

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Kight, Councilor Hartmann, Councilor Thomas, Councilor White, Councilor Kyle and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: Councilor Wand (excused).

STAFF: Ron Garzini, Interim City Administrator; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; and David Ross, City Attorney.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Kight stated at the request of Councilor Wand we will be pulling Item 4.1 off the agenda this evening to give Councilor Wand additional time to review the February 9th minutes.

2. OATH OF OFFICE:

Reserve Officer Salvadore Fuentes and Reserve Officer Chris Howells.

Mayor Kight administered the Oath of Office for Reserve Officers Salvadore Fuentes and Chris Howells.

Chief Anderson stated Salvadore competed against several folks for this position; he was top in his class at the Academy for defensive tactics. The City Council established goals last year to bring volunteers to the City of Troutdale. These reserve officers are volunteers; the only difference between what they will be doing and what the regular officers do is that the regular officers pick up a paycheck. These two officers started the Academy in September and they worked two or three times a week on their own time and at their own expense to complete the Academy. They are certified police officers in the State of Oregon. They will be working with our regular officers to help us. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the fact that these two men are willing to step up and take the risk that is involved to be an officer, especially under the conditions of being a volunteer. I think that says something very special about these men. I am very proud of their accomplishments. Both of them represented

Troutdale in an outstanding manner at the Academy. I am very glad to have you as part of our team.

3. PRESENTATION: Troutdale Booster donation to the Police Department Beach Patrol.

Councilor Daoust stated before 1999 we had, on average, 2 drownings on the Sandy River each year. The City of Troutdale and Multnomah County placed several signs along the river in multiple languages warning visitors of the dangerous river conditions. Life rings were mounted on highly visible posts to make them available in case of an emergency. Other signs posted listed the names of the victims of the previous drownings in hopes that those using the beach would use caution. Yet, in spite of all of the warnings young people continued to drown each year near our beach at Glenn Otto Park. In the winter of 1999 the Troutdale Booster Club brought together leaders in local government, business men and women, school officials, public safety officers and others with a genuine desire to help create a better community and to raise funds and awareness of the deaths taking place in our town. The Troutdale Booster Club raised the initial \$30,000 to start up the Lifeguard Program with a willing partner, the outstanding folks at American Medical Response (AMR). AMR subsidized costs for training, equipment and hiring paramedic rescue personnel, with the Booster Club contributing funds for wages and outreach programs. AMR has continued this service since 1999. I would like to read a letter from John Kitzhaber when he was the Governor in 1999. "Dear Troutdale Booster Club; I would like to personally offer my support of your organization and strong belief in your noteworthy goals. As Governor of Oregon, I know all too well how difficult it is to acquire all of the monetary support needed for community causes. Yet, we must find a way to overcome this dilemma in order to prevent such tragedies as the continuous drownings occurring in the Sandy River year after year. For this reason, we must rely on help from the private sector and concerned citizens such as yourselves willing to ban together for a worthy cause. By reaching your first goal of making summertime lifeguards for the Sandy River a reality, you will have accomplished the most rewarding challenge of all – saving the lives of our friends and children. I highly commend the initiative you have taken in forming a truly inspirational organization. I look forward to many years of great successes resulting from your enthusiasm and desire to make a difference in our community."

Councilor Daoust stated to this day the Troutdale Booster Club has carried that torch. The Troutdale Booster Club has decided to dissolve, or close their doors, but before we closed our checkbook we thought we would give one last tribute to our partners. A few weeks ago we wrote a check for \$6,000 to AMR to help defray the cost of the lifeguard program.

Councilor Daoust stated as the Treasurer of the Booster Club, tonight I would like to present a check to the Troutdale Police Department in the amount of \$1,500.00 to go towards to cost of buying a lifeline to assist the Beach Patrol Officers that help at the beach.

Chief Anderson thanked the Boosters and everyone who supports the Troutdale Police Department and AMR. The Lifeguard Program is critical; it saves lives. Without that support we couldn't provide the equipment and training. We have an excellent partnership with AMR. We appreciate AMR and their staff; they are very professional and we enjoy working with

them. We want to have a long partnership. This money will go towards purchasing a lifeline, which is a piece of equipment that will be necessary for AMR and us to do our job.

Paul Priest, AMR, stated we have appreciated the City's support and the collaborative relationship that we have with the Chief and the Police Department. We are looking forward to another great year.

3-A. PRESENTATION: Key Bank

Brenda Felix, Manager of Key Bank in Troutdale, presented the City with a check in the amount of \$1,000 as a contribution towards the Centennial Arch.

Mayor Kight welcomed Key Bank to the community and thanked them for their contribution.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting.

This item was pulled from the Agenda at the request of Councilor Wand.

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

Peter Cornelison, Field Representative for Friends of the Columbia Gorge, stated I am here tonight to ask you a question about the casino that is being proposed for the Columbia Gorge and secondly to give you a brief casino update.

Mr. Cornelison provided the Council with a handout (copy included in the packet). Mr. Cornelison reviewed the information in the handout.

Mr. Cornelison asked the Mayor and Councilors, if they are in opposition to the casino, to individually write a letter to the Department of Interior stating your opposition to the casino, or have the City Council take a position.

Mayor Kight thanked Mr. Cornelison for the coming and sharing this information with the Council.

6. UPDATE: Update from Metro Councilor Rod Park.

Rod Park, Metro Councilor, provided the Council with an update on what Metro has been working on. Councilor Park showed a PowerPoint Presentation to the Council (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes) which included the following topics: What defines a successful region; Accomplishments for 2007-2009; Regional Transportation Plan update; Urban and Rural Reserves; Final Urban/Rural Reserve Map; Building healthy, vibrant communities; Activity Spectrum; Mix of regional and local actions needed to support local aspirations;

Metro's Community Investment Toolkit; Cottage housing; Chehalem Ridge; Local Share program – Troutdale; 2009 Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program; and highlights.

Mayor Kight asked can you give us an update on Troutdale's piece of the undesignated acreage to the south of the city?

Rod Park replied in the current map that is before us, 186 acres is in the undesignated category. That means that it is not in a rural reserve, which would be restricted from being looked at for the next 40 to 50 years as potential urban growth boundary expansion, and it's not in an urban reserve which automatically brings it to the top of the list. It is undesignated. Within the 40 to 50 year timeframe, if the region needs additional land that can't be accommodated within the urban reserves that have been currently designated, these areas could be looked at.

Rob Park stated one last item I would like to touch on is the connector study. The new name of this is now the East Metro Connections Point because it is not about a single connector, it is talking about connections. Each of the cities in East County has a connection to I-84, and those connections are trying to serve different purposes. This study will help show that all of these connections are going to be necessary in the future. This study is just getting kicked off; hopefully it will be completed in 14-16 months.

Councilor Hartmann stated oftentimes we struggle with the policies in our region, and how regional policies affect us locally. It has always been a struggle to strike the right balance. What I have seen this year with Metro is a very dedicated effort to reach out and make impacts regardless of the policies we adopt. We see it with the SOLV dollars, Nature in Neighborhoods; there are hundreds of thousands of dollars coming our way from Metro that will affect our ability to improve our urban renewal area, and that goes a long ways. I deeply appreciate those things about Metro and I want to thank you and Rex Burkholder for the help that you have contributed to make that happen in our area.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 2/23/10): An ordinance vacating the southerly 60 feet of CP Park accessway and amending the Comprehensive Plan Map and the Zoning designations of the vacated property.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director stated this ordinance was introduced to the Council on February 23rd. What we have before you tonight is the decision on an ordinance that would vacate the accessway that is within CP Park. At the last meeting two citizens testified. Mr. Larry McWilliams, property owner immediately to the east, testified in support of the vacation. Mr. Fernando Olvera also testified voicing concerns that if this accessway was vacated that the alternate accessway located west of CP Park be repaired because of severe ponding that occurs along this sunken pathway. With the exception of the memo that was submitted to the Planning Commission by Metro's Transportation Planning Manager who opposed this vacation, there has been no local citizen testimony in opposition to the vacation. If this ordinance is adopted tonight, the city will convey the vacated property to Mr. McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams will be responsible for paying the associated recording fees. Once the property has changed hands it will thereafter remain Mr. McWilliams' responsibility

to maintain this property. The Planning Commission has forwarded this matter to you with their recommendation for approval. Staff concurs with their recommendation.

Councilor Daoust asked are there any plans to repair the westerly accessway that Mr. Olvera referred to?

Rich Faith replied yes. I have spoken to our Public Works Director, and he believes that the repair would be an eligible expense under our Bike, Paths and Trails Fund, which is funded by a portion of the State Gas Tax shared revenue. Public Works is looking at this, and provided that they have the money to make the repair they intend to do so.

Councilor Thomas stated you mentioned at the last meeting that Mr. McWilliams was willing to assume the cost of the transfer of the property. Have you confirmed that he is willing to do that?

Rich Faith replied I did not say that Mr. McWilliams has even spoken to that matter. What I said is that is the way that the ordinance is written. Mr. McWilliams did not speak to that at the last meeting.

Mayor Kight stated I visited the site and there is a marker/sign above the pathway. Is that going to be removed?

Rich Faith replied behind Albertsons?

Mayor Kight replied yes.

Rich Faith replied the developer of that commercial center was required to construct that 10 years ago, with the notion that it would draw attention to it as being an entry point to the park. With this vacation, I would say that the requirement for that sign would go away; there is no longer a need for that. However, it would be entirely up to the owner of that property as to whether or not they want to take it down.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 8:09pm and asked if there was anyone here to speak on this issue.

Larry McWilliams stated I don't know what the monetary cost of this recordkeeping will be, but if the property is conveyed to me I am willing to pay whatever that cost may be.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:10pm.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt the ordinance vacating the southerly 60 feet of CP Park accessway and amending the Comprehensive Plan Map and the Zoning designations of the vacated property. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

VOTE: Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Kyle – Yes; Councilor Daoust – Yes; Councilor Hartmann – Yes; Councilor Thomas – Yes; Mayor Kight – Yes.

Motion Passed 6 – 0.

8. DISCUSSION: Police Facility Survey.

Chief Anderson stated in 2008 the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) brought to the attention of the City Council and staff that there was a need for a new police facility in Troutdale and a lot of work was done to prepare a bond levy for November 2008. The levy failed, although it was a very close vote. Today we are here because the need has not been met and we believe that there is a critical need for a police facility in Troutdale. Tonight we are asking for your direction on what you would like us to do regarding this issue. Subsequent to the failure of the levy we know that we have had a severe downward spiral with the economy. There has been a lot of talk about what measures might pass and what measures won't pass. We all have our opinions regarding that. I believe that the opinion that really counts is that of the citizens of this city. Because of that I can't really give an opinion about whether or not we are going to be successful with a levy in November of this year or May of next year. I think it is probably prudent to ask the citizens of Troutdale for their best advice of where we need to be on this topic. Because I saw the need for a survey coming, I have secured money for a survey in this budget year. I believe that it is critical to go forward with a survey and find out what the citizens and voters of Troutdale think about this topic. We would like direction from Council on whether we should pursue the survey.

Councilor Thomas stated it is time for us to look at this issue if we want to put it on the November ballot. What I would like is for the Council to give the Police Department direction to go forward with a survey and report the results back to the Council. There are several answers we could get out of the survey such as building a new building, retrofitting another building, etc. I think that hiring a company to do the survey would get us the information we need to make a decision. We all know that the police facility is in desperate need, and it will not serve the needs for the future of Troutdale.

Councilor Daoust asked have we identified a company to do the survey, and do we know what the cost will be?

Chief Anderson replied we know that the last survey was done by The Nelson Company. We would probably get bids from a few different companies as quickly as possible. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Councilor Daoust asked is it required that the City go out for a competitive bid if it only costs \$10,000?

Chief Anderson replied it is not necessary.

Councilor Daoust asked how extensive would the survey be, every household?

Chief Anderson replied the key to this entire issue is in how the survey is put together and the questions that are asked. I can't answer that question at this time without talking to the company that we hire to conduct the survey.

Councilor Daoust stated I am in favor of doing the survey.

Councilor White asked if we elect to do the survey, does that mean we will not meet the election deadlines?

Chief Anderson replied if we do not do the survey now and we wait until the next fiscal year starts, it will be too late for the November election.

Councilor Thomas stated there is more to it than just meeting the deadlines. We have until September 2nd to actually file the measure, but if you want to put a campaign behind it and you want to get the support of the people to pass it, a decision needs to be made by July 1st at the latest so we have time to ramp up and do what needs to be done to get the levy passed.

Councilor Hartmann stated I agree with Councilor Daoust in moving forward with the survey. We need to hear what the community has to say and the survey will help us do that.

Mayor Kight asked if we do the survey and it comes back and it is negative about the passage of this bond measure, what would be the next course of action?

Chief Anderson replied the most important thing out of that is what we can learn from the survey. The questions that are asked in the survey hopefully will tell us why folks are not favorable of going forward with a bond so we can put ourselves in a better position the next time because the need will not go away.

Mayor Kight asked is there anyone here tonight that would like to speak to us on this issue?

No testimony received.

Mayor Kight asked what direction would the Council like to give to staff?

Councilor Daoust stated I think there is agreement from the Council that we are willing to do the survey and see what the survey says.

Mayor Kight stated it appears that you have the support of the City Council to move forward with a survey.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Garzini, Interim City Administrator, provided the Council with a memo regarding Council Tasks and Committees (copy included in the packet). For the last few days I have been

visiting with staff, council and some folks in the community and I have identified a few things that I think are of an immediate concern. For items 1-7 on my memo, I would like the council to consider creating special task committees. Item 1 – City Administrator Oversight: This Friday is the deadline for receiving proposals from consultants to assist you in the recruitment of a new city administrator. I would like for myself and Debbie Stickney to work with a subcommittee of the Council to chart a course of action for the recruitment process between now and the completion of the recruitment, and bring that back to the Council for approval.

Mayor Kight stated this subcommittee will be made up of Councilor Daoust, Councilor Kyle and me.

Ron Garzini stated I would like to also have a small committee of two or three councilors to work with Debbie and me to review the council rules and procedures for your operations. I think we can make some changes that will help things flow better as a council. Debbie and I can collect some of the rules and procedures from other communities, share that with the subcommittee and see if there is any interest in bringing that to the full council.

Mayor Kight stated Councilor Thomas and Councilor Hartmann have indicated that they are interested in serving on that committee, and I would also like to be on that committee.

Ron Garzini reviewed items 3-8.

Ron Garzini stated we need council to take action tonight to formalize the City Administrator Recruitment Oversight subcommittee.

MOTION: Councilor Hartmann moved that we accept the appointed councilors to the committees identified in Items #1 and #2 – City Administrator Recruitment Oversight and Council Meeting Rules subcommittees, as proposed this evening. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

Councilor Daoust asked to have the names of the councilors being appointed confirmed.

Mayor Kight stated on Item #1, City Administrator Recruitment Oversight Subcommittee, the members are Councilor Daoust, Councilor Kyle and the Mayor. Item #2 – Council Meeting Rules Subcommittee, the members are Councilor Thomas, Councilor Hartmann and the Mayor.

David Ross requested that a brief description of the purpose of each committee be made for the purpose of the motion.

Councilor Hartmann clarified that the City Administrator Oversight Subcommittee is being established with three members of the council, and staffed by Ron Garzini and Debbie Stickney, to identify a recruitment process for the benefit of future council decisions. The Council Meeting Rules Subcommittee will formulate recommendations that will be brought back to the entire council, and will be staffed by Debbie Stickney.

VOTE: Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Kyle – Yes; Councilor Daoust – Yes; Councilor Hartmann – Yes; Councilor Thomas – Yes; Mayor Kight – Yes.

Motion Passed 6 – 0.

Council discussed the process to follow for making appointments to the remaining subcommittees and agreed to have Debbie email the memo to the Council, and each councilor will communicate to Debbie which committee(s) they are interested in serving on. Debbie will forward that information to the Mayor and Councilor Daoust who will work together to make the appointments. The appointments will then be formalized at the next regular council meeting.

Debbie Stickney stated the Arch Dedication will be held on May 7, 2010 at 6:30pm, which will be in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk and a new weeklong art event that Terry Smoke is putting together.

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Thomas stated the Troutdale Lions Club is sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2nd at Glenn Otto Park in conjunction with the Boy Scout's Pancake Breakfast. The Troutdale Lions Club is also holding the 33rd Annual Troutdale Trot, which is a 6.7 mile run or walk on May 8th.

Mayor Kight stated the Centennial Arch will be installed on March 16th starting at 9am.

Councilor Kyle asked will the City be notifying the businesses about the schedule for this Arch installation so they can rearrange their appointments or inform their clients about the possible traffic issue. I would be glad to help get that information to the businesses.

Mayor Kight stated in talking with Mike Greenslade of Bremik Construction he indicated that Columbia River Highway would be closed east of 257th (at Plaid Pantry), and then to the east on Historic Columbia River Highway would be closed up to Buxton, but Buxton will remain open.

Councilor Thomas stated we need to notify the businesses about this closure.

Ron Garzini stated I would suggest that we provide a flyer to all of the businesses informing them of the road closure for that morning.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Jim Kight, Mayor

Approved May 11, 2010

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder