

Mayor Kight asked so you are talking about a billboard not a banner?

John Bushard asked for a point of order. Questions, discussion - isn't this the public comment period.

David Ross, City Attorney, stated the Mayor is the presiding officer so he can ask for some clarification.

Mayor Kight asked is the sign going to be located on the northwest or northeast corner?

Michele Card replied the northwest corner - the empty lot. I would put up stakes and attach the sign to the stakes. It would be a free-standing sign.

Mayor Kight asked do you have the permission of the property owner?

Michele Card replied I am getting his phone number to check on that. I wanted to make sure that it was going to be okay with the City first.

Mayor Kight asked Mr. Ross, can we add this item to the agenda as Item 4A?

David Ross stated it will require deliberation, so if either the Mayor or two-thirds of the Council agrees to add it to the agenda you can do so.

Council briefly discussed, and agreed to add this item to the agenda as Item 4A.

4-A.REQUEST: A request to allow advertising of the Reynolds High School play, Legally Blonde, at the northeast corner of 257th and Historic Columbia River Highway.

Michele Card asked for the Council's permission to put up a 4x8 billboard advertising the Reynolds High School musical.

Councilor Ripma stated I believe the requirement for an event of citywide interest is to put up a banner on the fence. I don't think it applies to private property.

David Ross stated it does for that size of a sign. In order to put up a 4x8 sign you have to have an exception to the code. The exception to the code is if it is declared an event of citywide interest. In order for it to be declared an event of citywide interest, the City Council will have to make two findings. The first is that it is an event of citywide interest because attendance is open to the citizens of Troutdale, and secondly because it will provide a public benefit.

Councilor Thomas asked once we declare this does it become an event of citywide interest forever, or is it specific to just this musical?

David Ross replied it would be specific to this musical. I believe there are also timeframes in which the signs have to be taken down after the event.

Mayor Kight asked are we are solid ground Mr. Faith?

Rich Faith asked would you like some background?

Mayor Kight and Councilor Thomas replied yes.

Rich Faith stated Michele called me yesterday asking if she could put up these signs to publicize this event. In order for me to authorize that to occur the event that they are putting on has to fall under one of two categories - a community event or a special event. Those are defined in the code. This event does not meet either of those definitions and therefore her next option is to ask the City Council to declare the event as an event of citywide interest. If the Council does that then she would be authorized to put up these signs, which can be no larger than 32 square feet in area. The signs can be put on private or public property. If they are put on private property she would need to get the permission of the property owner. If they are going to be put on public property she needs to get consent from the agency that has control of that property and what we would probably be talking about is public right-of-way, and more particularly Multnomah County public right-of-way. With respect to the corner that Michele is referring to, which is a vacant lot (NW corner of 257th and Historic Columbia River Highway) there are a lot of signs that go up on that corner which are technically in the public right-of-way. The County has never raised an issue with it and we have pretty much turned a blind eye to it. Given the fact that there are several signs on that corner I don't think that the County would have an objection to her putting the sign up there.

Mayor Kight asked if she is not able to place the sign on that NW corner, could she put it on the NE corner where the fence is, which is where we typically see the banner signs?

Rich Faith replied we don't specify that the signs placed there have to be banners. However, whatever is put there has to be secured so that it isn't blowing away. We do have an agreement with the County that if an event falls within these allowed categories they have authorization from the County to put a sign on that corner.

Councilor Daoust stated Reynolds puts on one or two plays per year.

Michele Card replied they try to put on three, but this is the big one and the one that draws in the most money.

Councilor Daoust asked so this is the only play that you are requesting this for, or are you saying all big Reynolds plays from now on?

Michele Card stated that is really a good question. Right now I am just really asking for this one particular show.

Councilor Daoust asked how long would you have the sign up?

Michele Card replied I have been told I can put it up 14 days before the event and I have 3 days after the event to take it down.

Councilor Allen stated I support this. I just ask that it is safe and that we have the permission of the property owners or jurisdictions involved.

Councilor Daoust stated you mentioned that you had four signs.

Michele Card stated those are going in different places, not at that one corner. Two of them will be going on the School's property.

Rich Faith stated there is no limit on the number of signs that you can put up when you fall within one of these event categories. You are given a blanket approval to put up signs as long as they meet the dimensional requirements of the Code and you have consent of the property owner or agency if it is on public land.

Councilor Thomas asked so they can be put anywhere in the city?

Rich Faith replied yes.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to declare the Reynolds High School presentation of Legally Blonde an Event of Citywide Interest, and find that this event is open to the citizens of Troutdale and that it will provide a public benefit. Seconded by Councilor Allen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

5. REQUEST: A request from Caswell Gallery for a special permit to allow a wine tasting event at the Sam Cox Building.

Rip Caswell, owner of Caswell Gallery, stated we are celebrating 20 years this year in Troutdale. I appreciate the support of this community. We are looking for a location to celebrate our 20th anniversary, as well as other events in the future that would include wine. We have found that the clientele of people who love and enjoy wine also enjoy art work and the two just seem to naturally go together. What we do is we book tickets and we bring in a chef and a vintner and we feature an artist and have a sit down 5-course dinner. It is very upscale and these people aren't abusing the alcohol. It is an event of culture. We really bring in the type of clientele that we are looking to have to market Troutdale. The Sam Cox Building offers a great venue for that; it has a beautifully remodeled kitchen and a nice open space to allow artwork to be displayed and to have demonstrations from artists and vendors. I foresee in the future the opportunity to bring wine tasting events into Troutdale where we lease out spaces for vendors and have the public come in and taste the different wines from the Columbia Gorge. We have a wonderful resource in the Gorge and it is growing internationally in its awareness and a lot of their clientele is Portland based. To have a venue that would allow something like this, and to promote those people, is a great opportunity for the wineries, artists and chefs of our region. I am hoping that you will consider a way that we, as a business, will be able to allow wine tasting in that building.

Karen Schaaf stated I am here tonight as a citizen who has been involved in tourism and has worked with the Columbia Gorge Arts and Cultural Alliance which promotes art, culture and heritage for our region. We don't have a venue in Troutdale for doing the things that Rip is proposing. I would like you to consider wine and even craft brew as the new tourism, the new culture. I would like you to consider allowing that at the Sam Cox Building.

Rip Caswell stated the difference is that the businesses have a lot of liability that they need to protect, and insurance. Whether it is a winery or the business, whoever would be responsible for that, it would be at a much higher professional level. I am very sensitive to the problems that you had in the past with folks abusing this use with parties and bringing their own alcohol. That is not what I am suggesting at all; this is more of a commercial endeavor.

Councilor Allen stated this is a great idea.

Councilor Daoust stated it sounds like a good idea. Mr. Ross, how would we issue a special permit that would allow alcohol?

David Ross replied Council studied this issue between 2005 and 2008, and adopted a resolution on December 10, 2008. It would be more than just a special permit, you would have to partially rescind that resolution. If the Council is inclined to consider this further my recommendation would be to send this back to staff to more fully contour the actual proposal.

Councilor Daoust asked how much time do we have?

Rip Caswell replied we are planning our 20th anniversary for the first week in December. We are looking for venues but there just isn't much available in Troutdale. Our space is small; we could make it work but we hoped to have the option to expand and have an event out there as our kick-off and celebration. We would probably need 3 to 4 weeks in order to get our invitations out. If it doesn't happen for this event I hope you might consider it for future events where we could offer these types of wine pairing events.

Mayor Kight asked would you be willing to work with staff on preparing a more comprehensive report.

Rip Caswell replied yes.

Craig Ward stated I would be happy to work with Mr. Caswell to that end. I think it is only fair to note though that it is really impossible for us to do that and act on it before November 13th, which is a mere month away from your deadline. The only choice, if you want to act on this, is to act tonight by rescinding the previous resolution in order to

make that deadline for Mr. Caswell in December, otherwise we will just have to look at a longer term cycle.

Rip Caswell stated I am looking at this in a long-term picture as a resource for the community to continue these kinds of wine tasting events. If it doesn't happen for this event, if it happens in the future that is the goal.

Councilor Thomas stated it sounds like this could work into something like the Newport Seafood and Wine Festival idea. I would be concerned about acting tonight and repealing everything and opening up the whole Pandora's box all over again. I think it would be better to put some thought into this. Thank you for bringing the idea forward, I think it is fantastic.

Mayor Kight stated you have indicated that you are willing to meet with staff to work out some of the details. One of the questions that I would have is if the City would be indemnified. I also support the idea. It opens a door to a lot of opportunities and would compliment what is going on in our downtown and the city at large. Could we have something ready by the second meeting in November?

Craig Ward replied the world is full of possibilities; I am not committing to that.

Councilor Ripma stated I don't think that would be in time for what Rip is talking about. It is a great idea for future events.

Councilor Allen stated if at all possible I think we should support this even if it means holding a special meeting.

Councilor Daoust stated I think you can sense the level of support.

Rip Caswell stated I know that you deliberated on this and had some real issues, and I wouldn't want to bring back any of those issues. I am just looking for ways that it can work. I am suggesting that we increase fees, increase insurance obligations on the business and other things like that to protect the City. As a business we would be able to support those extra security measures to protect the City.

Councilor White stated other communities solve the alcohol issue at a venue like this by having an off-duty officer present. Maybe that is something we could do as a temporary measure to get this event through while we pursue looking into it in further detail.

Councilor Ripma stated our old ordinance had that and it did not help.

6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 10/9/2012): An ordinance repealing Chapter 5.08 Amusement, of Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations, of the Troutdale Municipal Code.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated this is the second public hearing on this ordinance. There are no changes to the proposed ordinance as a result of the first public hearing.

Councilor Allen asked I see that this has the endorsement of the Economic Development Subcommittee. Were there any concerns?

Councilor Thomas replied no.

Mayor Kight stated besides this reduction in the income to the City, we also received an email from Mr. Ward that because of reduced property values in the City of Troutdale we are also looking at a reduction to the revenue to the City of \$97,000. Is that correct Mr. Mueller?

Erich Mueller replied that is my current estimate.

Mayor Kight asked did the Economic Development Subcommittee come up with an option to replace the revenue?

Councilor Thomas replied not as part of this particular ordinance.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:52pm.

Stacey Blume, owner of Skyland Pub in Troutdale, stated in support of this I would like to say that as far as business is concerned it did feel like this was a very isolated fee because there are just a handful of businesses that are charged this fee. It seems pretty antiquated. I really appreciate all of you taking the time to listen to us and appreciate the consideration that you have taken in light of the fact that we are in hard economic times and that we are all facing revenue shortages.

Councilor Thomas thanked Stacey for attending the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting and expressing her views.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:54pm.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adopt an ordinance repealing Chapter 5.08 Amusement, of Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations, of the Troutdale Municipal Code. Seconded by Councilor Thomas.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

Mayor Kight called for a break at 7:54pm and reconvened at 8:05pm.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 10/9/2012): An ordinance amending the Troutdale Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Goal 8 Recreational Needs and Goal 13 Energy Conservation.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated this ordinance was introduced to you two weeks ago at your October 9th meeting. I provided you with a staff report at that meeting which provided detailed background information regarding this matter and also an explanation of the amendments that are being proposed. I have included a copy of that staff report for you in your packet tonight.

We are currently in periodic review. We are required to evaluate certain goals of our Comprehensive Plan through periodic review that is built into our adopted periodic review work program. Since we are going to be addressing and updating specific goals under periodic review this seemed like the opportune time to also to look at updating other goals or chapters of our Comprehensive Plan at the same time. There are a series of goals that fall outside the requirements of periodic review that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has been reviewing and assisting in the update to the text and policies of those specific goals so that we can at some point bring this all together for one complete updated Comprehensive Plan.

This ordinance pertains to two goals that are outside of Periodic Review - Goal 8 dealing with recreational needs and Goal 13 which is energy conservation. At the last meeting there was no public testimony, however, several Councilors did have questions about the proposed amendments to Goal 8 and expressed some concerns with the language. Even though I was not directed to make any changes, I have offered some suggested text revisions that I hope will address the issues that were raised.

Rich Faith reviewed the suggested text revisions which were included as an exhibit to his staff report (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes).

Rich Faith stated these proposed amendments have been reviewed by the CAC and the Planning Commission (PC). The CAC reviewed the amendments at their October and November 2011 meetings and after making various refinements they voted unanimously to support the proposal and referred it to the PC for their approval. The PC held a public hearing on June 20, 2012 and September 9, 2012. They further modified and refined the proposed text and voted 5-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments to update the narrative and policies for Goals 8 and 13 of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

You received a letter this evening from PC Chair, Tanney Staffenson. In the letter he states, "If the PC had been made aware of the Council's intention to revise the Parks Master Plan these changes would have been approached differently."

I would like say that these proposed amendments are merely updating narrative and policies of our Comprehensive Plan that are over 20 years old. The amendments do not change anything within the current Parks Master Plan; they do not override anything

that is in that Plan. These amendments do not create any regulations. In my opinion they are merely house cleaning to bring our current Comprehensive Plan and these goals up to date.

Councilor White asked so you are saying that this is outside of the scope of work for periodic review and that these are not necessary?

Rich Faith replied this is not required for us to satisfy our work program for periodic review.

Councilor White stated I heard your answer on the last statement regarding Tanney Staffenson's notion, but I kind of disagree with it. You are setting a goal for the Parks Master Plan, or at least the framework, so to me it definitely affects the outcome. We have a Council goal to review the Parks Master Plan. To me the proper sequence would be to do that first. I do appreciate the changes that you made and I like this version much better. My only complaint is that I do disagree with that final statement.

Councilor Allen stated I don't believe that anything that we say or endorse doesn't matter because it is not a regulation. I think it is important what we say and how we say it. From what I have researched on the Intertwine Alliance, at this point and time I like the goal of what they are trying to do but I do not want to re-label our parks as Intertwine parks. I would like to hear what they have to say and be accommodating and work with them where it also meets Troutdale's goals.

Mayor Kight stated on page 1 of Exhibit C it reads, "The City has made a concerted effort to ensure that open space, greenways, and parks are available within walking or driving distance for all citizens of Troutdale." Aren't we kind of stating the obvious? Or am I missing something?

Rich Faith replied I guess that is where I thought, and of course the CAC and PC agreed, that removing the reference to driving does no harm because obviously people that are able to drive will drive if they want to. I think the important issue is, are our parks accessible to people who like to walk or bicycle? Anyone can drive if they choose to.

Mayor Kight asked why couldn't it read, "The City has made a concerted effort to ensure that open space, greenways, and parks are available within walking distance for all citizens of Troutdale" and not state that the obvious that they can drive.

Councilor Thomas stated at the last meeting it was suggested to add driving back in.

Councilor Allen stated the original concern was that there was no definition for walking distance. Is it a half a block or 2 miles?

Mayor Kight stated on page 2 it reads, "The Sandy River supports annual salmon and steelhead runs and has historically supported large smelt runs as well." Why not just

have it read, "The Sandy River supports annual salmon and steelhead runs and smelt." I would drop the historically supported language.

Rich Faith stated it says the same thing. We could remove it.

Councilor Ripma stated in reference to Tanney Staffenson's letter his concern was that it is not a good use of city resources to adopt these changes when we are going to be changing the Parks Master Plan in the future and that would cause some duplication effort. Your comment made it sound like that wasn't going to happen.

Rich Faith replied I don't believe that is what I was saying. What I said was that this effort is merely to modify or revise the text of our current Comprehensive Plan in order to remove outdated language, or statements that are no longer correct, to update the Plan like we are doing with other goals in the Plan through periodic review. We will, based on the Council's desire, do an update to the Parks Master Plan even though the Plan was just adopted in 2006. Customarily we don't update plans that frequently, but if that is your desire we can. We are not going to get to that in the very near future because our priority has to be to complete those tasks required under periodic review. We have a state grant to assist us in doing that and we have a timeline we have to meet. Once we have done that we can turn our attention to the Parks Master Plan. In conjunction with that we would be revisiting whatever has been written under Goal 8 to make sure that they complement each other and are consistent. These proposed amendments could be postponed until we reach that point.

Mayor Kight stated what I am hearing is that we want to make sure there isn't a duplication of effort. In other words we go through all of this and then we go through the Parks Master Plan and we would then have to go back and change this language again.

Rich Faith replied the effort has already taken place in terms of getting this to where we are now. When we do the Parks Master Plan update part of the scope of work would be to also look at the text of the Comprehensive Plan under Goal 8 and make sure that everything fits together well.

Craig Ward stated when you do something like a Parks Master Plan and you decide what you want to produce out of that, if you find a conflict with the Comprehensive Plan you simply identify it as a problem to be solved; we can't do this unless we amend the Comprehensive Plan and you point out the amendment that would be necessary. The two are not mutually exclusive. Adopting this now does not preclude our ability to do the Master Plan, nor does it preclude our ability as part of the Master Plan process to re-amend the Comprehensive Plan. I don't see any harm in proceeding. We have invested a considerable amount of time in this and feel that it is wise to just go ahead and adopt it. If the Council is not comfortable with doing that now, we can proceed with the Parks Master Plan in due course and identify inconsistencies in the Comprehensive Plan at that time and come back and revisit this.

Councilor Daoust stated so both documents have policy statements in them. What I am gathering from the Council is that we would have a better head about us to think about parks policy statements when we are actually working on the Parks Master Plan. This has policy statements in it that I question. Whether we actually want to maintain the Beaver Creek Trail for constant public use is a question in my mind. Where we say we ensure that facilities are available to all user groups, I don't know that every park is available to everyone. There are just a few that raise questions in my mind and we are not in the frame of mind right now to nail those down and know if they are good or bad, but we will be in that frame of mind when we go through the Parks Master Plan. What I think the Council is saying is to do the Master Plan first then we will be in the frame of mind to think about all of these policy statements. All of your changes are good. You have done some good staff work here.

Councilor Thomas stated I do like the changes to Item #4 on page 2 regarding the historically supported large smelt runs. It doesn't appear that we need to do this for periodic review. Is it possible to just kill this and bring it back later without having to table it and go through all of the formalities?

Rich Faith replied I would prefer that if you don't want to adopt these proposed amendments that you just reject this ordinance and we will just start fresh down the road.

Councilor Allen stated I don't think I want to totally start from scratch on these amendments. For me I just need to do the Parks Master Plan and see how these fit in. I don't want to lose these changes.

Rich Faith replied when we bring this back we will start with a new ordinance but it will be close to this same language.

Councilor Thomas stated the revisions that you came up with are excellent.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 8:32pm and asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to this issue?

Sandy Glantz stated I wanted to specifically talk about the comments made about putting driving back in the language. I don't think that is the idea behind having neighborhood parks. I think the idea is to walk to my neighborhood park. Maybe there is a different way to say it, but worrying about what is defined as walking seems like you are missing the whole point in that it is supposed to be neighborhood parks. I live in the southern part of the City and we don't have much in the way of parks per person. Most of our parks are in other areas of the City. I think we have a little over an acre of a park that is adjoined to the school and that is it. I suppose if you needed a definition it would be where you go to walk your dog - a couple of blocks or maybe up to a mile. I think that adding in driving defeats the whole purpose behind having neighborhood parks.

Councilor White stated I raised that as a concern primarily because some of our established neighborhoods are so large that it is quite a long distance. You would have to tear down a house to create a new park.

Sandy Glantz stated obviously you are not going to do that. Maybe the way you say it then is just define it as a neighborhood park. I just worry that when you talk about driving to parks then you are going to come back to someone like me who really doesn't have a lot of parks. I use the greenways that people actually pay for in the subdivision below us. There is no place else for me to walk other than on the sidewalks. I worry that if it is looked at that well you can just drive someplace and take your walk, that it is not accomplishing the whole neighborhood concept. If the city is only 5 or 6 miles than it shouldn't be too hard to have a park within a mile, or just call it a neighborhood park.

Councilor Thomas stated it just happens to be that you are in an area that is underserved.

Sandy Glantz replied I don't want folks to think that we have all of these parks for people when in fact the parks are concentrated in another area. There are a lot of homes that don't have much service and it is kind of an underserved area.

John Wilson stated on page 3, Item #6 where it discusses the Intertwine Alliance. I am really concerned about getting involved with another layer even if it is just recognizing the Alliance. I think we need to know more about it before we just say we want to recognize them. I think there needs to be more public information put out about exactly what our commitment would be with them before we add it to this text.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:37pm.

Councilor Anderson stated thank you Rich for the work you put into this and the edits. I do want to keep these. You were given no formal direction yet you took it upon yourself to put these together. The concern with doing the Parks Master Plan first is that currently it reads 5.28 acres per 1,000 - that might be the number and it might not be. We have a highly prohibitive system develop charge for parks acquisition but our Public Works staff is on record as saying that we can't maintain what we have. When I say I want to address the Parks Master Plan those are the questions that I want answered. I want to take better care of all of the parks we have in the City regardless of what area they are in. We can do better. It is incumbent upon all of us to figure out how, and I would like to start working on that when time permits as soon as we possibly can.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt an ordinance amending the Troutdale Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Goal 8 Recreational Needs and Goal 13 Energy Conservation. Seconded by Councilor Anderson.

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

Motion Failed 0 – 7.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward updated the Council on the following items:

- There is an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Open House tomorrow at 5pm at the Holiday Inn Express on the I-84 Interchange at Marine Drive and 257th.
- Chief Anderson asked me to notify you of a Peer Court session Thursday, October 25 from 4-6pm at Fairview City Hall in the Council Chambers. Peer court is an alternative to the formal court system for youth to take the responsibility for hearing cases of alleged youth offenses and prescribing punishment. It was funded by a 5-year grant by the Portland Activities League and that grant was up for renewal and was denied.
- We were notified today by IBEW that they would like to proceed with a small ceremony dedicating the new lighting on the Arch. They are proposing that to occur on November 1st at 4pm. The Mayor and Council are all invited to attend.
- Veteran's Day is on November 12th.
- We were recently notified that our projected revenues from property taxes will be significantly less than we had anticipated. The Management Team and I have met and discussed this. I am considering a hiring freeze to try and save money this year; we will be discussing that and other cost saving opportunities in more detail next week.

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Thomas stated on Monday I attended the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce Board meeting and the West Columbia Gorge Economic Consortium is going to be applying for a 501c3 status which will allow them to qualify for some grants that they would not otherwise qualify for. The Troutdale Lions Club is hosting a Meet the Candidates this Saturday from 8am - 12pm at the Sam Cox Building. There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser in conjunction with this event.

Mayor Kight stated I think it is important for the Council to attend the ODOT Open House for the I-84 Interchange project. This is a \$22 million project that we have been working on for the last 5 to 6 years. This will create the direct access to the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park property.

Councilor Daoust stated I want to reemphasize the Peer Court that is taking place in Fairview. I have had the opportunity to attend in the past. This is where the students are the jury, attorneys and the accused. It is really an opportunity to see how students handle a court room.

Councilor Anderson thanked Chief Anderson, Lt. Wendland, and our police department for the yeoman's work that they did on the Whitney Heichel case. It is very sad and is an

alarming tragedy for the City of Gresham and the Heichel family of course, and for their friends. I thought Shane Bemis did a wonderful job with his speech Friday evening at a very tough press conference. I thought our police team jumped in and did a yeoman's job by all accounts. Thank you.

Mayor Kight stated our heart and prayers go out to this family. I think the whole community has been affected by what has taken place.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Mayor Jim Kight

Approved November 13, 2012

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder