

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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: Councilor Hartmann (excused).

STAFF: David Ross, City Attorney; Charlie Warren, Public Works Director; Scott Anderson, Chief of Police; Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder; and Erich Mueller, Finance Director (7:38pm)

GUESTS: See Attached List.

Mayor Kight asked is there an agenda update?

David Ross, City Attorney, replied there is a revised staff report for Agenda Item #5 which has been given to you.

2. RECOGNITION

2.1 Winners of the 2009 Downtown Troutdale Coloring Contest.

2.2 Reynolds High School Students – Donation of artwork in conjunction with the Mayor's Downtown Spring Clean-up Event.

John Leamy, Member of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, stated on Saturday, November 28th we held the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and festivities. About 2 weeks prior to that event we distributed coloring contest sheets to the Troutdale Merchants. The entries were due on Monday the 30th. From those entries we have chosen 6 winners. Emily Nelson was the first place winner in the 11 to 13 age range. Meghan Gibson was the first place winner in the 7 to 10 age range. The second prize winner in the 7 to 10 age range is Maleena Leamy. Annie Nelson was the first place winner in the 2 to 6 age range. Megan Snyder was the second prize winner in the 2 to 6 age range. Hanna Gibson was a winner in the 2 to 6 age range.

Mayor Kight stated next we will recognize the Reynolds High School Students for their donation of artwork in conjunction with the Mayor's Downtown Spring Clean-up. This is a 4 by 8 mural that graces the cyclone fence that surrounds the Marion Block where the

building burned down in 2001 on the main street of downtown. I asked Katie Sullivan, Reynolds High School Art Teacher, if she and her students would paint a mural. They did a great job. The mural is there along with the students names that contributed to it.

Katie Sullivan, Reynolds High School Art Teacher, stated it was really exciting to get an invitation to do an art project for downtown Troutdale. We were inspired by the cleanup project this spring. We decided to brain storm some themes around the idea of dreaming. If you get a chance to look at the mural, it's each of the students interpretation of what dreams are to them. We were really happy with it and especially excited that so many students stayed after school ended. I was impressed with their dedication. Thank you to all of them that are here tonight.

Katie Sullivan and Mayor Kight presented the following students with certificates for participation: Chrissy Talsma, Selena Lilly, Sierra McCauley, and Torey Huddleson. Liya Chernenko and Sammy Fenwick also participated but couldn't attend tonight's meeting.

Mayor Kight stated thank you all for coming and thanks for your participation, especially those students that stayed after school was closed to create the mural for downtown.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: September 15, 2009 Work Session, September 22, 2009 Work Session and September 29, 2009 Work Session.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Shonk, Troutdale Resident and owner of Bumblebee Farm, read a letter titled Protecting, Providing and Preserving Open Spaces in Troutdale, Oregon (a copy of the letter is included in the meeting packet).

Laura Masterson, past president for Portland Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (PACSAC), stated I am an organic farmer and a president of our local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Coalition. I served on the Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Group for the Rural Reserves. I know it's a little late in the game, but as farmers we're not used to stepping up to the plate and coming to Council meetings. I brought with me a map of the area that Troutdale has requested to be designated as urban reserve (a copy of the map is included in the meeting packet). The colors on that map are the soil types. Most people who aren't farmers don't understand the different soil types and what they mean. You have at your southern edge some of the most valuable and productive soils, other than Sauvie Island, in the whole Multnomah County area. I want to encourage you to think about whether development is really the right way to use that resource. I appreciate your downtown, your farmers market, and some of the great things that you're doing. I just want to ask is the development of that land the legacy we want to leave to the kids in Troutdale?

Brian Dickerson, Troutdale Resident and owner of Dancing Roots Farms, stated my wife Shari and I run Dancing Roots Farm. We moved to Troutdale in 2002 after looking a long time for a piece of property that we could turn into a CSA farm. The way a CSA works is that farmers have members of the farm that are customers and we provide those members vegetables. It's a way of direct marketing so we can maximize our profits from what we grow. Since 2002 we feel like we've become part of the community and we feel like we're providing a great service. I appreciate the article that the Mayor wrote about our farm. It was a wonderful article that highlighted the kind of farm that we run. When I was alerted to the fact that 200 acres of what could be some of the finest farm land in the area was being considered for inclusion in urban reserve, it seemed like an example of maybe not being aware of the resources that we have at our finger tips. Sometimes development for many communities takes a one size fits all kind of direction. It seems like Troutdale is ignoring the fact that they have this wonderful resource in plain sight and you're deciding to do something unfitting in my estimation with it. We were able to find a small piece of farm land to do what we do. It was a very difficult process to find land that we could afford that was within reach of the Portland metropolitan area. Of course there was farm land available further out but the carbon footprint starts to become larger and larger the farther away that you go and the ability to run a direct marketing farm like we do becomes less and less as you get further away from the urban centers. That reinforces that this is wonderful land that is close to the urban center that shouldn't be looked on lightly. A key factor is that this is prime land. Troutdale has a long legacy of farming and direct market farming. We all talk about security since 9/11 and people seem to forget about the most important things for security is drinkable water, breathable air, and food to eat directly from the land around you.

Shari Sirkin, Troutdale Resident and owner of Dancing Roots Farms, stated the article that the Mayor wrote about our farm in the paper generated interest. Some more people that live around the area have called and recently joined our farm. I wanted to tell you that the CSA farming that we do is one of many types of direct farming, direct marketing, or truck farming (it goes by different names). Basically we grow food and sell it directly to the people who need it. Some of us also sell at farmers markets. We also sell to restaurants. It's really hard work but we love what we do. I just got a \$100 deposit in the mail from another member for next year. More and more people are aware of the importance of supporting local farmers and getting local food. We know of 5 people looking for land right now. There are new emerging farmers all the time. The number of people in our CSA group has grown exponentially in the 10 years that I've been involved with it. Having locally grown food is true food security. We have 10 acres up the hill on Woodard Road and we're growing on about 5 or 6 acres. We have a couple of green houses and a couple acres of woods. We provide food for 200 households and about 10 restaurants every week. You can grow a lot of food on 200 acres. To think of 200 acres being industrial land or housing tracks, that is all land that could be growing food for people that live right here instead of having to come in from 1,500 miles away which is the average footprint for food in this country. I see this as an opportunity for Troutdale and Metro to recognize one of two futures. One is where I don't know where we'll get our food from. The other one is that we're providing for ourselves locally. I brought some heirloom squash in for you it's

called Gill's Golden Pippin and it was developed by the Gill Brother's Seed Company, formerly of Gresham.

Mayor Kight stated originally this has been a very complex subject that's gone on for 21 months with 19 meetings at the Metro level, let alone at the City and County level. There is tension between preserving farm land and what they call foundation farm land, in other words land that is of good soil and is currently being farmed, and jobs and housing. This kind of conflict goes on in the 3 County area in anticipation that within the next 20 to 30 years we'll have 1 to 1.5 million people living in the area. Originally we had set aside for 775.2 acres. Of course we did that with the idea of asking for more than we want because you know you're not going to get it. That since has been reduced down by 80% to 200 acres. Even though those 200 acres, should we get them, are in urban reserves this is not going to be a condemnation on the part of the City and or the County. The land will still be used to farm as long as that farmer wants to continue farming. But it does provide an option if they don't have someone to carry on the duties of farming. We're not condemning the land or taking it over, it could still be used as farm land for the next 20, 30 or 40 years. If we don't identify it as urban reserves then that land is tied up for the next 40 to 50 years. If we're doing a development in the industrial/commercial portion to the north of our City and we're expecting another 30,000 jobs, those people have to live some place. What I'm really concerned about is that there will be development outside of the metro area. It's happened in other parts of the Country where they've tried to protect one area and people kept driving further and further out so they aren't touched by the metro rules and those communities almost grow exponentially. It's a real difficult and complex subject with no easy answers. I've visited your farm, you've provided fabulous service, and your customers are dedicated. People are looking because they don't want produce to be coming from foreign Countries because they don't have the same level of hygiene and they don't have the same level of regulation. I think if most people in this Country are offered food from foreign Countries or locally grown, they will usually prefer local.

David Eatwell, Director of Economic Development for the West Columbia Gorge Economic Development Consortium, stated I'm here this evening with a couple of purposes. I'd like to thank those of you that participated last Friday in our tour of the industrial areas. I thought it was a very successful tool and I really appreciate the level of involvement and participation during the tour. We have some really great assets here in the area. It resulted in front page good news in The Gresham Outlook. I also brought some copies of our new brochure that explains who the Consortium is and what we do. My second purpose for being here is to introduce to you the new Executive Director for the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, Lance Clark. He comes to us with a long list of very well developed credentials. I'm really excited about the potential we have for working together on revitalizing our business community and beginning to see some of our potential.

Lance Clark, Executive Director for the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, stated I've been on the job for about 5 days and am excited to represent the 225 members. We're certainly excited about ongoing membership recruitment and also in working with the municipalities in developing an annual calendar of events. I think there are several

marketing opportunities from the tourism side that we can develop whether it's historical or recreational. As we continue to do more committee development we will be rolling out a couple of new committees such as tourism and marketing and professional development that will help our business members with operational opportunities to grow their business. Business growth is all about keeping people here and not moving on. I look forward to working with Troutdale for the months and years ahead.

5. MOTION: A Motion accepting the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Parks Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Budget Committee, Planning Commission and Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mayor Kight stated Councilor Thomas will read the Selection Committee's recommendations. If anyone is here from those Committee's, please stand up in the audience so we can recognize you.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Parks Advisory Committee, Position #1 is Dave Ripma, Position #2 is Nancy Nichols, and Position #3 is Dennis Spencer. Seconded by Councilor Wand. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Budget Committee, Position #2 is Richard Allen, Position #3 is Mike Goss, Position #7 is Brian Sheets, and the Alternate is Robert Taylor. Seconded by Councilor Wand. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Position #1 is Gayle Spencer, Position #5 is Richard Allen, Position #9 is Brian Sheets, Position #10 is Bill Flynn, and Position #11 is Victoria Rizzo. Seconded by Councilor Wand. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Position #5 is Victoria LeMans-Beason, Position #6 is Robert Taylor, Position #7 is Jason Gates, Position #8 is Robert Adams, Position #9 is Tina Tebbens, and the Alternate is Bill Flynn. Seconded by Councilor Wand. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Planning Commission an Alternate, Dave Ripma. Seconded by Councilor Wand. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION: Proposal for a bike race through Troutdale in May 2010.

Charlie Warren, Public Works Director, stated Dennis Petross, with a group calling themselves Ten Guys Named Alex, will be presenting a proposed bike race for Troutdale. Myself and Scott Anderson, Chief of Police, are charged with the task of looking at the logistics for an event like this. We've already held a preliminary meeting with the representatives of this group. We think there is potential for the City of Troutdale to benefit from a race like this for our businesses and also for notoriety for our community. We are at the point that we'd like Mr. Petross to give you a presentation to see if there is support from the Council for this event.

Dennis Petross, Race Director for Le Mur, stated I represent a small amateur cycling team based in Portland, Oregon named Ten Guys Named Alex. Today I'm going to go over some background about Le Mur including the road course, the circuit race which would be in downtown Troutdale, and what Troutdale has to look forward to from that. Le Mur is French for The Wall. The idea of the race came from several races in Europe and a couple of races here in the US. Here is Troutdale, The Wall is Buxton. The riders would go around the circuit and they'll have to go up Buxton several times after doing about 70 miles on the road. I'd like to show you what could potentially be a very positive thing for Troutdale. Roughly 800 to 1,250 paying patrons would be cruising downtown Troutdale. We're estimating, based on some past races, about 500 to 1,000 spectators. There will be about 50 volunteers, 15 Oregon Bike Racing Association (OBRA) Officials, and over 200 riders. In addition to the 200 riders there will be family members and hopefully some Troutdale residents that want to come downtown to watch the exciting finish. The finish in downtown Troutdale is an epic chance for spectators to see something that's very exciting on a continual basis after 12:00pm. We'd start the race on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 8:00am and the road race begins at about 9:00am. There will be a parade ride from Glenn Otto Park through downtown. We'll go through Columbia River Highway, up Buxton, down Sandy, and then head back out. We're expecting to have professional riders here for this race. It offers a good opportunity for these racers to get an early training to test their fitness. We're expecting the riders in the first circuit race to enter about 12:15 to 12:30pm. The last circuit will enter about 6:00pm. The downtown course would open for pedestrians and auto traffic at about 8:00pm. It will be a full day of excitement for downtown Troutdale.

Dennis Petross reviewed the race route with the Council (a color copy of the map showing the race route in red is included in the meeting packet).

Dennis Petross stated the race is about 69 miles and it should take the riders 3 to 4 hours to complete. The most important part is that the course will be closed to traffic in both directions along Buxton and along Columbia River Highway after 8:00am. There will be 2 exits offered for the residents to get out on 2nd Street and on SE Harlow going towards Sandy so there will be a north and south exit. The closures will be about 12 hours. There will be a slight burden to the Troutdale Police Department. There isn't another race like this in the OBRA circuit. It has expansive marketing capability and we see a lot of potential for the businesses on your main street. It will draw more cyclists to the area giving more exposure.

Mayor Kight asked Chief Anderson, would you like to add any comments?

Scott Anderson, Chief of Police, stated this is going to tax the Police Bureau quite a bit because we're talking about starting early in the morning and going until 8 in the evening or later. We don't know how many volunteers will be able to help out and we need to know that number in order to determine how much overtime will be needed and what other resources we may need to pull this off. It's quite an undertaking. If the Council decides that this is something that you want to do, obviously we will work with the organizers to make it happen. It will require a lot of staff time. Not only will it impact Troutdale but it will impact Multnomah County and Clackamas County which means all of the agencies need to be in communication. I have no idea what their reception is to this so far. It's not just us but a team of agencies that will be involved.

Councilor White asked what is the potential draw that you see for this event?

Dennis Petross replied our estimates show about 1,250 people. That includes riders, spectators, officials, and volunteers.

Councilor White asked what is the length of the course?

Dennis Petross replied everyone will race a 69 mile race and then depending on their category, they'll do a certain number of circuit laps in downtown Troutdale. The least number of laps is 3 and the most for professionals is between 6 and 8 based on their time.

Councilor White asked is this a day event or will people likely be staying?

Dennis Petross replied it would be a day event.

Councilor Kyle asked when is the Troutdale Trot?

Councilor Thomas replied the day before this race.

Charlie Warren stated I've verified that Glenn Otto Park and Mayors Square are available on the 2nd.

Councilor Kyle asked is Police staff the only city resources that we'll be looking at?

Chief Anderson replied I believe that Public Works will be involved to an extent that hasn't been determined yet. There will be cost to both departments.

Charlie Warren stated we'll have barricades and cones that we'll have to loan out and probably some man power.

Councilor Kyle asked if we give an ok on this event will we know what those costs will be so we can budget for them?

Charlie Warren replied Scott and I have had one meeting regarding this race but we'd have to really sit down and go over the numbers in detail. There's no way to perfectly predict this. It will take resources from both Police and Public Works.

Councilor Kyle stated event insurance for events like this is always a hassle. Do you have your own event insurance?

Dennis Petross replied OBRA provides the insurance. Because they provide us insurance they also provide guidelines for what's necessary regarding barricades, the number of Police Officers and other requirements.

Councilor Kyle asked will just the downtown roads be closed, not the entire 69 mile race?

Dennis Petross replied there will be a rolling closure. The roads will be closed only while the riders are riding through that area. The groups are staggered about 1 hour and 15 minutes apart.

Councilor Kyle stated it's always a concern when we close the roads in downtown Troutdale for any kind of event. Sometimes we haven't promoted it far enough in advance, people get caught up in it, and sometimes it's difficult to get the trucks through downtown. If we decide to go forward with this then we will want to make sure we get the word out far enough in advance that it doesn't create a headache. That's a long closure for the downtown. Have you talked to any of the downtown merchants about this?

Charlie Warren replied no. I wanted to run it by Council first. If we see a level of support here then that would be the next step.

Councilor Daoust stated if the Troutdale Trot is the day before then we'd have a 2 day impact on the downtown merchants. Although the Trot only closes the main street for a short time it is still an impact. Will the race be occurring all day long?

Dennis Petross replied for the most part it will be occurring all day from 8:00am until 8:00pm which gives us time to clean up. The last race through the downtown area will probably finish near 6:30pm and we will try to clean up Columbia River Highway so it can be opened up to traffic and then move to Buxton and other streets.

Councilor Daoust asked how do you see this affecting parking?

Dennis Petross replied anywhere along the downtown circuit parking will not be allowed. We would post signs probably on Friday warning people that on Sunday parking wouldn't be allowed.

Councilor Daoust asked when do you need to have this set in concrete?

Dennis Petross replied right now we are moving forward as if it is going to happen. Around mid January we need to have really concrete evidence that this is moving forward. We are

requesting insurance right now from OBRA. We've already contacted both Counties, the Sheriff's Offices, ODOT, and Tri-Met.

Councilor Daoust stated I think it's a fantastic idea. The City will possibly have to pay staff overtime. Do you have a rough estimate of that?

Chief Anderson replied it's about \$7,000 if we go with the minimum number of people that we feel we'll need there.

Charlie Warren replied my guestimate is a couple of thousand. This type of event always incurs things that you can't plan for. The best case scenario is that we will break even if we are recompensed.

Councilor Daoust asked when you say break even what do you mean?

Charlie Warren replied let's say the Race is able to recompense us for the overtime. Even then it comes out of our budget first. You still have Officers that have spent a lot of overtime, are tired, and if something happens in the City then you have manpower that's been expended.

Councilor Daoust asked is that a typical practice for the Race to compensate a City?

Dennis Petross replied it might be a 60/40 split for the cost share. It's negotiable.

Councilor Wand asked it sometimes rains in May, how would that affect you?

Dennis Petross replied the riders would have to dress warm. We ride and race in all kinds of weather.

Councilor Wand asked is Buxton a unique attraction for our City for this type of an event?

Dennis Petross replied it really is. For the finishing circuit to happen in a downtown area is a draw for riders. We are trying to offer the riders something along the lines of a European style race. Buxton is not an easy climb to do once, and they have to do it at a minimum of 3 times. It's just a test of how fit they really are.

Councilor Wand asked have you spoken with the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce?

Dennis Petross replied no we haven't.

Councilor Wand asked will you work with our hotels to put together packages for people who may want to travel?

Dennis Petross replied we have kicked around offering packages at McMenamins so people can stay the weekend and practice. If nothing else we may work out deals for dinner. We are trying to make this a more unique experience.

Councilor Wand stated I think this looks great subject to logistics and finding out what our businesses and neighbors think.

Councilor Thomas stated I think this is a great idea and I hope we take some time to get some public input, especially from the neighbors on the circuit route. I would appreciate some estimates on numbers from the Chief and Charlie.

Mayor Kight stated it's my understanding that the downtown roads will be closed for the entire 12 hours or will this be rolling closures?

Dennis Petross replied the rolling closures will be for the road course. Our insurance will not allow us to have vehicles on the downtown circuit. The riders will be moving very fast. There can be spectators but no cars. We negotiated to allow parking on the east side of Buxton but no parking on the west side. There are parking options but no street parking for the majority of that course.

Mayor Kight asked no ingress or egress?

Dennis Petross replied yes that's possible but they'll be asked to listen to the Corner Marshals who will be at all the posted intersections and corners. They will just need to let the Corner Marshal know where they are going and then they can wave them through when it's clear.

Mayor Kight stated the Police Department is right off the main street. How are you going to coordinate that for emergency vehicles?

Dennis Petross replied there has to be a contingency that at any time the race can go neutral. If there is an emergency then the lead bike will be radioed and the riders will go neutral, ride slow, and stay out of the way. It is similar to a NASCAR race.

Mayor Kight asked has there been any buyoff from Clackamas County or Multnomah County?

Dennis Petross replied they've received the same packet that Troutdale has and then they sent us the application material. We are in the process of completing that but we need to get our insurance from OBRA. Nobody has said no.

Mayor Kight asked should this event occur and it's financially successful for you, would you anticipate having future events here?

Dennis Petross replied we would.

Mayor Kight asked how are you going to market this event?

Dennis Petross replied I encourage you to go to www.lemuriswaiting.com. We have made Le Mur a character. Le Mur has written a letter to the riders daring them to come and try this race. It's a challenge to all racers in Oregon, Washington, California and anyone that wants to come. We are marketing it to racers and soon to be spectators. We're using Facebook, Twitter, and all the free marketing that we can right now.

Mayor Kight asked have you established a purse or prize as an attractor?

Dennis Petross replied we haven't. We've done something unique for our purse and that is called a latarn rouge. It's another piece of this race unique to Oregon. In Europe some of the races offer a latarn rouge prize which is the last person to finish the race. It not only encourages you to do the race but to finish the race. Even if you come in dead last you'll probably get something. That's offered for all the categories. We've designated two KOM's (King of the Mountains) and those have points associated with them and with those points comes a prize. We are also offering sprint points which encourage riders to pick up the pace.

Councilor Kyle asked did you say you bring your own volunteers?

Dennis Petross replied yes.

Councilor Kyle asked do you have a hard time getting volunteers?

Dennis Petross replied yes. Unfortunately we have about 15 guys on our team and none of us will be able to participate in this race because we're volunteering. A group called the Wheel Men that do rides through here have offered to help. There are a few motorcycle clubs that we're asking as well.

Mayor Kight stated your proposal is very interesting. Some details will have to be worked out. To the degree we can, we want to make it revenue neutral for the City. We're looking to have many events within our City and this may be the start of an annual event.

Councilor Daoust stated I think it's fairly clear that the consensus to you and to staff is that we like the idea and we should proceed.

Councilor Thomas stated I also heard that we want to have an opportunity for the public to talk to us. It sounds like we need to do that in the first part of January.

Charlie Warren stated I'd suggest that we talk to the Chamber to see what the proper venue would be to get more public input and business input. I'll get back to you about what works to get that public input and any other logistics.

Councilor Thomas asked is there a way to notify the property owners on the route?

Charlie Warren replied we can do that.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

David Ross, City Attorney, stated there is no regularly scheduled meeting on December 22nd so staff would like to wish all of you and all of the citizens a very happy holiday and our hopes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Daoust stated I would like to bring up a recommendation for two committees that we had in mind. One of the committees was the Committee on Mayor and Council Expenses. We need consensus from the Council to proceed. The Committee on Mayor and Council Expenses would be comprised of Matthew Wand, myself, Todd Pilcher and Tanney Staffenson. This Committee would address Mayor and Council expenses. I would chair the Committee. We would follow the public meeting laws. The things that we would work on would be to: generate a policy statement regarding what the Mayor and Council can spend City funds on; address the use of City credit cards or purchase cards and whether the Council should have them; clarify the language in the Council Rules Section 2.08.240 "Council Expenses" to be as clear as we can make it as to what expenses are reimbursable; and address the Mayor's stipend and clarify that. There are probably some other chores but those are the 4 people that have been named and the 4 tasks that should probably be addressed by that Committee.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt the Committee as proposed with the job assignments as detailed by Councilor Daoust. Seconded by Councilor White. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Daoust stated there was a second committee that we discussed previously that I will call the Renewable Energy Committee. There are some tentative names that have been discussed to be on this Committee and that would be myself, Councilor Thomas, and Mayor Kight. The purpose of this Committee would be to look at all renewable energy options and provide feedback to the Council. That would probably happen through a work session where all the renewable energy options would be presented and we could come up with a policy decision and give staff some direction on which form or forms of renewable energy that we're interested in. Then after the recommendation from City Council on what type of energy we would like to explore the City Administrator, Dave Nelson can come up with a proposal for the 2010/2011 budget for renewable energy research. Then hire an outside firm to analyze the pros and cons of the renewable energy that the Council would like staff to investigate. So have a third neutral party review this information. Then the outside firm would meet with the City Council later to give us a written and oral report that will identify our options, our risks, our liabilities and rewards. Then the Council can make a decision based on that report and we can move forward from there. That's kind of the process that has been outlined so far to give you a better feel of what that Committee would work on and how it would proceed.

Councilor Thomas stated I would assume that if the Council decides to pursue it is when we look at the additional budget items and those kinds of things.

Mayor Kight replied yes.

MOTION: Councilor Wand moved that the Council appoint a Renewable Energy Subcommittee populated by Mayor Kight, Councilor Thomas, and Councilor Daoust to pursue policy information as outlined by Councilor Daoust and report back to City Council. Seconded by Councilor White. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Daoust stated I would like to present the Council with candy canes since this is our last Council meeting before the holiday season. I wish you all the very best with the taste of peppermint in your mouth.

Councilor Wand stated I would like to give a very hearty thank you to the Oregon Community Foundation. We have recently learned that they've donated \$5,000 towards construction of our Centennial Arch. The credit for that donation goes primarily to Dave Nelson and Mayor Kight who attended a function, asked the right questions, and secured a needed donation for our Arch project. This truly has been an operation where members of our community have gone out and asked others to contribute. That process is ongoing. As a City Council and as a City we have committed to getting it done. The fundraising continues on. We have borrowed from our Parks SDC fund to make sure that it could happen before we lost the key players that had already made commitments. This is an opportunity for us to keep the faith with our citizens and continue to raise money to pay for the Arch. Thank you to Dave Nelson and Mayor Kight for securing that donation. Secondly I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Troutdalian's. We had a stellar group of citizens who applied to be appointed to our citizen committees. It was the second time that I sat on the selection committee. I was commenting that I'm beaming with pride at the level of people that we have in our community. I really appreciate it. It's the kind of thing that makes Troutdale an excellent place to live. We couldn't do it without the citizens coming forward and asking to be a part of it. Thank you and hopefully we'll continue to see that high level of participation in the future.

Councilor Thomas stated I thank City Staff for their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also want to relay that to Troutdale and hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah and other holidays. It's a pleasure to serve the City in this role. I also want to acknowledge the honor that is being bestowed to the fallen Officers in Washington. I saw on the news that there were something like 10,000 police cars and emergency service vehicles involved with that ceremony today. I really appreciate what our forces do as far as police, fire, safety, and military forces. I'd like to talk to the Council about having a possible work session with the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). The Chairman of the PAC would like to discuss the possibility of changing their role to also include recreation as part of their goals. Finally, a quick update on the Verizon Frontier sale transfer. Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission had a unanimous vote last night to recommend that the Verizon sale to Frontier go forward to the

Cities with a few conditions to ensure that the Cities are protected. Troutdale, Gresham, Wood Village and Fairview will be looking at resolutions to officially adopt that process so it can move forward.

Mayor Kight stated the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce has a Golden Note Award for volunteers in the Four East County Cities. This event takes place in January. It is my suggestion that we nominate Bob Whipps. I think he has gone above and beyond what you could expect from any volunteer. A city the size of Troutdale is truly blessed to have someone like Bob Whipps. He's been an attractor for other volunteers within our City. That doesn't depreciate the value of volunteers that serve on citizens committees but clearly Bob is head and shoulders above all of these folks. A city like Troutdale cannot run without volunteers as we've seen tonight. We want to engage and involve as many people as we can at all ages, all ethnic backgrounds so we can really feel like this is a family. We see people taking pride in the downtown, not just Bob and his crew, but the merchants. I've talked to several of them and they're also feeling it at the register. They are seeing increases when other retailers are not seeing increases. I think it's the community coming together. I might say that it's particularly because of this City Council and the support of your downtown and all the merchants throughout Troutdale. Do I have the support of the City Council to have Bob Whipps as our representative for this award?

MOTION: Councilor Wand stated so moved. Seconded by Councilor Daoust. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kight stated Terry Huston the Executive Director of the Troutdale Historical Society has a grandson in the United States Army, 25th Infantry that is currently being staged in Hawaii. He called and said they have about 40 soldiers that are going to be deployed a second time to Afghanistan. Apparently they don't have family members to where they'd be receiving Christmas gifts and he asked her if there was anything she could do. She made a request to the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce at the Business A.M. I immediately called KPAM radio and made my public outreach on the Bob Miller Show. As a result we've received 12 to 14 boxes of materials that we'll be sending to these men and women. I'd also like to mention that City Employees are also contributing to this effort. I want to thank everyone that's contributed. We are trying to make sure these people have a Christmas gift from the City of Troutdale and from the Portland metropolitan area. The kids at Portland Adventist Elementary School made Christmas cards and some of them want to have contact with the soldiers so they can write back and forth. Mail is like gold in the military. Whether you support the war or don't isn't the point, you support the people that are going into harm's way. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year and we won't meet again until January 12, 2010.

Councilor Thomas asked does Chief Anderson want to talk about the toy drive?

Scott Anderson, Chief of Police, replied the Toys for Tots toy drive is going on and we've been so successful. The first weekend we received 53 barrels of toys for kids. The toy drive will continue thru the 20th. I want to thank everyone that has supported the Toys for Tots Drive. If you haven't participated yet just go to Wal-Mart any Friday, Saturday or

Sunday between now and the 20th and you'll see some people who really have a passion for kids.

Mayor Kight asked if someone wants to support this they go to the Wood Village Wal-Mart, buy a toy, and donate it to your volunteers who will be there?

Chief Anderson replied that's correct. I'd like to thank the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Wal-Mart for making this happen. We've been doing it for years but K.B. Toys left and we didn't have a place to do it. Wal-Mart stepped up and even contributed some money. Thank you to all that have contributed, we appreciate you and wish you the best during the holiday season. The days and hours are any Friday, Saturday and Sunday between now and the 20th from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Jim Kight, Mayor

Approved January 12, 2010

ATTEST:

Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder