

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

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Thalhofer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Thalhofer, Councilor Ripma (7:07pm), Councilor Thomas, and Councilor Canfield.

ABSENT: Councilor Gorsek, Councilor Kyle and Councilor Daoust.

STAFF: John Anderson, City Administrator and Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

GUESTS: Diane McKeel, Director of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce and Sheryl Maydew, Executive Director of the Troutdale Historical Society.

2. DISCUSSION: Troutdale's 100-Year Celebration
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Diane McKeel, Director of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce reviewed elements of the City of Gresham's Centennial Celebration Plan including: Hiring consultants; appointing a task force of volunteers from the City; appointing a Councilor as the Chair of the Committee; contest for a logo; kick-off event where folks voted on their favorite logo; display booths set up at the kick-off event; gala at Persimmon; and a parade. Gresham put a lot of work into their Centennial. Your charge will be to decide what you want Troutdale's celebration to look like.

Councilor Thomas asked if we wanted to target something for the first of the year, how soon do we need to get started?

Diane McKeel replied if you are going to appoint a task force I am sure you have a process to follow, you should probably get started soon. If you want to have a logo contest you would probably want to involve the schools.

Councilor Thomas asked do you have any ideas for events related to the history of Troutdale.

Sheryl Maydew, Executive Director of the Troutdale Historical Society stated instead of creating a bunch of new events we could have the theme for the 100-Year celebration tie into the Ice Cream Social and SummerFest.

Councilor Ripma stated that sounds good.

Mayor Thalsofer stated maybe we could have a special street dance.

Councilor Ripma stated it is a birthday and we should be modest in our ambitions because I think we are unlikely, as a city, to come up with a great deal of money to build something like a monument or something.

Mayor Thalsofer stated not necessarily, we can have a fundraiser.

Councilor Thomas stated we do have the entrance monument project in the works that could work well for this. Another idea would be to have some banners put up for the 100-Year Celebration.

Mayor Thalsofer stated the confluence project is another idea. I think the first thing we need to do is discuss forming a committee.

Councilor Ripma stated I am concerned about having a committee. They will come up with a lot of ideas and unless the city is prepared to step up to the plate, I think Gresham had two or three employees working on this. We are not anywhere close to making that kind of commitment.

Sheryl Maydew stated Gresham did have a lot of things that they were not able to accomplish.

Councilor Canfield asked with the Historical Society and the Chamber has anyone expressed interest in getting involved in this?

Councilor Thomas stated there needs to be more involvement than just these two groups.

Council discussed whether or not a committee should be formed.

The Council generally agreed to incorporate 100-Year Celebration theme as the SummerFest theme and possibly other existing events.

Council agreed to run ads for recruiting volunteers to serve on the Committee.

Diane McKeel stated Gresham felt that it was very important to have a councilor chair the committee. I think we should consider that. Is there some city staff time that you are willing to commit to organize and facilitate the committee? I do think that it is important that you have a vision for the committee. You don't want to take away from their thoughts and ideas but they need to know what the vision is before they start working.

Councilor Ripma stated I am on the Historical Society's Board and we have talked about this and the Historical Society doesn't want to own this or even partly own it, what we want to be

is a resource for historical photos. We will make it the theme of our Ice Cream Social and have some Troutdale history displays. We want this to work. We will back this all the way and help in any way that we can.

Mayor Thalsofer, Councilor Thomas, Councilor Daoust, Diane McKeel and Sheryl Maydew will serve as the Organizational Committee to get the 100-Year Celebration Committee up and going. Mayor Thalsofer will schedule a meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Paul Thalsofer, Mayor

Approved April 11, 2006

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder