

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: John Anderson, City Administrator; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; Marnie Allen, City Attorney; and Debbie Stickney, City Recorder.

GUESTS: See Attached.

2. ELECTION: Election of Council President – 2006.

Mayor Thalhofer asked for nominations for 2006 Council President.

NOMINATION: Councilor Thomas nominated Councilor Daoust for Council President. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

NOMINATION: Councilor Canfield nominated Councilor Thomas for Council President. Seconded by Councilor Gorsek.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Vote on the Nominations:

VOTE: Councilor Ripma: Councilor Daoust
Councilor Thomas: Councilor Daoust
Mayor Thalhofer: Councilor Daoust
Councilor Canfield: Councilor Thomas
Councilor Kyle: Councilor Daoust
Councilor Daoust: Councilor Daoust
Councilor Gorsek: Councilor Thomas

Councilor Daoust was elected as Council President for 2006 by a vote of 5 – 2.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 RESOLUTION:** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to PCS Site Agreement with Sprint Spectrum L.P.
- 3.2 RESOLUTION:** A Resolution recognizing the completion of the storm drainage public improvements in the Sandy Heights subdivision and accepting them into the City's Fixed Asset System.
- 3.3 RESOLUTION:** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Oregon's Community Planning Workshop for the City's Parks Plan update.
- 3.4 RESOLUTION:** A Resolution approving the Second Amended Personal Service Contract and continuing the appointment of Raymond Young as the Troutdale Municipal Court Judge.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Gorsek. Motion Passed Unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cassie, student at Reynolds High School stated our class, Advanced American History, was given the assignment to attend a Council meeting or School Board meeting to get a feel of how our local governments work.

5. APPOINTMENT: Appointment to the City of Gresham's Fire Advisory Committee.

Mayor Thalhofer stated the City of Gresham Fire Advisory Committee consists of seventeen members, four of the member are identified as citizens representing Gresham's contracted fire service area. Teresa Hall had been serving as Troutdale's representative but has since moved out of Troutdale and has resigned from the Committee. The City of Gresham has received an application from John Doolittle, a Troutdale resident, who is interested in serving on the Gresham Fire Advisory Committee. Gresham Councilor, Paul Warr-King, has recommended Mr. Doolittle to represent Troutdale on the committee.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved that we appoint John Doolittle to the City of Gresham's Council Fire Advisory Committee representing Troutdale. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction): An Ordinance declaring the need for an Urban Renewal Agency and electing the method for exercising the powers of the Urban Renewal Agency in the City.

Mayor Thalhofer read the ordinance title and opened the public hearing at 7:15pm.

John Anderson, City Administrator stated the Council is being asked to consider an ordinance which relates to creating an urban renewal agency. Urban renewal agencies are established in every city and county by statute however, they do not have any status until they are activated by means of a non-emergency ordinance. Such an ordinance must state that blight exists in the city and it must designate the agency board. The ordinance as drafted meets both of these requirements by declaring that a blighted area exists in the city and it

designates the city council as the urban renewal agency for the City of Troutdale. Staff has added to the ordinance a sunset provision. The Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan is to be presented to the voters on May 16th as requested by City Council and if that Plan was rejected then this ordinance would be repealed without further action required by Council. Approving this ordinance would activate the agency, but the agencies powers in the absence of the adoption of the urban renewal plan, which we will be considering in two subsequent meetings, are limited to planning of activities funded from sources other than the tax increment financing. It is necessary to activate the agency prior to taking action on the ordinance adopting the urban renewal plan. On page 1 of the ordinance under paragraph two, we did not correctly state one of the properties involved, it was listed as the Yoshida Group property it should be listed as the Eastwind Development LLC. On page 2 of the ordinance in Section 4 we would like to suggest changing this language to include "or December 31st, whichever is sooner".

Councilor Ripma stated in the ordinance you delineate the area that is being declared as blighted and it doesn't mention the Factory Outlet Mall. Are they supposed to be in the urban renewal district or not?

John Anderson replied we are proposing that they be included in the boundary because some of the project elements are going to be on their parcel. The City's old sewage treatment plant and the Yosida property are the two blighted properties identified in the ordinance.

Councilor Thomas asked since the election is on May 16th, they don't have until December 31st to validate the election do they?

John Anderson replied if the election was held on May 16th the effective date would be the date that the May 16th election results become official, that would occur long before December 31st.

Councilor Thomas stated my preference would be to go with whatever is closest to the actual date that the election results are certified. In Section 4 of the ordinance should we define the date of the election?

John Anderson stated Council hasn't officially declared an election date. It has been discussed and May 16th has been one of the recommendations.

Councilor Thomas stated so if the election didn't happen until November then the December 31st date may not work.

Marnie Allen stated it depends on how long it takes to certify the election results. If the Council wanted to obligate itself to refer this for an election on May 16, 2006, we could have Section 4 read by the date the May 16, 2006 election results are certified. We didn't want to presume that Council was going to refer it for a vote on May 16th because Council has not made that decision yet.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked we have been targeting the May 16th election, correct?

John Anderson replied yes.

Councilor Canfield asked if the City Council fails to vote to refer this issue to the voters, would Section 4 still automatically repeal this ordinance?

John Anderson replied as it is written it may just sit there because there hasn't been an election. On the other hand if we add the sunset date of December 31, 2006 and we have not held an election by that date then the ordinance will be null and void.

Marnie Allen stated either adding the date certain of December 31, 2006 or include specifically limiting it to the May 16, 2006 election will have that affect because it won't be approved by the voters by either of those dates if you don't refer anything, so it will automatically be repealed and null and void. It would be helpful to receive direction from Council as to which of those approaches you want to use or a different date certain so we can bring the ordinance back to you at the second hearing with the corrected language.

Councilor Canfield stated my preference would be to limit the length of the agency's existence if it never goes to a vote.

Councilor Daoust asked would one of the powers of the urban renewal agency be the ability to fund projects.

John Anderson stated an urban renewal agency is its own entity and it would have a separate budget.

Councilor Daoust asked so we would be totally in charge of that budget or would it go through the budget committee?

John Anderson replied I believe it has to have its own budget committee. The practice in most communities is to appoint the city council as the urban renewal agency and then the city council's budget committee is often the committee for the agency.

Councilor Gorsek stated in finding #2 of the ordinance it says that this property has structures on it intended to be used for commercial, industrial or other purposes. I know that we have talked about housing, should we have housing stated in there or does that just fall under other purposes?

Marnie Allen replied I don't think it is significant one way or another.

Councilor Gorsek asked so that won't affect projects in terms of what we would put in there?

Jeff Tashman, Consultant, stated this is providing an example. The project boundary and all of that is going to be defined by the urban renewal plan.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us on this issue?

Max Maydew stated I was on the Ad Hoc Downtown Redevelopment Committee to help formulate the plan for this urban renewal agency. We have completed our work and are in the process now of holding public meetings. I have attended two of the public meetings and the reception has been very positive so far. I hope you will proceed with this because I think it will be a great benefit to Troutdale.

Mike Chudzik stated I was also on the Ad Hoc Committee. I want to compliment the councilors that voted in favor of putting the urban renewal district before the voters. I didn't realize until the Committee was in the planning stages how much control the people of Troutdale have at their disposal if we have an urban renewal district. Not only does it double the size of downtown Troutdale, but it also gives the citizens of Troutdale the opportunity to plan what will happen as that area doubles. When I realized that if we don't have the urban renewal district that Chelsea and Yoshida and anyone else who purchases the property from Troutdale could all get together and develop anything they want as long as it is within the City's Code. That would not give the citizens of Troutdale any authority over what happens down there and we would lose a beautiful riverfront and we would lose the opportunity of a public park. If this is all developed privately with little say from the people of Troutdale, it could very well kill the existing downtown because of competition. I think the Ad Hoc Committee has come up with a tremendous plan that works for everybody in Troutdale. I think that the citizens in Troutdale really deserve the opportunity to look at this plan and vote for it wholeheartedly.

Mayor Thalhofer closed the public hearing at 7:45pm.

Councilor Ripma stated I am satisfied with the ordinance with the proposed amendments. I share Councilor Canfield's concern about having the agency linger but in my opinion the proposed wording of having it come to an end on a date certain like December 31st is okay with me.

Councilor Thomas stated my preference would be to have a date certain when it ends and I also like the date following the election results so it doesn't sit around any longer than it needs to.

Marnie Allen stated what I am hearing is that the Council would like staff to bring the ordinance back with amended language to Section 4 that would read, "If the voters of the City of Troutdale do not approve the Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan this ordinance shall automatically be repealed on the sooner of the date the election results are certified or December 31, 2006 and shall be null and void".

Council agreed.

7. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction): An Ordinance amending Chapter 3.08, Transient Lodgings Tax, of the Troutdale Municipal Code.

Mayor Thalhofer read the ordinance title and opened the public hearing at 7:50pm.

Councilor Canfield stated the city dedicates ninety-five one hundredths percent (.95%) of the taxable rent to the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (WCGCC). The last year

or so I have attempted to get some financial information from the WCGCC many times and for whatever reason I have been unsuccessful in doing that. This brought up a larger point that we as the City are responsible for making sure that these tax dollars are accounted for and that they are used to provide tourism. I did some research of ordinances in other cities and in Oregon Troutdale seems to be the only City that directly dedicates the money to a specific tourism provider. I am proposing that we add amendments to Chapter 3.08 of the Municipal Code that would require the WCGCC to furnish annually to the City some detailed accounting information in accordance with some generally accepted accounting principles. Basically what we would like to see is the amount and nature of all expenditures made with the transient lodging tax money. The proposed ordinance does not ask for any other financial information from other sources, just for the transient lodging tax money. Councilor Kyle has distributed to Council some information and potential additions or corrections to the language. One of the reasons I was given that this information is private is that the WCGCC is a private organization. However, what is interesting is unless I am mistaken, the WCGCC is a non-profit organization and if that is the case then anyone can ask any non-profit organization for a copy of their form 990, which is their tax return and they are required to provide that. It is important to note that the proposed ordinance is not asking for all that detailed information, we are just asking for information on the transient lodging tax that the City is giving to WCGCC. A lot of people are claiming that I am doing this because I am pursuing some sort of personal agenda. I do have a personal agenda and that is to keep my promise to the citizens of Troutdale and I promised to provide accountability for tax dollars. This transient lodging tax is a city tax and we are all accountable for it. The City does use its power of taxation to charge this tax. The City also uses its resources to collect this tax and we used our resources to pass an ordinance to give the tax money to the WCGCC. The Troutdale Budget Committee and City Council annually approves a budget which includes an appropriation for the transient lodging tax to go to the WCGCC in the General Fund. It is my sincere hope that my fellow city councilors will vote in favor of this ordinance.

Councilor Ripma stated I do have an alternative proposal. We all favor accountability. We all favor the accountability of the WCGCC and I just want that made clear. Councilor Canfield, your idea, some of the details I differ with, but in principle we favor it. I will say that the WCGCC has provided this kind of information in an informal way to us over the years but I respect your wish to have it be more formalized, I think that is a good idea and I commend you for bringing it up. I think this is an unusual situation since this tax actually applies only to members of the WCGCC. The money was raised by them so we, the Council, treated it with a little more informality than you like. But your point is well taken. It is taxpayer money nonetheless. Mayor Thalhoffer has a proposal that he asked me to move at the appropriate time because he can not make motions. I want you to know that I have reviewed it and it is basically a shorter more succinct version of what you want Councilor Canfield and I am hoping that you will support it.

Marnie Allen stated in the interest of trying to protect the interest of individual councilors, before the meeting it was brought to my attention that some of the councilors are members of the WCGCC. As members of the WCGCC in a theoretical way there could be either a financial benefit or a financial loss based on the decision that is adopted. The ordinance that is before you proposes that there be accountability and if there is not a report the money will be withheld. Lets say theoretically that happened, the money is withheld and the WCGCC

increases its membership dues so those members of the Council that are members of the WCGCC would avoid a financial loss perhaps by voting against this ordinance. In the interest of preventing anyone from inadvertently violating the ethics law, my recommendation would be that any member of the council that is a member of the WCGCC who could potentially receive some financial consequence as a result of this decision declare that potential conflict of interest and then you can fully participate in the decision.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated I am a member of the WCGCC. I was one of the founders and the first president of the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce. I am still a member. Whether or not this will create a conflict of interest for me, I don't think so. I don't have anything to gain. I am a member but I don't feel I have a conflict of interest in any way shape or form.

Councilor Kyle stated I am a member and I don't see that I have a conflict.

Councilor Thomas stated one of my concerns is the accountability issue. Anyone who receives taxpayer money, whether it is the WCGCC or any organization, should be required to do reports based on the funds they receive as to what the funds are spent on and the purpose. Marnie Allen, does this ordinance answer that particular problem? For example if we were to give money to another organization for another purpose would we be able to require accountability based on the changes made with this ordinance?

Marnie Allen replied this ordinance would require and impose accountability in the form of a requirement to submit the documents that are called out in the ordinance. That doesn't preclude the City Council from imposing similar requirements on any other organization or entity that it decides to enter into a contract for services with, or if you were to adopt another ordinance creating a revenue and dedicating it another agency, you could specify in that ordinance the accountability you want in exchange for the money.

Councilor Thomas asked wouldn't there be a way to set it up as a general requirement for anybody that receives city funds?

Marnie Allen replied you could do that. You already do that when you are entering into a public contract with another organization, but even then there are threshold requirements and different processes that apply for public contracts. With direction from the Council on how you want that overall principle to be implemented, we could draft something.

Councilor Thomas asked do we currently have a contract with the Chamber?

Marnie Allen replied to my knowledge we don't. We have had agreements in the past prior to when this ordinance was approved. There is a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the roles and responsibilities of the City and the WCGCC for some of the events that we work cooperatively on, but there is not an agreement that sets out, in exchange for the transient lodging tax that is collected the WCGCC shall provide this service and this annual report.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked Councilor Canfield, you say that you have asked for information from the WCGCC and have not received it?

Councilor Canfield replied that is correct.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated since I have been involved in Troutdale City Government, at least the last five to six years, I think the Chamber has come to almost every budget committee meeting and made a report to us, perhaps not as precise as it could have been, but they have made a report to us. They have also come forward and made a report to the City Council, isn't that true?

Councilor Canfield replied what I have said is that I have not received the information that I have personally asked for. Also I believe that the WCGCC has not provided with specificity the information that the council and budget committee deserves. I think we are going to have to agree that we disagree on that.

Councilor Kyle stated I know that there has been some conversations at the budget meeting and other places that there is some concern about accountability, specifically with the name change. I am a member of the WCGCC and I have no doubt that the WCGCC can prove their value. In reading the current ordinance there is nothing set up for accountability. My struggle is, I know this is a non-profit organization but I have a hard time getting a bunch of information at the end of the year that I can't interpret. What we are proposing in the year-end report is total expenditures and I am wondering if we couldn't make this more specific so it is easy to interpret. Some of the benefits of the WCGCC is not specifically related to tourism or economic, so I am not sure why we would need that information.

Marnie Allen stated the specific language requires a "review financial statement using a comprehensive method of accounting", that is the first sentence. The second sentence, as I read it, is intended to further define or describe what a review financial statement using a comprehensive method of accounting is and what will be covered and it says, "at a minimum shall set forth with particularity and in accordance with accounting principals, the amount and nature of all expenditures made with transient lodging tax money". So that to me is limited to the expenditures that are made with the transient lodging taxes, or the .95% that the City dedicates and transfers to the WCGCC, not all expenditures.

Councilor Canfield stated that is exactly my intent. That is all that we are really concerned about.

Councilor Daoust stated while I was reading through Councilor Canfield's proposed ordinance I crossed out about half of it so I am real curious to see what the shorter version says. I work for the government and I work with grants and agreements and we have accountability practices. We do not require a comprehensive financial statement; we focus more on the product and outcomes in the intergovernmental agreement and in a contract. We don't demand that each contractor or person that we have an agreement with take the time to put together a full blown financial statement and give it to us each year. It is not required. I am trying to weigh what this says and compare it to what we require with the rest of our intergovernmental agreements with the City. We don't require a full blown financial statement. We may require other accountability items. The scope of this proposed ordinance requires more just for the Chamber and I guess that is where I have a problem. I am all for accountability, but the scope of the requirements of this, especially the punitive

language where it says if you don't send us the report we are going to collect interest. We don't require that of any other intergovernmental agreement. I hope the shorter version is more within the scope of what we require for other agreements.

Councilor Gorsek stated Marnie Allen, in terms of the tax do other cities regulate similar pass-through taxes like this?

Marnie Allen replied I have not looked at the transient lodging tax ordinance for other cities.

Councilor Gorsek stated I would be interested in that. What other agency would observe these transactions? Is there another regulating body besides the City of Troutdale such as the state or county that would do this?

Marnie Allen replied there is accountability to the state as a non-profit organization.

Councilor Gorsek asked but in terms of this particular tax is there any other body?

Marnie Allen replied no, not for the local portion from the city.

Councilor Gorsek stated I think that is the issue. The question is can we find a standardized way to document this and make sure that everybody can look at and understand the information and see where the money from the transient lodging tax is being spent. I think that is the intent. It is important for us to look at accountability.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us on this issue?

Phyllis Thiemann, President of WCGCC stated on behalf of the Executive Board I would like to read a statement into the record. It is the Chamber's policy to be open. Each of the cities that provide money to the Chamber relative to tourism promotion and commerce will receive an accounting of the allocated funds. We acknowledge that we are a non-profit agency. We do provide information as required by non-profit. This is an important enough issue that we have appointed Max Maydew to the position of liaison to provide information to the city councils. We are in the process of implementing a plan. We will be addressing each of these issues and will be prepared to provide the required information.

Max Maydew stated the Chamber started out with a volunteer director. The City really wanted to work in partnership with the Chamber to do some things and they started transferring some functions over. The City, before the Chamber was there, did all of the tourist information and that is something the City wanted somebody else to do. The City wanted to have a visitors center and the Chamber was to do that. The City staff use to coordinate the annual parade and picnic. The City asked the Chamber to take that over and the Chamber willingly did. The Chamber was becoming a big enough job that it was not feasible to have a volunteer coordinator, we needed some steady funding. The City use to provide funding to the Chamber out of the General Fund and we use to have to come to the Council and beg for money. The idea was floated to go out and see if we can get permanent funding so that we can have a permanent visitors center. The Chamber Board went out and talked to the hotels and asked if they would be willing to have .95% increase in your lodging

tax so that we could have a visitors center in Troutdale and promote local tourism. They all bought into that and the City Council thought it was a good idea at the time and that was the source of the legislation. We had a Troutdale Chamber of Commerce guide at the time the ordinance was put in place and I went back and looked at what it said. It read, "Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce". There was a reason that it said "Area Chamber of Commerce", it went on to read, "Serving the East Multnomah County Communities of Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village, Springdale and Corbett". We were in fact serving the west end of the Columbia River Gorge with our Charter even then. A prominent businessman downtown suggested we change the name to make it more representative of what the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce really was. The Chamber went to each of the City Councils and said that we are thinking about changing our name. They decided to not change the corporation structure but to take on an assumed business name called WCGCC. We are a 501C6, it is called a Public Benefit Association. It is not quite a non-profit corporation; it is an association that can promote business. It is not strictly a charity organization. It is supported by its members to do things for its members in addition to doing good things for the public, which it does plenty. We intend to be open. We receive public funds from Cascade Locks, Tri-Met and Troutdale. I am going to work with your Finance Director to come up with the reports that will be meaningful that will show you that you are getting your monies worth. I don't object to the ordinance being changed but I think that the way this ordinance was written seems like the city is being a bit hostile with us when we have traditionally had a very close relationship. We want to be cooperative.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked have you seen my version of this ordinance?

Max Maydew replied yes I have.

Mayor Thalhoffer distributed a copy of his proposed ordinance language to the Council.

Councilor Ripma stated I think the WCGCC has done a fine job for the City and I appreciate their spirit and willingness to accept an ordinance like this. Obviously, I favor the shorter version.

Councilor Thomas asked I noticed in the ordinance language that we name the organization, is there a way we can make that more generic so it is whoever the service provider is for these funds?

Marnie Allen replied the challenge with doing that is there would have to be some separate action to state who that organization is.

Councilor Canfield thanked Max and Phyllis for coming tonight. I do appreciate all of the work that the WCGCC does for the City.

Councilor Canfield stated a large majority of the language in the ordinance I proposed comes from a similar ordinance currently in place with the City of Pendleton. Could City Staff contact the City of Pendleton and their Chamber of Commerce to see how this ordinance has been working for them and report back to us.

Mayor Thalsofer closed the public hearing at 8:40pm and stated this is the first public hearing on this ordinance; a second public hearing will take place on January 24, 2006.

Council directed staff to include in the packet for the January 24th meeting a copy of the Mayor's proposed language and Councilor Kyle's proposed language as an attachment or an informational item.

8. RESOLUTION: A Resolution urging Congress to reject legislation that restricts local government authority to manage the rights-of-way.

Councilor Thomas stated the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) would like to have each of the cities adopt a resolution opposing some federal legislation that would potentially take away our ability to collect franchise fees from the communication providers that provide services in Troutdale. They are also talking about the possibility of taking away our ability to have franchises. Proposals by some of the telephone companies are trying to get into the video industry and would allow them to get a national franchise to circumvent the city. The potential risk to our revenue is about \$107,000 for the City of Troutdale, granted some of that is allocated to MCTV and the MHCRC. Also from the telephone company we receive roughly \$53,000 in revenues per year that goes into our General Fund. In talking to our Finance Director, franchise fees account for about 12% of our total budget. It would affect our ability to control the rights-of-way, types of services we receive and our ability to question the companies customer service. At this point there are four separate bills coming out of Congress and what they are trying to do, similar to what the cable company does now, is they want to allow video, telecommunications and telephone all as one package. That is great for the consumer and I fully support that but I think they need to work through the process.

Councilor Ripma asked is it part of Congress' plan in any of these bills to fully compensate cities who lose revenue from this?

Councilor Thomas replied not at this point. This is being driven primarily by Southern Bell Corporation, one of the largest telephone providers in the world.

Councilor Ripma stated this looks a lot like special interest legislation, wouldn't you agree?

Councilor Thomas replied yes.

Councilor Ripma asked would you agree that it might be proposed by people who have agendas that are not necessarily in the public interest?

Councilor Thomas replied those companies have paid a lot of money to lobbyists and they are expecting to get their monies worth. One thing I forgot to mention is that some of these bills would take away our local access channels and our ability to support MCTV.

Councilor Ripma stated I think it is a good idea to pass this resolution.

Councilor Canfield stated I agree with this.

MOTION: Councilor Gorsek moved to adopt this suggestion and send a resolution or letter to Congress urging them to reject this legislation that restricts local government authority to manage the rights-of-way. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

Councilor Gorsek stated this is very important to us. People in Washington D.C. may not think that it matters much, but it is an important revenue sources for us. The local cable channels are also important for the communities. I think it is extremely important that we voice our opposition.

Councilor Ripma stated I agree. It would harm Troutdale and other cities to lose the fees that we collect for use of the public rights-of-way. It is not fair to restrict our right to do that. Resolutions like this, if sent in large enough numbers, affects Congress. I favor this resolution.

Councilor Daoust asked is it the intent that we send this to the committee members or to the Oregon Delegation.

Councilor Thomas replied it would probably be a good idea to send it to the House and the Senate because they have bills in both. We could also send it to their Telecommunications Subcommittee.

Mayor Thalhofner stated I think we should send it to the Oregon Delegation also.

VOTE: Councilor Ripma – Yes; Councilor Thomas – Yes; Mayor Thalhofner – Yes; Councilor Canfield – Yes; Councilor Kyle – Yes; Councilor Daoust – Yes; Councilor Gorsek – Yes.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Thalhofner stated I will be testifying at the Multnomah County Commission meeting in favor of the justice facility on Thursday morning. Troutdale previously passed a resolution supporting the justice center in Gresham.

Mayor Thalhofner stated on February 7, 2006 we will be holding a council goal setting session, council relations and council rules review to be facilitated by Sue Deciple.

Mayor Thalhofer updated the Council on the EMEA, JPACT and EMCTC meetings that he has been attending.

Councilor Canfield stated I attended both of the neighborhood meetings on the Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan. It was a great turnout and there were a lot of good questions and input. I encourage citizens to attend the next neighborhood meeting on January 17th at Sweetbriar School at 7pm.

Councilor Daoust stated the original intent for the traffic signals on Frontage Road was to keep the traffic flowing onto the freeway. The light at the intersection of N. Frontage Road and Marine Drive prefers Marine Drive. Councilor Daoust asked staff if they could bring this matter to the attention of the County and remind them that the light at that intersection should prefer N. Frontage Road.

John Anderson stated I will check with Public Works and ask them to send the County a letter.

Councilor Gorsek stated we are continuing discussions with Tri-Met and we will be taking a ride on the bus to explore potential changes in local lines. On Wednesdays in the month of February at 7pm at Mt. Hood Community College we will be showing a number of films that relate to Black History Awareness Month.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Paul Thalhofer, Mayor

Approved April 11, 2006

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder