

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

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ron Garzini, Interim City Administrator; David Ross, City Attorney; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; Erich Mueller, Finance Director; and Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder.

GUESTS: See Attached List.

Mayor Kight asked is there an agenda update?

Ron Garzini replied no.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: April 6, 2010 Work Session.

Mayor Kight read the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilor White moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Daoust. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. MOTION: A motion to accept the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission's 2010-11 Budget.

Councilor Thomas stated thank you for the opportunity to speak before you tonight on behalf of the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC). I am your appointed representative on the MHCRC. With me tonight is David Olson, Staff Director for the Commission; and Rob Brading, Executive Director of MetroEast Community Media. We

are here tonight to present the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget request for the Commission and seek your approval.

Councilor Thomas reviewed the budget highlights to the Council. A copy of the talking points are attached as Exhibit A.

Councilor Daoust stated I'm looking at the MetroEast Community Media proposed budget. It looks like the personnel costs are going up quite a bit.

Rob Brading replied our personnel costs are up this coming year but they are returning to last fiscal year's level. This current fiscal year we are lucky not to have to cut staff but in order to do that my staff had no raises and in addition our contribution to the employee's retirement plan was eliminated. Last year I said that we considered the current fiscal year a crisis year and if we continued in that pattern that we'd be making significant changes at MetroEast to deal with the diminished resources. We are in the fortunate position where we've recovered somewhat from that situation and we are able to add back that retirement contribution and not make some fairly significant changes and cuts in how we would operate. That's why the costs are back up. But they are about the equivalent of what they were in the previous fiscal year.

Councilor Thomas stated the advantage for MetroEast Community Media is that of the franchise fees, 60% of what we collect is dedicated to their operation. The 40% left over is goes to cover the operation of the MHCRC and any residual goes back to the cities as income as franchise revenue. This year it's about \$50,000 which is an increase over last year. The subscriber rates including Verizon have risen about 8% from last year. We've seen benefits from having two franchisees operating in the City and it's not just a wash from one system to the other.

Councilor Wand asked is it the MHCRC that has a budgetary item for upgrading our sound system or is that our City budget?

Rob Brading replied that's the MetroEast budget and we're in the process of doing that. Funding for that came from an MHCRC capital grant fund which goes to non-profit public benefit organizations throughout the County. MetroEast took advantage of that opportunity and one of the things we're including is the upgrading of this sound system.

Councilor Wand asked do we have a timeframe on that?

Rob Brading replied I'd have to talk to my technical manager. He's had some frustrations with this particular system.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to accept the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission's 2010-11 Budget. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

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

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

5. REQUEST: A request by Willamette Valley Grotto, a non-profit organization, for a reduced rental fee for the Sam Cox Building.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated in March you adopted increased fees for the rental of the various city buildings and picnic shelters. The increased fees had probably the most impact on the rental of the Sam Cox Building because that building gets the most rental use and brings in the most revenue to the City. In conjunction with the increased fees you also established a new maintenance fund called the Sam Cox Building Maintenance Fund and directed all of the rental fees that are collected from the rental of the buildings to go into that fund for badly needed maintenance and remodeling. When you adopted these increased fees it was very clear that these fees would not apply to those non-profit organizations and community organizations that are currently afforded a reduced rate or free use of our building as spelled out in Resolution #1772. Recently there was a request from a non-profit organization, Willamette Valley Grotto, that has been renting the Sam Cox Building for a number of years and they became aware of the fact that there are other non-profit organizations that are being given this benefit of reduced fees. Mr. Bob Johnson, who is associated with that organization, contacted me and asked if he could be considered for a reduced fee or perhaps free use of the building. I had the opportunity after receiving his request to take this question to the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). They were very emphatic in their opinion that they do not agree with granting any more fee reductions or waivers from those that have already been permitted in the past. This is primarily because they feel it is imperative that we begin to collect those revenues that can be put back into the building which is badly overdue for upgrades. Being consistent with the opinion and recommendation of the PAC, I notified Mr. Johnson that I was going to deny his request, however under Resolution #1772 he is provided an opportunity to take his request to the City Council. If the Council agrees to grant this request then we have the option of bringing this back as an amendment to Resolution #1772 and we'll add this organization to the list consistent with whatever fee you decide to grant them. If you concur with my position and that of the PAC then nothing further needs to be done. Another item to bring to your attention is that in next year's budget we will be borrowing money from the Parks Improvement Fund to use for the upgrades and repairs of the Sam Cox Building so we are relying on the rental proceeds to pay back that loan.

Mayor Kight asked can you describe what this group is?

Rich Faith replied to the best of my understanding this organization is associated with the National Speleological Society which is another name for cave explorers. Their use of the building is to provide training in climbing up and rappelling down ropes. They have some kind of fixture in the beams of the building that enables them to do this. They also train other organizations on how to do this safely.

Mayor Kight asked how often do they meet throughout the course of the year?

Rich Faith replied I can't answer that but I'm sure Mr. Johnson could.

Councilor Daoust asked was there a reason that they weren't on the 2005 list?

Rich Faith replied the reason is because they had never been granted a reduced rate so historically they were not an organization that we were granting that to. Perhaps they had never asked for it or it had never been offered. Since they were not getting a reduced rate at the time they were not included on the list that was done to recognize those that we had been providing that to.

Councilor Thomas asked what was the building rate prior to the last increase?

Rich Faith replied the fee for the great room at the Sam Cox Building for a service or non-profit organization was \$300 for a full day and that was doubled to \$600 under the most recent fee increase.

Todd Pilcher, PAC Chair, stated I'm here to speak on the consensus of the PAC of how we would not like to grant a waiver for this group for a couple of reasons. The first is that we need to pass along these fee increases. We voted on it and the Council voted on it that we needed to increase these fees to be able to pay for the necessary repairs for the Sam Cox Building. Secondly, yes it's a non-profit organization. In a perfect world you wouldn't have to pay for fees but they are using the facility, people are driving in from long distances and that shows that it's a desirable place to be. If you increase the fees you may have some people that are long time rental users that might shy away. But the reason that we're increasing the fees is to be able to pay for the improvements that will gain more demand for this facility. It would be unfortunate if they were to leave the Sam Cox Building but I would argue that there's probably not a lot of other good available options for the price out there, even for \$600. I think that is a very good fair value and it's what we saw as a very fair value when we did our market evaluation. That's why I think it should stand as no reduction on the fee and I think they should have to pay it like they've had to before.

Bob Johnson, Willamette Valley Grotto, stated I'm a resident of Troutdale and I found out about this building for rent many years ago. We've been using this building between 10 and 20 years. We didn't know that we could get a cheaper rate by being a non-profit organization otherwise we would have applied a long time ago. Throughout the years we've averaged about 30 people attending each year. Some people are coming from Seattle, Bend, and have to drive a long ways to get here. Because the price of gas has been going up we are losing some of our long distance drivers. Last year we had 25 attend and we lost \$100. We can't afford \$100. If you raise your rates from \$300 to \$600 then we won't be able to do it anymore. That's why I'm applying for this. We are a non-profit organization with the Nation Speleological Society which is a worldwide organization for caving and our purpose is to further cave exploration, conservation and preservation. We do vertical training in the Sam Cox Building. A lot of our caves are a pit that opens up and we need to throw our ropes in and rappel down them to get in and then we have to climb back out. This is really dangerous if you don't know what you're doing. We've been using the facility to teach our students and cavers to do it right. We rent once a year, in March which is a lull in our caving time and because it's winter time we need an inside location. The Boy Scouts approached us to help them with their rappelling. Last year we

had the high angle rescue group from Gresham Fire Station 72 come and observe our techniques, demonstrate how they do their pickoffs, and they gave us a refresher CPR class. We've invited Portland Mountain Rescue and other rescue groups in the area to come and partake. It's for the Community. Since you've raised the rate from \$200 to \$300 years ago we've been asking people to donate \$15 with \$5 going towards their dinner and the remaining \$10 towards rent. Since they aren't coming from long distances that is why it is cutting down on our money and why we lost \$100 last year. My students are now training to be rescue people so I think it's valuable what we are doing. If you do not wish to give us a reduction maybe we can negotiate a price. I have an idea that if we could pay off our expenses and then give the surplus money to the City just so that we wouldn't have to lose any money. When the ceiling was put in that building we got permission from the City Council to put bolts in the rafters so we have permanent bolts in there to aid our climbing and if we are passed out because of the price increase it's a shame that we'll lose the bolt anchors up there.

Councilor Daoust stated we have 2 criteria, the first is what is your connection to the City of Troutdale and the second is what's the benefit to the local community. Those are the 2 things that we used to create the 2005 list. We weren't aware of your group when we put that list together. Is there any connection to the City of Troutdale? I'm having a hard time coming up with one, besides that you live here. How many people attend from Troutdale?

Bob Johnson replied at the moment it's just myself from Troutdale. We train others including people from Gresham Fire and the Boy Scouts. The doors are open to the public if they want to come in. We don't like to have a lot of fresh students or a lot of children because it's dangerous.

Councilor Daoust replied I can see some of the benefits to the local community if you train local community groups like the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or firemen, but it's kind of a weak connection. I'm familiar with tree climbing training and what we do is charge a fee to cover the cost. I know it's hard to charge \$15 to \$20 per person but that's what we do.

Ron Garzini stated there are other worthy causes that will come to this Council for fee forgiveness now that we've raised the rates. This sequence of events is of concern to me. The Council passed a Resolution raising the fees at the recommendation of the PAC. We created a dedicated fund to collect those fees. We have now set up a loan from the anticipated fees to do the much needed improvements. If we vary, waive, or adjust fees we're going to get ourselves into a situation because we set fees, dedicated funds, set high standards, committed to a building program, and borrowed money. Frankly I'm concerned that we will not be able to produce the revenue funds that caused us to borrow the money. The problem is that we would be getting into the general fund which is very short also. We're struggling to survive until the economy recovers. I think we're on a good track and I commend you to stay on with the track recommended by the PAC.

Mayor Kight stated the conundrum that we're faced with is exactly what Ron just got through articulating. We've made a commitment to make improvements to the building which hasn't had any in a very long time. The second part is that other groups will be coming along asking for us to give them forgiveness of the fees. Then we're faced with

how do we make up the shortfall. Your group has benefit to the community but we're caught in the cross hair.

Councilor White asked are you aware of all of the climbing apparatuses on Broughton's Bluff?

Bob Johnson replied I'm aware of the routes up there but due to the poison oak that's abundant there, we shy away from that area. We also do this in the winter time so the idea is to get out of the rain and do it indoors. This was the only facility that we've found. Gyms would work but they won't let us do it in the schools.

Mayor Kight asked is there any way that you could partner with one of the other groups, maybe the Boy Scouts?

Bob Johnson replied if we have to. The Boy Scouts have been dying to get us to teach them. We have a few people who are worried about the liability but there are others that argue that the Boy Scouts have better liability protection than we do. We could incorporate the Boy Scouts but the problem is that I'm generally the only instructor that does the Boy Scouts. In 2009 there were 5 or 6 students that wanted to participate and it took me about 4 to 5 hours to train them.

Councilor Thomas stated if you partner with the Boy Scouts and also bring people in from outside, I'm not sure that the Boy Scouts would cover them. It might not be a good option.

Councilor Daoust stated it appears that your request is going to be denied by the Council. You did go through the Director of Community Development first, correct?

Bob Johnson replied yes I went through Rich Faith.

Councilor Daoust stated thank you for coming forward and asking Mr. Johnson. It sounds like the Council would be in a good position to recommend to the Community Development Director that we would take a hard line to change the fees for anybody. Resolution #1772 gives us the authority to look at that. It has to go through Rich Faith first and if they want to appeal it to the Council then it comes to us. If every time we're going to sit here and face a worthy group that wants reduced fees, I think it would behoove us to tell Rich Faith that we may not go there if at all. I'm not saying to change the Resolution but I'm saying if staff knows the position of the Council maybe it would save us some time.

Ron Garzini stated the track we're on was initiated by the PAC. My suggestion is that why don't you make the appeal body the PAC since they initiated the fee policy, fee practice, and are the ones that recommended that Council dedicate the resources. They will be weighing in on all of these. It's always nice for the public to have the ability to appeal to Council. The trap that the Council's in is that if you make one exception you are going to open up Pandora's box.

Councilor Daoust asked can we delegate this without amending the Resolution?

Todd Pilcher stated I think it would be unproductive to pass this along to the PAC. We've already stated our opinion as far as what we want to do for fee increases. We've recommended to maintain the list as it is in the Resolution and do a hard line on any fee waivers. If someone asks us for a fee waiver, that's what we'd tell them. If this would save your time and our time then that's our stance on it.

Councilor Wand stated when I'm looking at Attachment A to Resolution #1772, all of the organizations have what I'll call historical pedigree. All of the organizations listed, with perhaps an exception to the NW Steelheaders, perform volunteer work every year to use the building and are public service organizations. They do things in our community all the time.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to deny the request from the Willamette Valley Grotto. Seconded by Councilor Kyle. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Daoust stated I wonder if we might be able to short cut this process.

Ron Garzini replied in the future why don't we bring you the request and ask the Council if you want to hear it. If there is no positive motion to hear it then it's denied and it won't come before you. In other words it would take a motion by Council to actually bring it forward and put it on the agenda.

Councilor Wand asked is this a quasi judicial activity that we're engaged in by interpreting whether or not non-profits meet the requirements or is this a policy request?

David Ross replied I would have to review the staff report and deliberations from when Resolution #1772 was adopted before I could answer that question. Essentially you are making a determination about whether or not an organization meets two criteria.

Councilor Wand stated maybe we could get that information and revisit this in a couple of weeks?

Ron Garzini replied my hope would be that this list doesn't grow so long as you have a dedication of funds and you are taking out a loan based on dedication of funds. The moment you grant exceptions and grow that list you open up a major policy problem. I enjoyed the suggestion of partnering up with one of the groups listed that have an exception so that there is a way to work with this.

Councilor Daoust stated I think this discussion has been positive in that the Community Development Director pretty much knows where the PAC and the City Council stand.

Councilor Thomas stated I personally wouldn't change the way this currently functions.

David Ross stated we need to reexamine Resolution #1772.

- 6. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTIONS:** A public hearing on the following two resolutions.
- 6.1** A resolution certifying the City's eligibility to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2010-11.
 - 6.2** A resolution declaring the City's election to received State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated Agenda Items 6, 7, and 8 are all interrelated to adopting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget was a challenge again this year given the economic circumstances. The most recent June report from the State's Office of Economic Analysis provided mixed results including some positive and some negative. In the first quarter of 2010 we had the first quarter of job growth in Oregon since the first quarter of 2008. The good news is that we may have touched the bottom. The State's Office of Economic Analysis anticipates it's going to take 8 full years to go from the peak that we were in before the recession began until we return to that stage and we're about 1/3 through that process. The good news in the most recent analysis shows that 9 of their 11 economic indicators that they measure were positive. The challenge is going to be the pace at which the recovery occurs. As discussed during the budget presentation, we've attempted to provide a cautious and conservative budget. We believe that things will improve but we're not counting on it to accomplish our budget goals. The Budget Committee met on April 19th and 21st. We took a bit of a different approach this year and I'm hopeful that we can continue to pursue it in the coming years as an improved approach. It was a higher level focus on the issues facing the city versus the more familiar and long standing practice which we refer to internally as counting the pencils. We believe that was a better use of the Budget Committee's time to focus on the big issues.

Tanney Staffenson, Budget Committee Chair, stated we had the challenge of not spending money that we don't have and trying to provide a service to the Citizen's of Troutdale that not only they deserve but that they need. I and most of the citizen appointed members of the Committee feel that this year's budget process was a total team effort. The Budget Committee is made up of the Mayor, Council, and citizen appointed members. We were all one team and each one of us felt like our opinions were heard and weighed equally. I want to thank you for not creating a divide between the elected members and the appointed ones. I want to recognize an outstanding job of budget preparation and prioritization done by the City Department Heads, in particular Erich Mueller and Ron Garzini. I want to thank you for the opportunity to Chair the Committee and would ask you to adopt the budget.

Erich Mueller stated as part of the requirements of getting us to an adopted budget we published the required notice of the budget hearing that's occurring this evening as well as Local Budget Forms #1-4 within the required time frames. One of the items incorporated within the budget is the revenues that we receive from the State, referred to as State Shared Revenues. An Exhibit A was mentioned in my staff report for this item but did not make it into the packet materials so I have handed it out to you this evening (a copy is included in the meeting packet). As stated in my staff report, the State has 4 actions that

are necessary for us to receive State Shared Revenues. It's quite reasonable for us to comply with those requirements given that they're going to provide us \$1.2 million in revenue from various sources mentioned in Exhibit A. A couple of the items are designated specifically to the gas tax. The remainder are available for general government use. Of the 4 requirements, the first is a public hearing before the Budget Committee. That public hearing was heard on April 19th and we've fulfilled that requirement. A public hearing must be held on the proposed uses that were incorporated into the budget. We need to receive any public comment on Exhibit A, the proposed uses that are outlined.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing on the proposed uses of State Shared Revenues at 8:05pm.

No public testimony was received for this agenda item.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:05pm.

Erich Mueller stated we have complied with the second of the four actions necessary to receive the money from the State. The next actions required are to approve agenda items 6.1 and 6.2.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt agenda item 6.1, a Resolution certifying the City's eligibility to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Seconded by Councilor Daoust. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt agenda item 6.2, a Resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Seconded by Councilor Daoust. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: A resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

This item was heard after Agenda Item #8.

8. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: A resolution to adopt the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Budget and making appropriations.

Erich Mueller stated part of the requirement for this item is that notice of the budget hearing was published within the required time frames and was noticed for public comment for this evening.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 8:09pm.

No public testimony was received for this agenda item.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:09pm.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt the Resolution to adopt the City of Troutdale's Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Budget and making appropriations. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: A resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Erich Mueller stated this is the public hearing on the Resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem property tax levies. This proposed Resolution addresses both the assessment on the permanent rate for the General Fund as well as the additional levy for the General Obligation Bond indebtedness for the coming year's debt service on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 8:11pm.

No public testimony was received for this agenda item.

Mayor Kight closed the public hearing at 8:11pm.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt the Resolution imposing and categorizing Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Seconded by Councilor Kyle. Motion passed unanimously.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Garzini stated Rich Faith has put together a draft brochure for our new Business Incentive Program (a copy of the brochure is included in the meeting packet). I'd like to have you look it over and get back to me within a week and let me know if you want to add or modify anything. We would like to have these available soon. One thing I'd like to change is to add more contact information on the back of the flyer.

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Kight stated we have 2 entrants for the If I Were Mayor contest. One of the applicants, Izabella Johnson, is here this evening.

Robert Johnson stated this is my wife Joleen and our daughter Izabella. Izabella wanted a laptop computer and we happened to be in to pay our water bill and saw a flyer for the If I Were Mayor contest. I told her this was her way to get her own laptop. Izabella and I brainstormed some ideas of what she would do to better her community as Mayor. She wanted to improve the quality of things at her school including lunches and creative classes such as art and music. The second thing on the poster is something that I helped her with. I told her if she wants more money for those things at her school then she will need to do something to get people to spend money. So the idea we came up with was putting on job fairs. Her last idea was to provide a homeless shelter. One day when we

came off the freeway she saw a young kid, father, and dog out in the rain and she wanted to do something for them. She believes everyone should have a home.

Mayor Kight stated that you very much. Your poster will be forwarded to the League of Oregon Cities for the statewide contest. Last year we had a winner here in Troutdale. The other entry we received was from Mariah Milmore who could not be here tonight. She prepared an essay and I think she did a very good job. Both of our applicants complained about the quality of lunches at their schools. Izabella is from Troutdale Elementary and Mariah is from Open Door Christian Academy. It's interesting that they both have that one thing in common. Another thing I'd like to bring up is that we're getting a lot of calls about FedEx because of their new facility in Troutdale. There is a special phone number to call that has a recording that gives information regarding FedEx and that number is 503-484-1229. The recording is updated every Friday. Currently they are taking applications at their Swan Island facility. For the Troutdale site you need to call after June 29th. They will be holding a job fair on July 9th. Employees from the Swan Island facility will be given the first opportunity to work at the new facility.

Councilor Kyle stated I wanted to thank Rich Faith for putting on a great Periodic Review lecture. Will there be more?

Rich Faith replied the responses were overwhelming in favor of having another one but I have not scheduled one yet.

Councilor Kyle stated the City is going under Periodic Review to determine what we want our growth to look like in Troutdale for the future. Last Wednesday night was a series of 2 lectures and they were wonderful. I particularly appreciated some of the ideas that had to do with downtown signage to encourage better pedestrian flow and some safety issues. If we have another one of those I hope more people will show up because they were very informative. Secondly last Friday I attended an assembly at the National Guard put on by some business leaders. It was an opportunity to call local employers into action as we try to reintegrate a lot of the military back into the real life as we know it. They were looking for opportunities for these returned servicemen including mentoring positions or any kind of training. We don't have a military base here to handle this like many states do. They have a website address of www.fortoregon.com and if you can think of anything to help reintegrate our servicemen back into business or training, they would love to hear from you.

Councilor Daoust stated Councilor Thomas and myself are writing an article for the Troutdale Champion on the Business Incentive Program in case some of you are working on the same thing. Also, I have a question on the agenda. Under the agenda item for Public Comment, it is explained that public comment is limited to comments on non-agenda and consent agenda items. I don't remember seeing that second part before. It seems a little curious that we'd ask the public to comment on something that we just approved. I think it's meant to allow for comments on just non-agenda items unless there's a reason that we're allowing them to comment on consent agenda items.

Ron Garzini replied I will check into that.

Councilor Wand stated I'm very proud of the budget that we've passed this year. We held the line on spending and our ending fund balance is appropriate to make sure that we didn't have to make drastic cuts two years in a row. More importantly we prioritized what we spent and where we spent it, holding true to our values and making sure that the highest priorities were funded. The second issue I have is in regards to the Periodic Review. There are two sides to the density coin and I wonder if we may explore having a lecture from a group that has done studies to the downsides of high density and imposing that on neighborhoods. There's a tremendous cost that I don't think the State of Oregon or our citizens have had a full and fair opportunity to explore. In my mind it would be good to look at the other side of that coin as well and get public input on that. My third item is that we're engaging the process of considering the City Charter. One of the things that we're looking at is the interplay between the City Administrator and the Mayor and how the Mayor is selected. I want to assure the public that there isn't going to be a situation where we have a Mayor that isn't ultimately elected by all Troutdalian. As we go through this process over the next couple of weeks I think it's important that we hear from our neighbors and the community. There's another meeting that will be held on June 15th at 4:30pm here at City Hall and I expect that this will come before City Council in a couple of weeks. I hope that we have the opportunity to hear from more citizens. Lastly I had to miss my godson's 8th Grade Graduation this evening so I wanted to say congratulations to David. He received an English and Social Studies award from Portland Christian and I couldn't be more proud of him.

Councilor Thomas stated I'd like to thank staff, specifically Erich Mueller, in regards to this year's budget process. I thought that this was the best budget process that I've seen. It was very well organized. I have to give personal thanks to Tanney for his excellent handling of the budget and the process. You did an excellent job of keeping everyone on task. In looking at the future council agenda items, one thing that concerned me is that the Business Recycling Program is on the June 22nd agenda. If my memory serves correctly, we asked staff to bring that back as a work session and then we'd consider putting it on an agenda. I think having it on the agenda at this point would be inappropriate.

Mayor Kight stated I talked to the real estate broker that's listing the Marino Block. We've had conversations about what can be done to address the blight of that property. Mr. Garzini sat down with Charlie Warren and Dick Bohlmann and came up with the suggestion to put slats in the cyclone fence as a screen so that it wouldn't be quite as apparent. The broker is going to approach the property owner and get a cost estimate on making that improvement. The other issue has to do with demoing the floor that has caved in on that property. There's another property owner that's willing to pay for part of that cost. Hopefully something will come out of that, whether that's screening that off or demoing out and filling in the floor. Maybe we could have a small park there while we're waiting for some kind of development to show up.

Councilor Kyle stated we do have a City Council election going on this year. I've decided not to run for reelection. If you're interested in serving your City as a City Councilor, ladies please step up. I would love to see a woman in my position and the vacant position too.

Mayor Kight stated tonight is my son's birthday, Happy Birthday Brent.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Jim Kight, Mayor

Approved August 24, 2010

ATTEST:

Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder