

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Thalhofer called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Thalhofer, Councilor Kight, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Thomas, Councilor Canfield, Councilor Kyle and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: John Anderson, City Administrator; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; David Ross, City Attorney; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; Clyde Keebaugh, Parks and Facilities Supervisor; and Jack Hanna, Code Compliance Officer.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Councilor Thomas stated in the United States Patriot's Day occurs on September 11th of each year, designated in memory of the nearly three thousand who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks. However, most Americans refer to the day as "Nine-Eleven (9/11)" Day, September 11th, or some variation thereof.

Mayor Thalhofer asked for a moment of silence for all of the folks who perished in 9/11 in New York City and along with that all of our men and women in the armed forces throughout the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mayor Thalhofer asked if there was an agenda update.

John Anderson, City Administrator, replied Public Works has asked to pull consent agenda Item 2.1.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

~~**2.1 RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Multnomah County and the City of Troutdale for engineering services pertaining to drainage in the vicinity of Troutdale Road.~~

2.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing application to the State of Oregon Community and Economic Development for establishment of an Enterprise Zone.

2.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Reynolds School District and the City of Troutdale, to allow the City to purchase fuel through the school district.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Kight. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

Jimi Biron, Director of Music Programming for McMenamins, stated I am here to address some of the concerns brought up by the community at your last City Council meeting. It is, and always has been, our desire to focus on working with the city and all of our neighbors to create a music series that is of mutual benefit to, and supported by, everyone involved. Before this summer the community response was positive, to the degree that it appeared that no change would be required for the 2007 season. With that said, we still took the following measures to address any potential concerns regardless of the projected loss of revenue that those measures might represent. We inserted into our contract with the promoters a decibel limit that is below what the typical city ordinance would require. We hired a sound specialist to attend every show and to drive through the neighborhoods with a sound meter to take readings in various neighborhoods and property locations. We independently choose to end shows at 9:30pm, which is ½ hour earlier than what the law requires. We set up a system at our Edgefield front desk in order to answer and respond to any neighbor complaints. We invited the community partners to have tables to distribute information at our events. We choose not to pursue, and refused to book, events that we felt were inappropriate for the venue either from the perspective of volume or content. We limited our season to the time that school is out of session. In a case of this Thursday's concert, we specifically solicited permission to host the event and we have added a \$1 per ticket fee that will result in a \$4,253 donation to some of the local schools. On August 8th we hosted what we had intended to be a college world music event. The acts were Ozomatli, an ethnically diverse act that is distributed in Starbucks and G Love, a dance band that we have worked with in the past. It also featured a third act, Slightly Stoopid, that was in retrospect entirely inappropriate for the venue. It was this event where the bulk of the complaints originated. We will be diligent in ensuring that nothing like that happens again. We are aware that the community has expressed concern regarding the concerts for the remainder of the summer and for next year's season. On August 29th we held a meeting with the Mayor, City Administrator and Chief Nelson to discuss and address these issues. The concerns primarily centered on overall concert volume, in particular low end base; early afternoon sound checks; lights in the parking lot; traffic; and after concert shows. In order to address these concerns we will do the following: we will specifically stay away from base heavy events and work with the promoters to ensure that the artists who perform at our venue will be the same type of artists whose music we would play at our properties. McMenamins is a neighborhood place for family and friends and we want to ensure that the events we produce are inline with our mission statement. We will put into our contracts that the music conducted at the sound check will adhere to the same restrictions that we would apply in considering an act to perform at our venue. We will also work to conduct the sound checks later in the afternoon, as well as reduce the overall length of the sound checks. We will ensure that the lights in the parking lot are always turned off by 11pm. We will work with ODOT and the Troutdale Police to develop a traffic plan for next summer and we will not host any after concert shows. At a time and

date to be determined in October, we will invite the City Council and the neighbors to a meeting at Edgefield in order to voice concerns about the concerts and what we are doing to address those concerns.

4. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

John Anderson stated I want to remind you that we have a Council Work Session next week. Secondly the City will be holding its first Employee Recognition event on October 24th from 3 to 4pm at the Sam Cox Building.

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Thalhofer stated we will be holding a council relations session sometime in the near future.

Councilor Daoust stated Troutdale's 100 Year Celebration will be held on October 6th. October 2nd is the City's official birthday and on that day the Historical Society will be holding an event at the Barn Museum with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Centennial Exhibit and a school essay contest. The main celebration will be on Saturday, October 6th from 12pm to 4pm in downtown where the following events will take place: An opening/groundbreaking ceremony at 12pm followed by a community group photograph that will be taken under the balloon arch which will be suspended across Historic Columbia River Highway; the Reynolds High School Marching Band will be playing prior to the opening ceremony and will lead the community down the street to Mayors Square after the community photograph; a band will be playing at Mayors Square from 12:30-4pm; there will be an antique car show; we will be selling 100 Oak Trees (representing the Historic Lover's Oak Tree), Gladiola bulbs, and a Centennial poster; there will be a Centennial Stamp Cancellation; plenty of free games for the children along with face painting and balloon artists; free cake, ice cream, punch and coffee; and the winner of the treasure hunt will be announced at 2pm on Oct. 6th in Mayors Square. We will be putting up a centennial arch monument sign on the west wall of the Troutdale Law Firm Office that shows a picture of what the future arch will look like when it is built. Several downtown merchants will also be participating in the event. We have made arrangements with Comcast to do public service announcements on television to promote our celebration on Oct. 6th and to solicit for donations for the Centennial Arch. I would like to conclude by thanking Debbie Stickney our City Recorder and Darlene Coleman who we hired to put together the details for the event. They have really worked hard.

Councilor Daoust stated at our Urban Renewal Agency meeting next week I would like to discuss a reconsideration of how we involve the Riverfront Renewal Advisory Committee.

Councilor Kight stated SB 645 was sponsored by Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson and City Councilor Paul Warr-King of Gresham. This bill addresses the problem of grocery carts that are found in neighborhoods, dumped in vacant lots, and left along the side of 257th and other roads. One of the employees of Safeway, Dan Floyd, put together legislation along with Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson. Among the grocers association there is a requirement to have an 800 number and the name of their store on all of their grocery carts

and to have signage on their property to inform folks that when they take a cart off of the parking lot they are in fact stealing the cart. They will be implementing this fairly soon in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village. I would like the Council's approval to invite Mr. Floyd to a work session to discuss adopting an ordinance which would make compliance required among all stores that have carts, not just grocery carts.

The Council agreed to schedule a work session to discuss this issue.

Councilor Ripma encouraged everyone to attend the 100 Year Celebration. We want as many people as possible to be included in the group photo that will be taken on Saturday, October 6th at 12pm. We are hoping that everyone in the photo will want to purchase one of the post cards that will be produced. If someone doesn't find the treasure from the Treasure Hunt by October 6th there will be a drawing and everyone in attendance on October 6th will be eligible to win the prize package.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Canfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

**Paul Thalhofer, Mayor
Approved: January 8, 2008**

**ATTEST:
Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder**