

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Kight, Councilor Hartmann (via phone), Councilor Wand, Councilor Thomas, Councilor White, Councilor Kyle and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ron Garzini, Interim City Administrator; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; David Ross, City Attorney; and Charlie Warren, Public Works Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Kight stated I would like to change the order of the agenda. Item # 7 will be switched with Item #11.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting.

2.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Troutdale for the laboratory analysis of two wastewater samples associated with SB 737 requirements.

2.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Portland Bureau of Police and the Troutdale Police Department for access to the Portland Police Data System.

MOTION: Councilor Wand moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION: A screening of two short videos produced by Metro East Community Media in partnership with the City of Troutdale.

Jennifer Dynes, with Metro East Community Media, stated I am here to raise awareness of the services that we provide to your city. Metro East is a PEG station for public access. That means that we stand on three legs: 1) public access; 2) education; 3)

government programming. Showing the city council meetings and the planning commission meetings are not the only services we offer to city government. We run shows that would be of interest to your constituents and of interest to the community in general. Tonight I would like to show you an example of one the shows.

Jennifer Dynes showed the Council a video that was produced with Mayor Kight about the FedEx facility.

Mayor Kight presented Keith Thomas of Metro East Community Media with a Certificate of Appreciation that reads: The City of Troutdale would like to honor Keith Thomas, a camera operator and technician for Metro East Community Media. Keith has been the man behind the scenes for over nine and a half years. Keith has been broadcasting the city council meetings live without complaint even when our meetings went late into the night. Even with the additional difficulty of working with sound equipment that belongs in a museum, Keith constantly produces a first rate video product. The city council wants to applaud the selfless dedication and service of our own Keith Thomas and express our great appreciation for a job well done.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the hiring standards, criteria and policy directives for recruitment of a city administrator as required by ORS 192.660(7)(d)(D).

David Ross, City Attorney, stated the public meetings law states that a governing body may hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer if the body has satisfied certain requirements. This provision applies to the employment of a chief executive officer if the standards, criteria and policy directives to be used in the hiring of the chief executive officer are adopted in a meeting that is open to the public at which the public has had an opportunity to comment. The opportunity for public comment is necessary in order to hold an executive session, and executive sessions are necessary so that council can discuss and preserve the confidentiality of the applicants. With that I will turn it over to Lara Cunningham of Waldron & Co. to discuss the standards, criteria and policy directives that have been established by the City Administrator Recruitment Oversight Subcommittee.

Lara Cunningham stated in your packet you have the position specification, draft timeline and the salary survey information. At the beginning of April we met with the Subcommittee to kick off our search and we went over the project plan. From the middle of April through the end of April we conducted background interviews with key stakeholders to provide input for the position specification that outlines the city, government, position, issues and priorities for the cities and the ideal candidate profile. We brought that back to the Subcommittee for review. We have posted some advertisements already, and with the approval of this position specification tonight we will start our active recruitment process which will include reaching out to hundreds of individuals across the country who may be interested in this position. Around the middle of June we will come back to the Council and present the highest potential candidates to you at which time we will decide who the semi-final candidates are. My team and I will continue our interview process and then come back to you again

around the beginning of July with our recommendations for finalists. We will then conduct our background and reference checks for the final interview process. The final interview process will include a day of panel interviews and move towards making a decision on who your next city administrator will be.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:20pm and asked is there anyone present who would like to comment on the recruitment process for a new city administrator?

No public comment made.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 7:21pm.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to approve the hiring standards, criteria, and policy directives outlined in the position specification, timeline and interview process. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

5. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming May 1, 2010 as Silver Star Service Banner Day.

Mayor Kight read the Proclamation (copy included in the packet).

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

None.

11. REPORT: Review results of the Police Department Community Survey and discuss next steps regarding a new police facility.

Chief Anderson stated in March of this year you directed me to conduct a survey of the community to see if we had public support to go forward with a new police facility in Troutdale. We have completed the survey and would like to share the results with you this evening.

Chief Anderson showed the Council a PowerPoint Presentation of the survey results (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes).

Chief Anderson read a statement into the record (attached as Exhibit B to these minutes).

Councilor Wand asked at what point will we be provided with firm numbers for what the costs will be?

Chief Anderson replied I will prepare that information if you direct me to come back with a resolution.

Mayor Kight asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to speak to this issue?

Mike Goss, resident, stated think of Troutdale as a multi-million dollar corporation. The councilors are the board of directors. If this was a multi-million dollar corporation and you determined that your safety and security facility was deficient you would deem it a wise choice to fix it.

Robert Canfield, resident, stated as the Chief pointed out the 1998 City Council had the vision to buy the property for a future police station. I am asking you tonight to take whatever measures you need to do to complete that vision to give Troutdale a new police station. With a \$5 million bond, just remember for the average homeowner that comes out to a latte every two weeks; that is affordable. I have a Face Book page called Fans of Troutdale, Oregon, and I posted the Outlook article and asked for comments. Over 66% of the comments indicated that even though it would cost us more money we need to do it; lets get it done. There is public support out there for the facility this time even though the economy is in a questionable situation. I encourage you to do the right thing; it has to be done so lets just get it done and get it over with.

Jon Lowell, resident, stated I support the measure. I have toured the existing police facility and my wife and I made a video on how difficult it is for a handicapped person to have any access to the police facility. It is hard to believe that the police can even function in the building that exists now.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to direct the Chief to prepare the appropriate documents for a bond measure including building cost estimates, and to bring it back to us at a later date for consideration to place the bond measure on the November 2, 2010 ballot. Seconded by Councilor White.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction): An ordinance amending the Troutdale Municipal Code Sections 2.08.240, Council Expenses and 2.08.245, Mayor Stipend, adding a provision establishing a city council stipend, and clarifying the purpose of the stipend.

Councilor Daoust stated the Subcommittee (Councilor Wand, Tanney Staffenson, Todd Pilcher and Councilor Daoust) took up the issues of council/mayor expenses and

stipends. We came up with a recommendation and the Subcommittee recommends adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Daoust read the proposed ordinance language for Sections 2.08.240 and 2.08.245 of the Troutdale Municipal Code. **2.08.240 – Council expenses:** The following expenses shall be reimbursed for the mayor and councilors: 1) parking, mileage and meals at meetings of local or regional public or non-profit organizations when conducting city business or when attending in an official capacity as a representative of the city, however, this does not include fundraising events for other organizations. All other activities must be approved by the city council prior to the expense being incurred. 2) League of Oregon Cities meetings, including registration, lodging, meals, parking and mileage; 3) the mayor shall be reimbursed for meetings of the Oregon Mayor’s Association, including registration, lodging, meals, parking and mileage. 4) No other expenses shall be reimbursed unless approved by the city council. The mayor and council shall follow the procedures for reimbursement of incurred expenses applicable to city employees. Expenses will only be reimbursed upon the approval of the finance director. **2.08.245 – Mayor and city council stipend:** The mayor shall receive a monthly stipend in the amount of \$500.00. Each councilor shall receive a monthly stipend in the amount of \$50.00. The stipend is intended to be a reimbursement for expenses not otherwise reimbursed under Section 2.08.240. The amount of the stipend shall not thereafter be increased during the term of office of the mayor or councilor.

Councilor Daoust stated this entails a few changes from how things are right now. We tried to clarify what could be claimed as reimbursable items and what would have to come out of the stipend. We also clarified what the stipend is for. Some of the types of expenses that would not be reimbursable that you would need to use your stipend for include: meals with individuals regardless of the purpose or who it is; meetings with individuals not part of a local or regional organization (including the mileage, parking, meals, and lodging); retirement parties even if you are representing the city; fax line bills; cell phone bills; office supplies; inter-city council get together meetings; meetings that you are interested in attending such as school board meetings; and fact-finding trips. We have included language in the text that gives us opportunity for flexibility which states, “...unless approved by the city council”. If there is something that comes up that you are not certain about, or you want to receive permission from the council so you can get reimbursed for the expense, you just need to bring it before the council at a meeting and ask for permission prior to the expenditure being made, hopefully. If this ordinance is adopted the \$500 stipend for the mayor and the \$50 stipend for the councilors would not be part of the budget committee discussion, the only way it could be changed is by ordinance. The Subcommittee discussed the issue of the stipends for councilors. This was not recommended by the councilors on the Subcommittee. Everyone on the Subcommittee felt that councilors spend at least \$50/month on incurred expenses. Typically I don’t think a lot of the councilors submit for reimbursement of their expenses. I think that this will level the playing field with the mayor who can cover incurred costs out of the stipend, and now the councilors would be able to cover some of those same costs from the stipend. There are times when the

city administrator may call a meeting and the mayor and/or councilors are involved, and in that case city funds can pay for those meetings

Councilor Wand stated when we were discussing the stipends and the change in the ordinance there were two values that we discussed a lot. One was certainty. Right now we have less certainty in terms of the amount of reimbursements that any individual councilor or the mayor can have. With this proposal we have more certainty. The second item that we discussed a lot is what type of person we want to have representing our city. Did we want to risk excluding folks from being able to partake in this type of public service due to their own financial circumstances? All of us felt strongly that nobody should be denied the opportunity to serve as a public official because they didn't have the means to pay for all of their own expenses. We felt that with a set stipend we could balance those somewhat competing interests. Those are the issues that we wrestled with in very positive, productive discussions.

Councilor Daoust stated regarding the purchasing cards, the bottom-line we came up with was that the mayor and the councilors will not have purchase cards. One of the questions that we had to get out of the way before making that decision was that if we are not going to have a city credit card and instead we will be using our own personal credit card, would we be vulnerable to having our monthly statements become a public record. David Ross researched this and basically the answer is most likely not. Personal credit card bills are not public record, but to be on the safe side the recommendation is that if personal credit cards are used for city expenses then just simply get a separate receipt and submit the receipt for reimbursement. One of the reasons for our recommendation is that there is a tendency to misuse purchase cards; I am not saying that is the case with this council or the mayor. The accountability with just getting a monthly statement is not as good as the accountability you have when you have to submit receipts. We felt that there would be more transparent accountability by submitting receipts for reimbursement. There are advances available from the city for those who may not have a credit card. We also discussed expanding this recommendation to direct the City Administrator to work with the Finance Director to reduce the purchase card quantity to limit the cards to those employees who it is absolutely essential that they have one. We felt that this should come out of the Subcommittee as direction, and we are recommending this to the rest of the Council.

Councilor Daoust stated the Subcommittee thinks this proposal is on track. The City Council has held a work session on these proposed changes and it seemed like the majority of the Council thinks we are on track. The Budget Committee met on April 21st and this was available for discussion and they felt we were on track with the stipends. Tonight we are holding a public hearing. So this has gone through three screens and it seems we are on track. We will have the public hearing tonight and a second hearing in two weeks where we will receive public comment. For the stipends there is a process that can be followed. There will not be a need to submit a monthly request for your stipend. There is a form and the first question is whether or not you elect to receive a monthly stipend. You all have the opportunity or the decision to not take the stipend. If

you elect to receive the stipend you would receive a monthly check that would be mailed to you and at the end of the year you would receive a 1099 form for your taxes.

Councilor White asked would it be possible to donate our stipend to a charitable organization?

Councilor Daoust stated I think that is a discussion we will need to have with staff before the next hearing.

Mayor Kight asked is there anyone who would like to comment on this issue?

No public testimony received.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:04pm and stated this is just the introduction of this ordinance and we will be taking this issue up again.

8. RESOLUTION: A resolution increasing the Storm Sewer Utility Fee and rescinding Resolution No. 1606.

Charlie Warren, Public Works Director, stated there are three resolutions that you are going to be considering this evening regarding increases to the user fees for the storm water, sanitary sewer and water. You have heard in previous work sessions detailed analysis of our budget in each of these three funds showing that we have significant deficiencies. Last year you considered these same issues but were not able to raise the rates primarily because of the economy. However, this year those rates are even under greater pressure because of projects that are in much need. We detailed the need in the water system for significant repairs in Reservoir #4 on Strebin Road. We detailed in the sanitary sewer system that the solids in our lagoon are backing up and it is getting to the point where it is critical to remove them. The storm water is not in quite as critical position, but is also suffering from many years without a rate increase. Also as part of the presentation we showed that the City of Troutdale has one of the lowest rates in all three of the categories compared to the surrounding cities that are comparable. The recommendation of staff is that you approve the rate increases of 4.1% for water, 4% for sanitary sewer and 8% for storm sewer.

Council had no questions.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt a resolution increasing the storm sewer utility fee and rescinding Resolution No. 1606. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

Councilor White asked would it be possible to appoint a subcommittee to further look into the water and sewer rates and see if there is anything we can possibly do to control future costs.

Councilor Wand stated I would second that Councilor White. When I look at our rates I see that we are not even keeping up with inflation. We postponed it last year because the economy was so bad. I can see that there is a need here and we need to step up, but we also have long-term problems with the way that we are funding this and if we can look at structural changes to reduce costs we should take the opportunity to spend time to do that.

Councilor Thomas stated in addition we have other issues, for example what to do with the sludge at the waste water treatment plant. There are a lot of things that a committee could look at regarding long-term issues.

Ron Garzini stated this fits the mission of the Budget Oversight Subcommittee that was designed to be an interim study committee to follow-up on and research issues brought up during the budget committee meetings. We could adjust the mission slightly and it would work.

Mayor Kight called for a 10-minute break at 8:10pm and reconvened at 8:22pm.

9. RESOLUTION: A resolution increasing the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fee, confirming the average flow rate for an Equivalent Residential Unit and rescinding Resolution No. 1943.

Charlie Warren stated I have nothing further to add to my staff report (all three resolutions were covered under Item #8).

Councilor Thomas stated when we talked about sanitary sewer, we talked about taking what is considered an equivalent residential unit (ERU) for some of our commercial residential areas.

Charlie Warren stated I took a look at industrial and commercial compared to residential. I haven't summarized it yet but what I have found is that nearly every community does have a different chart for industrial and commercial. Generally it is more expensive than the residential. What I am considering is when I put together the packet and analysis for next year I will try to come up with a rational method for us to consider that as well.

Councilor Thomas asked did you include the apartment complexes as well?

Charlie Warren replied I haven't. However, it appears that they may be the same but I will double check that.

Councilor Wand asked is this the rate where we pay some of the bond for the new waste water treatment plant?

Charlie Warren replied we pay for a portion of the bond from the user fee and a portion is paid from the improvement fee.

Councilor Wand stated this is the only rate that I am noticing is higher than inflationary increases over the time span of 1992 to present. Based on your answer I am attributing that to the fact that we built a new treatment facility and that there were some increases in costs associated with that. Is that a fair assumption?

Charlie Warren replied it is. If you look at the chart you will see that back when we started construction on the sewer plant the rates started ratcheting up.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved that we adopt a resolution increasing the sanitary sewer utility fee, confirming the average flow rate for an Equivalent Residential Unit and rescinding Resolution No. 1943. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

10. RESOLUTION: A resolution increasing the Water Commodity Fee, confirming other water related fees, and rescinding Resolution No. 1942.

Charlie Warren stated I have nothing further to add to my staff report (all three resolutions were covered under Item #8).

Council had no questions for staff.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved that we adopt a resolution increasing the Water Commodity Fee, confirming other water related fees and rescinding Resolution No. 1942. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

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

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

11. REPORT: Review results of the Police Department Community Survey and discuss next steps regarding a new police facility.

This item was moved up in the Agenda and followed Agenda Item #6 (see Page #3 of these minutes).

12. REPORT: A report on the 2010 Water Resources Development Act Grant and the ACWA Sustainable Energy Training Workshop.

Charlie Warren, Public Works Director, provided Council with a copy of the grant application (copy included in the packet). There was an opportunity through the Water Resources Development Act to apply to Senator Merkley's office and Senator Wyden's office to be included in the appropriation bills coming up. Ron Garzini had indicated that a likely project that would fit well within the scope of the grant is a project that might permanently get rid of the problem that we have with the biosolids at our lagoon. Because we only have small land parcels to apply our product to we are not able to keep up with the amount of sludge that we produce each year and it continues to build up. The question is, how can we take this Class B product and make it into a Class A product that could be applied to gardens, which would save us the cost of transportation and provide a service to our local citizens. We had CH2M Hill do a quick study for us and they considered about five different alternative ways to do this. The best methodology turned out to be a process where we would make it into compost. We would solidify it on our site, and in the future purchase an adjoining parcel in the industrial park area and utilizing that site we would combine our product with vegetation, yard debris, and those types of materials that are organic. You would then come up with a Class A fertilizer that folks could utilize for their farms in the local area. This would not just be used by Troutdale; it could be utilized by the surrounding areas. You will see that as part of the application we received two letters of support, one from Gresham and one from Damascus. If I had more time I am sure I could have received more letters of support. The project is fairly vague at this point, but if you approve of this type of grant application process then staff is prepared to flush out these types of ideas so if we get an indication from our Congress that this might be a good way to go, we will have more details about how this would work. The cost of this was \$5,000 for the consultant. I realize that is a lot of money, but the quick turn-around time made it necessary but it was within our existing budget. This does not require the Council to approve anything tonight, because we are not yet receiving a grant. We are simply notifying you of what we are doing.

Ron Garzini stated when I read this grant request from the Senators my first reaction was that we have an overwhelming long-standing challenge with our sludge. All of the communities in Oregon have a problem with what to do with sewer byproduct. I don't think that it is a good long-range plan to take your sewer sludge at \$100,000 a year and haul it out to Eastern Oregon. There has to be a better plan. I suggested that Charlie apply for the grant and get them thinking about this kind of activity. I would urge Charlie and the community to take the lead and see if we can figure out a better way. I am suggesting that we solicit and seek grants for long-term solutions, innovative solutions,

and research places that have solved this problem. As it stands now you have \$100,000 in your budget for a very minor solution that will be temporary. I suspect that you will be talking about that kind of money for a long time until you figure out a permanent solution.

Councilor Kyle stated I was excited by the concept of this. Thank you both for your creative thinking. I know that we are not the only ones with this problem. I read the two letters included and my thought is that if we can get our foot in the door first perhaps we could help Gresham out and some of the other areas.

Councilor Daoust stated last week when I was in Washington, DC I was in Senator Merkley's office and Senator Wyden's office and if I would have known. Is this a bill that they are working on, or is it a bill that has already passed?

Charlie Warren replied they will be working on it; it will be the next appropriation.

Councilor Daoust stated so this isn't a done deal yet even as far as the Water Resources Development Act goes. They are just gathering information about what types of projects are out there and what the potential costs will be.

Charlie Warren replied correct.

Councilor Daoust stated that is good, we are in the front end of the process. It looks like a great idea. I don't suppose they are to the point of saying whether there is a requirement for matching funds.

Charlie Warren replied they are not at that point yet. The only thing that we could possibly promise at this point is that we are looking at a \$100,000 expenditure possibly every year for the foreseeable future to haul our sludge away, so that is a good match right there if it is going to create a long-term solution.

Councilor Wand asked I take it that part of this is that you are looking at research and development to try and figure out what is feasible and what works?

Charlie Warren replied yes.

Councilor Wand asked have you contacted Oregon State University to find out if they have any scientists or the students that might be able to help out with that?

Charlie Warren replied we have not, but my next topic brushes against that.

Councilor Wand asked have you considered whether we could create a special district or an intergovernmental cooperative or some other type of entity that could house the funds both from the Federal Government and also take in revenues in the future from marketing and selling this so we could include the other cities if they want to opt in?

Ron Garzini replied in another role I put together an intergovernmental agreement for a sewer feasibility partnership. I would hope that as we work through this that a large intergovernmental feasibility project would make some sense.

Charlie Warren stated the second piece to this is the ACWA Sustainable Energy Training Workshop. Because CH2M Hill was doing this grant application for us and they were attending this seminar they got us in at the last second. It sounded like we were going to just go to a workshop to try and figure out some ways to save energy. There are twelve other communities from the State of Oregon participating in this pilot project, which is a year-long commitment. This is a commitment by the City of Troutdale to look at our sewer process and every single energy aspect at the plant to do a complete analysis and audit to determine whether or not the use of natural gas and biosolids is all done in the most efficient way. Our total expense for energy at the sewer plant is about \$200,000 a year. Updating to the most recent technology could save us a lot of money. We have been given a very large binder that is empty and at the end of the year we are supposed to have it full of every single auditable feature of the sewer plant. We started out by gathering every single energy bill and putting it into the binder so we can identify what we are currently paying. We are then going to try and put meters at the plant to identify where the energy is being spent, and then we will ask how can we make that more efficient. I will have to attend the seminars. The City Administrator will have to attend at least one seminar and my staff will have to commit a significant amount of time. We debated for a long time whether or not this was a good program to get into because of the time commitment. I feel that the first cities that get into this program will receive the best opportunity for grants that will come as a result of this.

Councilor Wand stated I want to thank you. Over the past year as I have talked about structural changes and thinking outside of the box and being creative with solutions, this is a prime example of exactly the type of thing that I was looking for. I understand that there is a big time commitment of staff, but I commend you and I appreciate your willingness to do this and your leadership. You can count on my support.

13. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

13 – A: Update – New Drovers Trail Road Underpass Grade Separation Crossing

Ron Garzini, Interim City Administrator, stated in your packet is a letter from Union Pacific (UP) Railroad. The best statement in the letter is, "At such time as the City is ready to proceed with the project, UP will commit to working with the City to supplement the existing agreement to reflect any changes or new project requirements." It is my intention to very soon go back to UP and talk about a supplemental agreement. What we are thinking about for the first phase is the protective cage for the road and the trail, and the protective fencing which we would commit to do in the very new future. Assuming that the EPA testing happens, which is now permitted, and even without that we may be able to go ahead and begin work on the trail along the river. I am interested in proceeding with the supplemental agreement with UP and at a very minimum building that protective cage and fencing. That will then make the railroad no longer an issue when we choose to build the road. I also wanted to mention that we have had two or

three meetings with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The good news is that we went there fully armed and prepared to show them that there was no logical reason not to give us a north side access. I went there with our attorney and two staff members and we were all set to have a good argument. When we walked in on the wall we saw an artist rendition of a way for them to build their acceleration lane on I-84, the lane of the future, and below was shown our access road and the trail. It appears that the remaining step that needs to occur is that because our road would be within their right-of-way there will need to be an acknowledgement and approval by FHWA. The folks at the senior levels at ODOT that we talked to said they have a great rapport with FHWA and they also see no reason to deny that northern access. The road will be very similar to what you see right now that comes in and around, so that will give us that preserved northern access. We will continue to pursue that. The last thing on the urban renewal area is that the staff and I have been working on a strategic plan and we now have the first draft of a detailed compilation of all of the steps to move the urban renewal forward. We have identified the key people responsible for those steps and we now have a timeline. Within a few weeks we will provide that to you.

Ron Garzini stated when we put these subcommittees together I confess that I had some specific purposes in mind and did not write the purpose generic enough. For the Economic Development Subcommittee you may recall that one of the assignments that the council asked us to look into was the storefronts projects and incentives to businesses that were done in Molalla in Gresham. The Economic Development Subcommittee is the perfect place to start those but the mission of that subcommittee is not broad enough. I would like to propose an amendment to the purpose of the Economic Development Subcommittee that allows it to study economic development actions (copy of proposed change is included in the packet).

MOTION: Councilor Wand moved to amend the Economic Development Subcommittee purpose as provided by staff. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Wand stated on the same issue Mr. Garzini I am hoping that you will include a brief consideration of some of our business fees as part of that study done by the Economic Development Subcommittee. In particular the one that I have always had concern about is the \$50 amusement device fee.

Councilor Wand stated I want to say thank you to our fellow Troutdalians for an excellent Arch Dedication Ceremony that was well attended by our fellow citizens and people throughout the region.

Councilor Thomas agreed with Councilor Wand's statement regarding the Dedication Ceremony.

Councilor Thomas stated we received an email earlier this week requesting a Frisbee golf course. I would like to ask to have this referred to the Parks Advisory Committee to look into. In looking around I thought that maybe one of the nicest places to locate this would be Sunrise Park because it is fairly open. When I attended the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting this last week they were talking about adding some community gardens to Sunrise Park, but I don't think this would be a conflict.

Mayor Kight reminded folks that we are having our Earth Art Walk in Troutdale going on through this weekend. This is a free event. Coming up in August will be our Cruise-In, the date is not yet determined. The first annual East County Home Show will be held on June 11th and 12th at the Holiday Inn in Gresham. This event promotes supporting your local community and local businesses.

Mayor Kight stated we received an email from Councilor Hartmann that he is not going to be able to serve on the subcommittees because of his work commitment. Councilor White has expressed interest in serving on the Budget Oversight Subcommittee, so I would like to appoint Councilor White to that subcommittee.

Councilor White stated my concern has to do with the Sandy River at Glenn Otto Park. I want to remind folks that the Lifeguard Program does not start until Memorial Day. I am asking that folks stay out of the cold Sandy River water until the lifeguards are on duty. If you are going to the river it is always good to have a throw device in case there is someone in trouble.

Councilor White stated I was very pleased to see that the councilor's names are going to be included on the Bronze Plaque that will be put on the Centennial Arch.

Councilor Kyle stated thank you Mayor for everything that you did to make Friday night such a success; and everyone else involved. I was at the very first meeting with Councilor Thomas when they presented this vision, and it was wonderful. I am proud to have been there. The community and council has taken baby steps, big steps and we have had some setbacks, but I just can't tell you how proud I was Friday night to sit there and think that I have been a part, and this council has been a part, of this huge project that will be a piece of art that will have a huge impact on our downtown.

Councilor Daoust stated I was in Washington, DC all last week at a training session on how Congress works. It was very interesting and I kept reflecting back on my city council non-partisan experience as compared to how Congress works. I got to witness the senate hearing on finance reform with all of the senators on the gallery floor. They have a different voting process then we have. They can walk around the room; they don't sit at their chair/desk and when their name is called to vote they don't have to vote at that time they can waive it off or ignore it at that time. They can approach the person who is recording the vote and register their vote. I thought that process was real interesting. Washington, DC is an outstanding city for monuments, but at the same time I came back and I could say that Troutdale now has a monument, the Arch. I am proud that we now have a monument.

Councilor Hartmann stated as the Mayor mentioned earlier, professionally I have been given an executive opportunity that I am extremely proud of. However, my working hours are going to be pretty locked down so I won't be able to participate in some of the subcommittees that I was originally going to participate in.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Jim Kight, Mayor

Approved August 24, 2010

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder