

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

February 25, 2003

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 Kight, Councilor Kyle, and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Jim Galloway, Public Works Director, Rich Faith, Community Development Director; and Debbie Stickney, City Recorder.

GUESTS: See Attached List.

Mayor Thalhofer asked are there any agenda updates?

Galloway replied we have no agenda updates.

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

Mayor Thalhofer asked is there anyone here that would like to speak to us on a non-agenda item?

Susan Fry stated I live in Corbett. I would like to make you aware of a proposal for the expansion of the Howard Canyon Rock Quarry in our neighborhood. The owners want to have a 50-year permit to extract decorative rock. This decorative rock will be delivered to Washington State. They are proposing that 20 trucks a day, six days a week come in and out of the scenic highway. I think this will impact Troutdale because of the use of the scenic highway. The Multnomah County Planning Commission is holding a meeting next Monday (March 3rd) at Corbett High School at 6:30pm. (Flyer provided to Council, a copy is included in the packet).

Mayor Thalhofer stated I would like to have Mr. Galloway look into this issue and report back to the Council.

3. MOTION: Casting vote for JPACT and MPAC Representatives.

Mayor Thalhofer stated the nominations for representatives to serve on JPACT and MPAC were made at the January 30th 4-Cities meeting. Dave Fuller, Mayor of Wood Village has been nominated to serve as the MPAC representative and Councilor David Ripma and Councilor Chirs Gorsek have been nominated to serve as the alternate representative.

Mayor Thalhofer called for the vote for Mayor Dave Fuller to serve as the representative on MPAC.

VOTE for MPAC Representative:

Councilor Gorsek – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Councilor Ripma – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Councilor Thomas – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Mayor Thalhofer – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Councilor Kight – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Councilor Kyle – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller
Councilor Daoust – Voted for Mayor Dave Fuller

Mayor Thalhofer stated that Troutdale has chosen Mayor Dave Fuller as the representative on MPAC.

Mayor Thalhofer called for the vote for either Councilor David Ripma or Councilor Chris Gorsek to serve as the alternative representative on MPAC.

Councilor Daoust stated I would like to hear from both candidates.

Councilor Gorsek stated I am interested in Metro policy and I have studied it a lot in my college work. It would be a natural extension for me to be involved in this committee.

Councilor Ripma stated I think that Councilor Gorsek would do a good job as alternate. I have been the MPAC representative for quite a few years. I am willing to serve as the alternate; I think it is a sensible role for me. There is a long learning curve and Dave Fuller will be new to the committee.

VOTE for MPAC Alternate

Councilor Gorsek – Voted for Councilor Chris Gorsek
Councilor Ripma – Voted for Councilor David Ripma
Councilor Thomas – Voted for Councilor David Ripma
Mayor Thalhofer – Voted for Councilor David Ripma and stated Mayor Fuller will be new to MPAC and he may need some help from Councilor Ripma who has served on the committee for a number of years. I think Councilor Gorsek will be an excellent choice for this position in two years.

Councilor Kight – Voted for Councilor David Ripma and stated I have the same thoughts as the Mayor.
Councilor Kyle – Voted for Councilor David Ripma
Councilor Daoust – Voted for Councilor David Ripma

Mayor Thalhofer stated that Troutdale has chosen Councilor David Ripma to serve as the alternate on MPAC. The City of Fairview and Wood Village will forward the results of their vote to us and we will forward the outcome to Metro.

Mayor Thalhofer stated Gresham City Councilor Larry Haverkamp has been nominated to serve as the JPACT representative and Councilor Jim Kight and Fairview City Councilor Sherry Lillard have been nominated to serve as the alternate representative.

Mayor Thalhofer called for the vote for Councilor Larry Haverkamp to serve as the representative on JPACT.

VOTE for JPACT Representative:

Councilor Gorsek – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Councilor Ripma – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Councilor Thomas – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Mayor Thalhofer – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Councilor Kight – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Councilor Kyle – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp
Councilor Daoust – Voted for Councilor Larry Haverkamp

Mayor Thalhofer stated that Troutdale has chosen Councilor Larry Haverkamp to serve as the representative on JPACT.

Mayor Thalhofer called for the vote for either Councilor Jim Kight or Councilor Sherry Lillard to serve as the alternative representative on JPACT.

Mayor Thalhofer asked Councilor Kight if he would like to say anything in support of his nomination.

Councilor Kight stated I was the primary representative for JPACT for about five years. I have built a good relationship with several folks. I have attended many EMCTC meetings. I think it serves the City of Troutdale well to have a representative on JPACT in their city.

VOTE for JPACT Alternate:

Councilor Gorsek – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight
Councilor Ripma – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight and stated I nominated Sherry Lillard, but Jim Kight has done a fine job representing the four cities on this committee. I think Sherry's time will come but I am going to support Councilor Kight.
Councilor Thomas – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight

Mayor Thalsofer – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight
Councilor Kight – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight
Councilor Kyle – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight
Councilor Daoust – Voted for Councilor Jim Kight

Mayor Thalsofer stated that Troutdale has chose Councilor Jim Kight to serve as the alternate on JPACT. The results of our vote will be forwarded to the City of Gresham, who will tally the votes and report the results to Metro.

4. DISCUSSION: River Safety Program.

Ray Regelein, President of the Troutdale Booster Club and Oregon River Safety Club stated I am here tonight to give you some good news. Since instituting the lifeguard program at the Glenn Otto Park in 1999 no one has drown. From an average of two drownings per year, we have gone to zero. This is something we are all proud of and as a city we should be very proud of. Since 1999 the river rescue techs have performs 108 assists and rescues, 41 of those during the summer of 2002. Their efforts, along with the distribution of over 1600 personal floatation devices by Jack and Shelly Glass of Jack's Snack and Tackle, have made this program the success it has become. Last year almost 17,000 people visited the beach at Glenn Otto Park. Because of the presence of the lifeguards and the cooperation of the Troutdale Police, it has become a cleaner, safer and more family friendly place to go. The success of this program in the City of Troutdale has frequently been covered by local media. It has been a model for other communities. Last summer we extended the program to the citizens of Gladstone and Oregon City to help them stop the senseless loss of life at High Rocks on the Clackamas River. However, this program does not operate without costs. Training, staffing and supplying the program at Glenn Otto Park costs approximately \$70,000 per year. At least half is donated by AMR, leaving the balance to be made up by the Troutdale Booster Club's Oregon River Safety Program. To this date Troutdale has received a proven life saving program, that over four years has cost approximately \$280,000, free of charge. We have raised money to support this program in a number of ways including donations from private citizens and businesses, pursuing grant money, we have held a number of fund raising events and we are currently working on our Second Annual Multnomah Madness Adventure Challenge. As President, it is my responsibility to leave no stone unturned, which is why I am here tonight. I have sat in those chairs and I know the difficulties of city finance. But I would be remiss in my duties as President if I did not pursue all possible sources of income. I am asking you to consider a contribution to the program that has greatly benefited the city.

Mayor Thalsofer stated I think this is something we can take into our budget considerations. I am not promising anything but we can at least discuss it during our budget meetings.

Councilor Kight asked what amount are you looking for from the city?

Regelein replied I have to leave that up to you.

Councilor Daoust stated after four years with such a successful program it seems like it is time for the city to step up and help. Maybe when we get the budget committee together we could have a proposal to possibly kick in \$35,000 to keep the program going for a fifth year to make sure that we have lifeguards on the beach this coming summer.

5. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Thalhofer stated I would like to reschedule our Goal Setting/Team Building work session for either next Tuesday at the Cox Building or next Thursday at City Hall.

Mayor Thalhofer asked the councilors which date worked best for them.

Council agreed that next Tuesday, March 4th worked for everyone.

Mayor Thalhofer stated the meeting will start at 6:30 and will be held at the Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Paul Thalhofer, Mayor

Approved March 24, 2003

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder