

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers
104 SE Kibling Avenue
Troutdale, OR 97060-2099

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Kight, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Anderson, Councilor Thomas (via phone), Councilor Allen, and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: Councilor White (excused).

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

GUESTS: See Attached

Mayor Kight asked is there an agenda update?

Craig Ward replied yes. Staff is requesting that item #2.2 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Councilor Thomas stated item #2.4 involves Mt. Vista Subdivision which is the subdivision I live in. Do I have any kind of conflict with that?

David Ross replied there is no conflict. This item is cleaning up a title issue from 1991 that has recently been discovered.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to Business Oregon for further environmental site assessment of the Riverfront Renewal site.

~~**2.2 RESOLUTION:** A resolution recognizing the completion of the public improvements associated with the Beaver Crook Cottages subdivision and accepting those improvements into the City's Fixed Asset System.~~

2.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution providing for current Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget transfers and appropriation changes.

2.4 RESOLUTION: A resolution accepting Tracts A, B and C in Mountain Vista subdivision for public access, utility purposes and public park dedication.

2.5 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing acceptance of IBEW48 grant for Troutdale Centennial Arch lighting.

2.6 RESOLUTION: A resolution declaring certain personal property surplus and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement transferring the surplus property to the City of Sandy.

2.7 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management, State Homeland Security Grant program funds.

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda (with the exception of item 2.2, which was pulled). Seconded by Councilor Allen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

Karen Schaaf, West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (WCGCC), presented three items to the Council:

- A letter inviting the City Council to appoint a representative to fill an ex-officio position on the WCGCC Board (letter submitted into the record).
- A press release for the December 2nd City of Troutdale Tree Lighting Ceremony (copy of the press release submitted into the record). Ms. Schaaf provided posters to the City that advertises the event.
- A press release for the "Fill A Bag" Benefit for SnowCap Charities that will be held in conjunction with the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2nd (copy of the press release submitted into the record).

Sam Barnett, Troutdale Lions Club, thanked the City for the extensive renovation of the kitchen at the Sam Cox Building. In hindsight, it was well worth the wait.

Mr. Barnett invited the Council and the community to see the new kitchen in action this Saturday evening starting at 5:30pm. The Troutdale Lions are sponsoring their 2nd Annual Free Spaghetti Feed and Food Drive which will benefit the needy Troutdale students and their families (a copy of an article about the event was submitted into the record).

4. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

- We have extended the deadline for the committee recruitment until December 16th. We still need more volunteers to fill positions on the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- City facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24th and 25th.

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Allen stated I will be on vacation from December 12th through 22nd.

Councilor Daoust reiterated the fact that the City runs on volunteers. The vacant positions provide an opportunity for people to volunteer for their city. Volunteers are important to how this City runs. Some of the advice that the Council receives from the committees is extremely important. The Council couldn't do half as good of a job as we do without the advice we receive from the numerous committees that serve the City. It does you good to help and volunteer for a city; it makes you feel good to be part of the community.

I would like to have the issue of appointing an ex-officio member to the WCGCC Board on the next meeting agenda.

Councilor Daoust wished everyone a good and genuine Thanksgiving with family and friends. The SnowCap bags that were just delivered tonight are a good way to share with people that need help this holiday season. There are more people than normal that need help this year.

Councilor Ripma wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Anderson thanked Karen Schaaf and the Chamber for coming tonight and formally asking us for the ex-officio position. I know this is something that has been kicked around for a couple of years.

I echo everybody's thoughts on the SnowCap food drive idea. SnowCap is our shining light for local charity in the area. They do a wonderful job. I would encourage everyone to grab one of these bags and drop them off at the numerous drop-off sites in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview or Wood Village, or to the SnowCap facility. It is a very good cause.

We have a work session scheduled tonight on council goals, however we are two councilors light, so I would like to recommend moving that work session to December 6th at 6:30pm.

This was discussed and Mayor Kight recommended that the Council check their schedules and report back to the City Recorder on their availability for a December 6th meeting on council goals.

Councilor Thomas wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and expressed his gratitude to the WCGCC for offering us an ex-officio position on their board.

Mayor Kight stated there has been mention of SnowCap and of course that refers to the local need along with the Oregon Food Bank and several other food banks that are trying to provide food for folks in need. As indicated by others, that need has increased.

Terry Houston is the Executive Director for the Troutdale Historical Society. She has a son who is serving in the United States Army in Afghanistan. Terry is collecting

powdered hot chocolate, soup, stocking caps, gloves, and hand warmers to send to the troops. At a minimum, I am asking those folks that are watching and listening tonight to write a letter to a soldier who may not receive a letter or a Christmas card. All of these items can be dropped off at City Hall or at the Train Depot Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Terry will be bundling all of these items up and will ship them over on November 28th.

I want to remind everyone of the Tree Lighting Ceremony. We had a great time last year.

I think a real win for the City of Troutdale on several fronts is our high school. Reynolds High School's scores have gone up dramatically and the amount of students that are graduating is now up around 80%. But the real win came a week ago when the Oregon State Supreme Court held court at the high school. Two cases were argued before the students. Afterwards the students were able to eat lunch with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, attorneys and staff. It was a great time for the students.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Mayor Jim Kight

Approved December 13, 2011

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder