

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

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

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Thomas (excused).

**STAFF:** Dave Nelson, City Administrator; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; Charlie Warren, Public Works Director; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; and David Ross, City Attorney.

**GUESTS:** See Attached.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2.1 ACCEPT MINUTES:** March 31, 2009 Work Session and April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting.

**2.2 RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving the Fourth Amended Personal Service Contract and continuing the appointment of Raymond Young as the Troutdale Municipal Court Judge.

**MOTION:** Councilor Kyle moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Daoust. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**3. PRESENTATION:** Presentation of a Certificate of Achievement to Kristin Baldwin, a Reynolds High School Senior, for being selected as the Gateway Elks Teenager of the Year.

Mayor Kight read a press release (Exhibit A) and presented Kristin Baldwin with a Certificate of Achievement from the City of Troutdale.

**4. APPOINTMENT:** A motion to appoint Justin McCauley to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Position #2 (term expires 12/31/2011).

**MOTION:** Councilor Hartmann moved to approve the appointment of Justin McCauley to the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Seconded by Councilor White.

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

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

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

Paul Thalhfer, former Mayor, stated I come before you tonight with great news – FedEx is coming to Troutdale. When I received the May/June edition of the Champion and saw the headline “Finally Some Good News”. It is very true, FedEx is coming and that is good news, but it is old news. It was last year when we finally put this to bed. I wanted to bring some of you up to date. In the spring of 2007 we had a great debate about whether or not we should have an enterprise zone in which there could be a three year tax abatement for FedEx, which they had requested. Later that year the enterprise zone was approved by the Council. After the three year abatement there will be approximately \$338,000 coming to the City’s general fund which is really important. I want to mention some of the folks who brought FedEx to the City. John Anderson, former City Administrator, worked very hard on this project; Jim Galloway, former Public Works Director, and his employees; Rich Faith, Community Development Director, and his staff (including the building inspectors); and David Ross, City Attorney. It took a lot of work to get it all put together but it was done and the ground breaking was in October of 2008.

Mayor Kight stated I think you left yourself out of the picture. You played a very important role in making sure that FedEx came to Troutdale. You had the vision to go ahead with the enterprise zone; some of us didn’t necessarily agree with it but I think we all agree that it is going to create quite an employment base for East Multnomah County.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 4/28/09):** An Ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Troutdale Development Code adding an applicability section pertaining to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (Text Amendment No. 41).

Mayor Kight opened the public hearing at 7:16pm.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting I provided a summary of the amendments and the background. There was no public testimony and the Council had no changes to offer to the proposed amendments at the first hearing. There was a lot of discussion about the procedure that will be followed when development applications for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA) are processed by the County, and

particularly for those in which certain aspects of our Development Code will continue to apply and therefore will need to come through a review here at the City as well. The specifics of that process are addressed in the Intergovernmental Agreement which will be the subject of the next agenda item, assuming that these amendments are adopted. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did review these amendments in February and forwarded them to the Planning Commission (PC) for their consideration. The PC held a public hearing on February 18<sup>th</sup> and they are forwarding the amendments to you with their recommendation for adoption.

Councilor Daoust stated I have a question about the property that is outside the city limits but within our urban planning area. We have an IGA already where Multnomah County transferred the land use planning to us. When I read this the first part of the sentence says that those people that live outside the city limits where we have the land use planning, to me it says they go to the City of Troutdale even though they are in the NSA. Did we miss something with those people who are outside of the city limits? If they want to modify their house, they are in the NSA but they still have to come to the City of Troutdale for any land use or permits, they do not go to Multnomah County first.

Rich Faith stated the properties that are within the urban planning area but are not within the city limits, those folks come to the City of Troutdale and we have full land use jurisdiction. There are no areas within our urban planning area on the east side of the river that are outside of the city limits.

Councilor Daoust stated so there is no part within the urban growth boundary that is part of the NSA.

Rich Faith replied that is correct.

Derrick Tokos, Multnomah County Planner, stated the urban planning area agreement that we have with the City of Troutdale extends to the urban unincorporated areas north of the city, none of that area is within the NSA.

Councilor Daoust stated I just want to make sure we aren't losing anybody that is in between the two, and you are saying we are not.

Rich Faith replied we are not.

Councilor White stated this originated because some Troutdale residents were complaining about the process. I got the impression that they were asking for a checklist. Has there been any thought about how this process could be more user friendly?

Derrick Tokkos replied we have been working to improve our information materials for the scenic area. Assuming that you approve the IGA I think we will have an opportunity to map out steps as it relates to Troutdale to make it a little clearer.

Councilor Hartmann asked on page two of the ordinance, the last sentence reads, "Property located within both the incorporated limits of the city and the National Scenic Area shall be subject only to the regulations of Chapters 4.600 (Flood Management Area), 5.600 (Erosion Control and Water Quality Standards) and 5.800 (Stormwater Management) of this code, but are subject to land use review by Multnomah County Planning Department." Should we change the word "but" to "and"?

Rich Faith replied I don't think that is a bad change.

Councilor Wand stated there are two ways that you could fix that. You could either change the word "but" to "and" or you could add the word "also" between "are subject", so it would read "but are also subject".

David Ross stated I would go with the second option.

Mayor Kight asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us about this item?

No testimony received.

**MOTION:** Councilor Daoust moved to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Troutdale Development Code adding an applicability section pertaining to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (Text Amendment No. 41). Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder, asked for clarification that the motion would incorporate the change in language that was discussed.

Councilor Daoust replied yes.

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

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

**7. RESOLUTION:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for land use planning responsibilities for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated this is related to the Development Code amendment that was just adopted. Now that we have the amendment in place the next step is to come up with a streamlined process for reviewing land use applications that occur within the scenic area of the city. Our attempt is to have a streamlined process in order to relieve the burden that property owners on that side of the river have had to deal with in the past and hopefully we can succeed in making the process easier for them. Even though it was our hope that we would be able to exempt all of our Development Code from its applications on the east side, as we previously discussed there were some chapters of the Code that we

could not exempt (Flood Management, Erosion Control and Stormwater Management). So the City will have to have some involvement in some of the development projects that occur in the National Scenic Area (NSA). The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that is the subject of this agenda item is an attempt to lay out a process that an applicant for development will follow that hopefully will be less burdensome and will clearly spell out how they will get through a land use review. It is staff's recommendation to adopt this resolution approving the IGA which lays out a process for the review of development applications in the NSA.

Councilor Daoust stated I appreciate the County and City staff coming together on this; it meets the intent of what we discussed at the last meeting.

Councilor Hartmann stated I agree. I appreciate you working together to come up with a better solution that is going to help our community achieve some of the goals that we have. I would like to suggest rewording in Section II(C)(3), "The City shall attend the County's pre-application meetings if possible". I would like to remove the words "if possible". I would like to see us take a pro-active role.

Rich Faith stated the reason why I included that language is because scheduling of that meeting is something that the County does.

Derrick Tokos, Multnomah County, stated the way we set up our pre-application meetings for the NSA applications is they are held on a weekly basis every Thursday and the cutoff for scheduling is the Thursday prior. We assign those to our staff for evaluation on Fridays. We would be able to provide City of Troutdale staff notice on Friday for the meeting that would be held the next Thursday. When we notify the City of the meeting we wouldn't have a lot of information about the project available but probably enough for the City's staff to determine whether or not the City's regulations would be in play.

Councilor Hartmann asked is it possible that the City of Troutdale would go un-notified?

Derrick Tokos replied under this agreement we are committing to notify the City of Troutdale of any NSA projects.

Councilor Hartmann asked Rich are you saying that you may not be able to attend the meeting or that you are not going to have enough notification to schedule our people to attend?

Rich Faith replied our people is me and one other planner. If my planner is on deadline to complete a staff report for the Planning Commission or Council or my planner is out on vacation or sick, then this will fall back to me. I am willing to attend the meeting if possible but I am not going to guarantee that I will be able to make every single pre-application meeting held on a Thursday. That is why I added the language "if possible"; we will make every attempt but I can't guarantee that we will have staffing available to attend every pre-application meeting.

Councilor Wand stated what we are talking about is internal City of Troutdale staffing. I don't know that we need to put it into the agreement with the County the obligation on the City's part to attend. The County is agreeing to provide us with notice and we can deal with staffing issues and customer service internally. I don't know that we want to clutter an IGA with that.

Councilor Hartmann stated I consider Troutdale to be a major stakeholder in its community development and by that I would imagine that if in fact we have water, sewer, or storm scenarios with a particular applicant, the pre-application process would be a very important time for us as a stakeholder. My concern is that we don't take that lightly and say that "if possible" we will be at a very important kick-off meeting to your project. That is not the kind of IGA that I think is showing our constituents that we care and that we are taking their interests seriously. I just think it is unnecessary language; we all understand that at times there are scheduling conflicts that occur. I think to suggest that we need to include the language "if possible" is saying that we are somehow giving ourselves a bailout.

Councilor Daoust stated how about if we stated that the City should attend the pre-application meeting.

Councilor Wand stated we recognize that as a commitment on our part.

Rich Faith stated in my draft I put the word "shall", because what I was thinking is we will be there if it is possible for us to be there. It is a commitment we are making instead of wishful thinking that we should.

Mayor Kight stated I think it is clear to staff that the message you are receiving from us is that we want to be customer friendly. The whole idea of the process is to eliminate the erroneous requirements that a property owner has to go through between the City of Troutdale and Multnomah County. I think you understand that.

Councilor Wand stated I concur with the sentiment of Councilor Hartmann. I don't know that it requires a change in the language; I think that is an internal City of Troutdale staffing issue that we don't necessarily need to have in the IGA because the County's obligation is resolved by them agreeing to provide us with notice. I am confident that if the direction comes from the City Council through the City Administrator that this is a very high priority it will happen without any changes to the IGA.

Mayor Kight stated what I would like to see happen is I would like to have some feedback from the staff and the property owner once someone has gone through this process. There are always those unintended consequences of passing changes that you can never foresee. I want to be real clear that not just on this issue, but on building throughout the City of Troutdale, we want to get the message out there that we are open for business and we are going to help developers to make the process easier without compromising our principles.

Councilor White stated I am glad we are streamlining things. I think the reverse should be happening; I think Troutdale should be in control of those properties but I appreciate the fact that we are trying to make things easier for the folks over there.

Councilor Kyle asked how many times in the past was the City of Troutdale and Multnomah County involved in land situations like the ones we are covering here in this IGA?

Rich Faith replied in the last five years the City has processed seven development applications within the NSA. That doesn't speak to the total number of development applications that may have went through the County, but in terms of the ones that triggered the City's involvement there were seven during the last five years.

Councilor Kyle asked are you telling me that Multnomah County was also involved in those?

Rich Faith replied yes.

Councilor Daoust stated the fact that we don't have anyone here testifying or interested I don't think is very indicative of what the people that live in the NSA would have to go through if they wanted to do something to their house. The NSA rules are very restrictive and very limiting/cumbersome for anybody to go through.

Mayor Kight stated working together cooperatively we can make it easier for the people who live in that area without compromising the principles and values of the NSA.

**MOTION: Councilor Wand moved to amend the proposed IGA in subsection II(C)(3) the second sentence should be amended to read as follows: The City shall attend the County's pre-application meetings unless attendance is impractical or impossible. Seconded by Councilor Hartmann.**

**Councilor Wand stated my intention is to make it clear that we are making the commitment to be there, but scheduling being what it is if Mr. Faith or his staff cannot get to the meeting we would not be in any violation of any contract.**

**Mayor Kight asked Mr. Ross, do you have any comments on this amendment?**

**David Ross replied I don't have any comments.**

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

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wand moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement as amended. Seconded by Councilor Daoust.

Councilor Wand stated I think that this represents a spirit of cooperation between the City and the County. I commend Mr. Faith for this good work, as well as the representative from the County in putting this together to streamline our process to provide better customer service.

Councilor Daoust stated I agree with Councilor Wand. This is good work and it meets the intent of the Council.

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

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING THREE RESOLUTIONS:**

- 8.1 A resolution increasing the water commodity fee, confirming the other water related fees, and rescinding Resolution No. 1942.
- 8.2 A resolution increasing the sanitary sewer fee, confirming the average flow rate for an equivalent residential unit, and rescinding Resolution No. 1943.
- 8.3 A resolution increasing the storm sewer utility fee and rescinding Resolution No. 1606.

Mayor Kight read the resolution titles and opened the public hearing at 7:57pm.

Charlie Warren, Public Works Director, stated each of these three resolutions confirms raising the usage rates for the water fees, sanitary sewer fees and the storm sewer utility fee. These items were discussed during our budget meetings proposing a rate increase of \$.10/1,000 gallons for the water; \$1.00/ERU for the sanitary sewer; and \$.0012 increase per square foot of impervious surface. That is a total rate increase for an average consumer in a residential home of \$1.97/month. The impact on our budget is additional revenue estimated at \$57,000 for our water fund, \$76,000 for sanitary sewer and \$16,000 for storm sewer.

Councilor Wand asked how does our rate per thousand gallons compare to other jurisdictions in the area?

Charlie Warren replied for water a typical monthly rate for the City of Gresham is \$32.16 versus our \$17.85. Wood Village is \$22.68. That is based on 7,000 gallons per month. I didn't do any research on the other fees but I believe I have seen a report that when we measure ourselves against comparable cities that we are in the lower third as far as rates.

Councilor Wand asked when was the last time we raised our water rate?



Charlie Warren replied the water rate in 2006 was \$2.15/1,000; in 2007 it was raised to \$2.35/1,000; in 2008 it was raised to \$2.45/1,000.

Councilor Wand asked do you know what the federal inflation rate was in the last year?

Charlie Warren replied I don't know.

Councilor Wand asked have any of the other local nearby jurisdictions increased their water rates this year?

Charlie Warren replied I haven't heard of any.

Councilor Wand asked is the sanitary sewer a flat rate for our residents?

Charlie Warren replied yes; it is for a single-family residential equivalent.

Councilor Wand asked do you review various structures for the ERU on an annual basis?

Charlie Warren replied as the applications come in we review them and if there is a change in use we amend that.

Councilor Wand asked how are you notified or informed of changes in use that may require an alteration of the ERU?

Charlie Warren replied it comes through the planning/building process. If there is an application that comes through we are notified and we have to sign off on those applications.

Councilor Wand asked do you conduct ERU evaluations on your own or do you wait until you receive information from them?

Charlie Warren replied we receive information from planning first and then we look at the plans and we do an evaluation.

Councilor Wand asked do you know how the sanitary sewer rate compares with other local jurisdictions?

Charlie Warren replied Gresham is \$24.09, Wood Village is \$45.36 and we are \$29.25.

Councilor Wand stated we talked a little at the budget meeting about the funding and the foundation that we have in these funds for water and sanitary sewer. Do you have an estimate for us regarding how high the water rate is going to have to be in the next five to ten years in order to ensure we are saving enough money to maintain our infrastructure?

Charlie Warren replied at the budget meetings I talked about our approximate 75-year replacement and I mentioned at that time that we could possibly double the rates and we may be able to pay for that. It is not something that the City should be advocating at this point and time. I think these small incremental changes are all that we can afford at this time in this economy. The system development charge is another issue which we will be talking about and those are the areas where as we get new construction we can do large improvements to improve the system. The City of Troutdale's infrastructure is pretty new because our city has been growing so rapidly; we have time to incrementally increase our rates and be able to pay for the maintenance and replacement.

Councilor Wand asked is there a document or a comprehensive review that an interested person could look at that would show the infrastructure, its age and the anticipated replacement date?

Charlie Warren replied there is in a way. The former Public Works Director was meticulous in his analysis. When we talk about the system development charge rate increases at the next meeting I will show you a document that goes through the year 2027 for replacement and maintenance projects.

Councilor Wand asked is the storm sewer utility fee applicable to our bond?

Charlie Warren replied no.

Mayor Kight asked can you give us an overview of the status of our water wells and give us an idea of the capital costs that are involved in some of those projects.

Charlie Warren replied we are currently operating with some wells that are giving us some problems. Well No. 5 is our newest well and that will be coming online this summer. The cost for this was around \$1 million. We are also looking at the future and the exploration of Well No. 9 that will be located off of Strebin Road. We have applied for a grant and/or a loan for the exploration of that facility. That full development would be about \$1.5 million.

Mayor Kight asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us at this time?

No testimony received.

**MOTION:** Councilor Daoust moved to adopt #8.1 - A resolution increasing the water commodity fee, confirming the other water related fees, and rescinding Resolution No. 1942; #8.2 – A resolution increasing the sanitary sewer fee, confirming the average flow rate for an equivalent residential unit, and rescinding Resolution No. 1943; and #8.3 – A resolution increasing the storm sewer utility fee and rescinding Resolution No. 1606. Seconded by Councilor Kyle.

**Councilor Daoust stated the rate increases seem very reasonable to me.**

**Councilor Wand stated I am going to oppose the motion. I appreciate the staff report and I appreciate that it is difficult to come forward and request additional funds from the taxpayers. But at this time I am going to oppose the rate increase because I strongly believe that it is a bad idea to increase taxes or rates unless it is absolutely necessary when the economy is heading south and is not doing well at all. We have a lot of residents that are hurting now. I understand the result, if this is voted down, will be a larger increase in the future. If we tighten our belts now we can easily sell it to the public later on that there is a real necessity for a larger increase.**

**VOTE: Councilor Kyle – Yes; Councilor Daoust – Yes; Councilor Hartmann – No; Councilor Wand – No; Mayor Kight – Yes; Councilor White – No.**

**Motion Failed 3 – 3.**

**9. PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: A resolution adopting the Public Works Department Capital Improvement Plan and rescinding Resolution No. 1933.**

Mayor Kight read the resolution title and opened the public hearing at 8:14pm.

Charlie Warren stated this resolution is specifically for the adoption of the plan itself; it does not address the fee structure which will be coming to you on May 26<sup>th</sup>. This is project specific for the next five years. The projects that are identified for the coming fiscal year, 2009-10, are shown as identical to those that were proposed during the budgeting process.

Councilor Daoust asked there are three master plans all to be done this coming year which totals about \$300,000. Can you explain the rationale for doing three master plans (S. Troutdale Storm Drainage, Sanitary Sewer and Water) all next year?

Charlie Warren replied periodic review is coming up and we have to review which projects are necessary in the coming years and show a master plan that shows that we have identified our weaknesses and where we need large new projects to infill. For instance we may see that we only have a 4" water line in a certain area that is a key area that connects two large developments. This may be a design flaw in that area to where it restricts the water flow and we may need a 10" line to get enough water to those developments. That is part of the review. The same would be necessary for sanitary sewer for major upgrades that would be necessary for sizing and for condition. We currently have some areas of storm sewer that are failing and we also have some systems that have in-ground injection systems that need to be phased out. Trying to put these into this coming budget is extremely difficult and as I mentioned at the budget meetings we may not be able to accomplish all three in one year, but if we don't expend the money it is a cash carryover for the next year. We will try to get as many as we can done.

Councilor Daoust stated for updating the water master plan you have \$92,000 in the write-up (page 4) but there is \$46,000 in the summary sheet on the last page.

Charlie Warren replied that is a typo. There is \$46,000 in the water improvement fund and \$46,000 in the water user fee fund, which totals \$92,000.

**MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt the resolution adopting the Public Works Department Capital Improvement Plan and rescinding Resolution No. 1933. Seconded by Councilor Hartmann.**

**Councilor Daoust stated the Capital Improvement Plan looks to be in order.**

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

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

## **10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Dave Nelson stated we received an email this evening from the City of Wood Village. They are asking again for our support for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the proposed letter of support was sent out to all of you via email and I received responses back from Councilor Wand, Councilor Kyle, Councilor Thomas and Mayor Kight in support of this. I wanted to make sure that you have all had a chance to review this.

Council reviewed the letter and reached a consensus that they would agree to support sending the letter if the following changes are made: Delete the second clause of the first sentence (everything after the comma) of the seventh paragraph, and delete the entire eighth paragraph.

Dave Nelson stated he will contact the City of Wood Village with the Council's requested changes.

## **11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Daoust stated I had the opportunity to go on the new paved trail (Reynolds Trail) which goes around the Port of Portland property where FedEx is being built. It is 1.8 miles long and it is a very nice walk.

Councilor Daoust requested that that council meeting for July be held on July 14 rather than July 28 so that we can invite the Get A Life Band to our meeting and present them with a plaque to recognize their participation in SummerFest and their 15 year anniversary starting in the City of Troutdale.

Councilor Wand stated we talked about having a student representative to the City Council from Reynolds High School. The School Board will be going through the process of interviewing students in the next few weeks and I am wondering if that would be an opportunity for us to piggy-back on a process they already have and explore the possibility of a student representative to the City Council.

Dave Nelson stated I would be happy to contact the School Board and see what the process is and how we can partner on that.

Council discussed and supported the idea.

Councilor Wand stated the second issue I have is the Transportation System Plan revision regarding the truck route designation. I wanted to make sure that it was still on our agenda to have the designation of 257<sup>th</sup> as a truck route removed. I was hoping that would be something that we could get to in the next month or two.

Mayor Kight suggested that a work session be scheduled to discuss this.

Councilor Wand stated lastly, we received an email from a resident about a concern regarding truck traffic and high traffic on 257<sup>th</sup> in the morning and afternoons in and around Reynolds High School. I would like to explore the process of how to get a portion of that area designated as a school zone. I was thinking of something similar to how Glisan operates with the flashing yellow lights for a short time in the morning and afternoon to indicate that the school zone is in effect and than the rest of the time it operates as a regular thoroughfare with 40mph speed limit.

Charlie Warren stated I have been in contact with Brian Vincent, the County Engineer, and he recommended that we consider making that a school zone. I would be happy to explore that and let you know what the process would be.

Mayor Kight stated about a week ago I went door to door to all of the downtown merchants and handed out a flyer for the Mayor's First Annual Spring Downtown Cleanup. In order to prepare for the 25,000 plus visitors we are expecting in this area between the months of May and October, we are asking the merchants to clean the front of their store by pressure washing the sidewalk and curb area and to give the front of their building a fresh coat of paint if needed. To participate the City is putting up new banners and the flower baskets. On the south side of downtown Bob Whipps (resident) has pressure washed the entire Marino block, he has cleaned the windows of the vacant buildings and we are going to be putting pictures inside of them. We have contacted Donna Erwin and she is going to put up a display in one of those buildings. We are hoping to get some of those buildings painted. Frank Windust was out on his tractor with his brush cutter and I asked him if he would cut down the blackberries on the Marino block, which he did. I really appreciate the volunteers who are helping with this project.

Councilor Daoust stated we all received a letter from the No Gorge Casino organization; is there any intent for the Mayor to respond to that or put before the Council a resolution that is similar to what Washougal sent.

Mayor Kight stated I have sent a letter of support to that organization from myself. If the council wants to do something that would be great.

Councilor Kyle and Councilor Hartmann stated that would not be their desire.

Councilor Daoust stated I don't necessarily want to; it sounds like you already responded.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

**Jim Kight, Mayor**

**Approved June 9, 2009**

**ATTEST:**

**Debbie Stickney, City Recorder**