

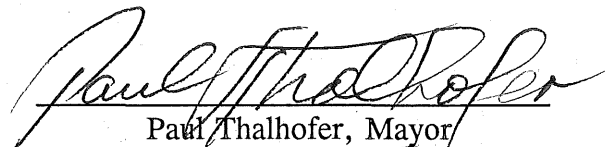
CITY OF TROUTDALE

AGENDA

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TROUTDALE CITY HALL
104 SE KIBLING AVENUE
TROUTDALE, OR 97060-2099

7:00 P.M. -- March 28, 1995

- (A) 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE
- (A) 2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 2.1 Accept Minutes - Regular Session - January 10, 1995
- (I) 3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.
- (I) 4. PRESENTATION: Regional Drug Initiative.
- (I) 5. PRESENTATION: Edgefield Station Request for Funding.
- (I) 6. PRESENTATION: Information on Urban Forestry and the "Tree City USA" Program. Crouch
- (A) 7. DISCUSSION: Recommended Changes to Tri-Met Bus Lines 24, 80, and 81. Galloway
- (A) 8. ORDINANCE/INTRODUCED 2/28/95: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Troutdale Development Code Relating to Provisions and Standards for Signs. Faith
- (I) 9. REPORT: An Informational Report Concerning FY 1994-95 Street Improvement Projects. Galloway
- (I) 10. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES
- (A) 11. ADJOURNMENT


Paul Thalhofer, Mayor
Dated: 3-23-95

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Minutes
Troutdale City Council Regular Meeting
Troutdale City Hall
Council Chambers
104 SE Kibling Avenue
Troutdale, Oregon 97060-2099

March 28, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Thalhofler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called on Councilor Ripma to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Martinez called the roll.

PRESENT: Thalhofler, Smith, Ripma, Thompson, Kight, Lloyd, Burger-Kimber

STAFF: Barker, Berrest, Crouch, Christian, Faith, Galloway, Gazewood, Martinez, Sercombe

PRESS: Ruble, Oregonian

GUESTS: Leslie Sykes, Ali Peret, Doug Daoust, Don Lo Main, P.J. Kogle, Edna Beaty, Betty Pashek, John Pugh, Julie Sorenson, Roman York, Mike Wall

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 Accept Minutes - 1/10/95

Mayor Thalhofler called this item.

MOTION: Councilor Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Ripma seconded the motion.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Thalhofer called this item.

There was no public comment.

4. PRESENTATION: Regional Drug Initiative.

Mayor Thalhofer called this item and stated that this item would be addressed later because the presenters had not arrived yet.

5. PRESENTATION: Edgefield Station Request for Funding.

Mayor Thalhofer called this item.

Carl Atkins, 1824 SW Hartly, Gresham, Board Member for Edgefield Station, Inc, gave the council an update on the progress of Edgefield Station Project.

Councilor Lloyd clarified that even though his name is still on the letter head, he is no longer with the organization, Terry Cook is now the president, still very strong supporter of the project but just has to many other commitments.

Mayor Thalhofer asked what is the situation with the land?

Atkins stated that there is still an option open on the land.

Christian stated that the Budget Committee will be discussing this issue on the 4th at 7:00 P.M.

6. PRESENTATION: Information on Urban Forestry and the "Tree City USA" Program.

Mayor Thalhofer call this item.

Kristen Ramsted, Oregon Department of Forestry, informed the council on the Tree City USA Program, handed out brochures that listed criteria and possible funding options, Grants, etc.

The council discussed tree topping, and possible funding for the program.

7. DISCUSSION Recommended Changes to Tri-Met Bus Lines 24, 80, and 81.

Mayor Thalhoffer called this item.

Galloway stated, as you are probably all aware Tri-Met goes through periodic changes to the bus schedule, any significant changes are made when they do their annual update in September of each year. They need comments from the regional jurisdictions as a whole by mid to late April, for that reason the East M/C Transportation Committee has scheduled this item for their upcoming agenda and will hopefully come up with some recommendations for the East County area. There are three lines that serve Troutdale #24 that comes from Gateway Transit Center along Halsey, #80 which comes from the Gresham Transit Center via the College and Troutdale Road, and #81 which comes the Gresham Transit Center via the Mt. Hood Medical Center and down 257th, all have layovers across from City Hall. There have been requests to serve the Outlet stores and Frontage Road, with a layover space in front of Culpeppers. Tri-Met has indicated that this would not cause any major problems for #80 and #81, but #24 which provides weekend service and is most desired, would need additional buses and drivers to make this change and still meet the Max, they have indicated that they could service either downtown or the Frontage Road area, not both. The Chamber has determined that there are approximately 900 employees that would be effected by this change at the Outlet stores and along Frontage Road, 4 out of the 11 businesses in the downtown have expressed concern over losing service along Historic Columbia River Highway.

Councilor Kight expressed that he would like to see the service extended without losing the service to the downtown area.

Galloway stated that the 1990 survey by Tri-Met shows that 26-49 riders use the stop across from City Hall per day on #80 and #24.

Councilor Ripma stated, it is not easy for Tri-Met to make these changes but they are willing to do it, even though it is not perfect we should do it for # 24 at least, service is needed in that area.

Councilor Smith stated that since she has worked there she has heard many comments that bus service is needed along frontage road, it would be used.

Councilor Burger-Kimber suggested that one line continue downtown and the other two make the change.

Galloway stated that probably what ever the council suggests to the Transportation Committee will be endorsed by them and will most likely carry a lot of weight with Tri-Met, the difficulty will be identifying which line to keep in the downtown area, probably #24 which operates weekends and has the best connection for the Max if you are heading

downtown Portland, but it is also the line that most likely be wanted to serve the new area.

The council discussed this issue.

The Council directed Councilor Ripma to make the recommendation to the East M/C Transportation Committee that we make the change to serve the Frontage Road area and also if possible keep service in the downtown area.

8. ORDINANCE/INTRODUCED 2/28/95: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Troutdale Development Code Relating to Provisions and Standards for Signs.

Mayor Thalhofer called this item, recessed the council meeting and opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Faith stated, this item was first before council February 28th, the existing code prohibits off premiss signs which is synonymous with billboards. There is growing case law which strongly indicates prohibiting billboards and other off premiss signs as unconstitutional. The City Attorney advised that we amend out code. This was brought to our attention because of an applicants interest to locate a billboard along I-84 and he indicated that he would challenge our current code in court if needed. Staff concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt the amendment to the Development Code as presented in Exhibit "A".

Mayor Thalhofer closed the public hearing and reconvened the council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion.

**YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0**

9. REPORT: An Informational Report Concerning FY 1994-95 Street Improvement Projects.

Mayor Thalhofer called this item.

Galloway stated that the FY 1994-95 Street Improvements include four projects, improvements on 2nd, Dora, 4th, and Martine Court. At the August 23rd, 1994 Council Meeting a citizen, Roman York, who owns property on 4th street discussed with council his

concerns about the proposed design of that project, specifically the location of the sidewalk. We are here to bring you up to date on that discussion. York was concerned with the alinement of the sidewalks, he felt they should be on the North side because the adjacent streets have them on the North side, actually there is a variety and there is no clear indication in this regard where the sidewalk should be. There is no city owned sidewalks on either side at this present time as he indicated previously. He raised concern about the costs if retaining walls are required, the consultant has recommend shifting the centerline of the street so we now have enough space, for the street, the curbs and gutters, a sidewalk on the South side, without requiring retaining walls on the North or South side. He raised concerns regarding drainage and doing away with the ditches, regardless of where the sidewalk is located the ditches will be eliminated with underground drainage. The sidewalk could be located on the North side however there would be more significant impacts on the driveways on the North side and would lead to additional costs and inconvenience to the homeowners.

Councilor Kight raised concerns with having the sidewalk on the North side and the need for hand rails due to the fact that there would be a steep downward slope next to the side walk.

Councilor Kight asked if the consultant felt there was any need for retaining walls on the South side?

Galloway stated that is correct, but he is here if you would like to speak to him directly.

John Pugh, Wallace Engineering, stated there would not be a need for the retaining wall on the South side, the sidewalk edge will be right about where the bank is now so we will not even be disturbing the bank other than clearing the vegetation near the bottom.

Councilor Burger-Kimber asked what would happen to the drainage ditch?

Pugh stated it would be eliminated with the improvements, the runoff will flow into the street curb drain and into catch basins, the ditch is acting as the storm drain, it will not be needed once the improvements are made.

Councilor Burger-Kimber raised concerns with the water flowing over the sidewalk.

Councilor Burger-Kimber raised concerns with having the more street crossings on the South sidewalk than on the North and the increase in cost and the possible dangers this could cause for children using the sidewalk.

Pugh stated that there is basically no cost difference because the square footage is almost the same.

Galloway stated that he would agree the fewer crossings the better but the roads in question serve one or two homes and this would equate to very few cars per day.

Councilor Ripma asked why is the sidewalk being placed on the South?

Pugh stated one of the most significant reasons is because of the driveways that are on both sides of the street. If the sidewalk is on the North there will be some very serious problems with the inclines of the driveways meeting the street, there are some steep driveways now but if you put the sidewalk on the North side it will make some of the inclines even worse because the driveway will have to be matched up to the road in a shorter distance, which in some cases we will have to completely rebuild some of the driveways, this will also be more expensive. Another reason is the intersection of Dora would be made even steeper with the sidewalk on the North. Problems would be caused at the intersection of Buxton with visibility if the sidewalk is on the North.

Galloway stated that there has been a lot of study on this project, this obviously does not please everyone but it has the least amount of impact on the majority of the residents and that is our intent.

Council discussed the issue of the driveways.

Councilor Smith stated that she has been friends with Roman York for sometime but felt she could be impartial on this issue.

Sercombe stated that this is not a land use issue and the council does not need to declare any kind of contact with anyone involved, but you have to beware of any conflicts of interest of a financial like and you should abstain in that case.

Councilors Ripma, Kight, & Burger-Kimber stated that they have been contacted by Mr. York.

Roman York, 160 S.E. 4th, expressed concerns regarding the placement of the sidewalk on the South side of 4th street. Occasionally heavy down pour fills the ditch and overflow onto the street, the water comes from the hill next to the ditch, if the sidewalk is built the water will flow over it leaving mud and silt, this is local knowledge that the staff and consultant are not aware of. The sidewalk will cover waterlines with shut off's and if there is a problem it will be more expensive to repair them if you have to go through the sidewalk and street rather than just the street. I am speaking for most of the homeowners on the South side of 4th. The driveways are not a problem as indicated, you can shave the roadway down and use the material for fill. Retaining walls will be needed if you put the sidewalk on the South side because if you disturb the bank you will have a mud slide and homes will come down. This is a safety issue. The sidewalk will grow moss and during the winter you will have ice covering it. You should put the sidewalk on the North side and just a curb on the South side and leave the ditch because it is already there. The city needs to listen to the homeowners and tax payers who live in the area, the city doesn't live on that street and every few years we cast a vote. I urge the city council to support the tax payers and homeowners on 4th

street and come to the sensible conclusion and locate the sidewalk on the North side of the street.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked how many homes are on each side of the street?

York stated, 8 properties effected on the South side and 6 on the North.

Council discussed the concerns raised by York.

Mayor Thalhoffer called for a break at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

P.J. Kogle, 4th and Dora, stated, twenty years ago when we first moved in I used to pick blackberries along the street, then the city came in and started spraying because they were growing into the street, and they died off. The bank is slowly going away because there is no foliage there to hold it in place, with a sidewalk there you will need to spray them back further and we will lose more of the bank. The sidewalk is a good idea but there needs to be a retaining wall also. I don't care witch side the sidewalk goes on but if it is on the South side there must be a retaining wall with it.

Tom Ross, 434 S.E. 4th, stated, any improvement is good, I could care less which side the sidewalk is on, I would kind of like it on the South side because it would improve my property, but if it is going to be done I would like to see it done right. I would like to see some time spent on design, retaining walls that meet city standards, I don't want to see three different walls like I see now. I pay the tax for undergrounding that is supposed to happen when there is a major street reconstruction, but you are not planning to do that on 4th, I feel that it should be done.

Councilor Kight asked why the utilities are not being undergrounded?

Galloway stated there are two answers, this project was initiated over a year ago and that was before we initiated the undergrounding fee. This particular part of town is designated as having a majority of low and moderate income residents, when we underground, even though the city would pick up the costs in the right-of-way, there is a cost to the home owner to underground from the right-of-way to the home and in some cases to change over the meter base. This could run in excess of \$1,000.00, we have been advised that the city can not pay those costs on the private property. It would not be very reasonable to get the CDBG money to assist in improvements in a low to moderate income area and then do something that is going to cost the residents thousands of dollars.

Councilor Kight asked if the homeowners have been contacted to see if they would be willing to pay for the undergrounding?

Galloway stated they had not.

Councilor Kight asked if the homeowners present would be willing to pay on a high side \$1,500. to underground.

The homeowners in the audience stated they would be willing to pay for the undergrounding.

Councilor Burger-Kimber stated that she felt there is a misunderstanding, it would cost a lot more than \$1,500. to underground, the \$1,500. is just for the homeowner.

Ross stated that he understands that, but that is why he is paying the new tax.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked that the issue be looked into.

Councilor Burger-Kimber asked Ross how he would feel about an assessment for a retaining wall?

Ross stated that the original design included retaining walls and somewhere along the line they were cut. In my opinion, I would rather see the street left alone rather than see it done wrong. I would not be willing to pay for the retaining wall but I would be willing to give up the street improvement.

Edna Beaty, 411 S.E. Harlow, I have lived there for 23 years and have had to live with the water, I have had to dig ditches to keep the water from running under my house, I can no longer do this. The water runs from the hill and on down. When they killed the blackberries the ground started eroding and I have been losing ground ever since, I have lost 18 to 20 inches of soil. I feel we need retaining walls, if we can go to the moon we should be able to fix 4th street so we are proud of it. I can not afford the assessments. I don't care which side the sidewalk is on, whatever is safest for the kids.

Mike Wall, 342 S.E. Kibling, I live on the North side of the street. There is a safety issue on putting the sidewalk on the North side of the street, unless there is a safety rail or something the kids are going to tumble over the side and down the hill. I would vote for undergrounding the utilities, but I would like to know for sure how much it would cost.

Councilor Ripma suggested staff look at the feasibility, financially, time line, etc. to review the retaining wall issue and also have a study done on how much it will cost the homeowners to underground. I do understand that our engineering staff does not think a wall is needed and they always do an excellent job, but with so many homeowners here with concerns on this issue it deserves another look.

York suggested staff talk with PGE about the undergrounding.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated he agreed with Councilor Ripma, and further study on where to locate the sidewalk.

Councilor Thompson agreed that the retaining wall should be looked into, the sidewalk is not much of an issue, there is no reason to move it. I have no objection to looking into the feasibility of undergrounding.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to direct staff to review the project, and the issue of retaining walls and the feasibility of undergrounding the utilities.
Councilor Kight seconded the motion.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Thalhofer stated that since the Drug Initiative people have not arrived they will be placed on the next agenda.

10. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES.

Mayor Thalhofer called this item.

Councilor Smith stated she took a tour of the facilities and learned a lot and really enjoyed it, all of the councilors should do it, things change. The cable company needs to work on the quality of the broadcasts of our meetings.

Councilor Ripma suggested that the council direct the staff to look at the Comp. Plan in relation to the issue of siting limited access highways within the city of Troutdale, we don't have a policy on how they are sited.

The council reached consensus to have staff look into this issue.

Councilor Kight asked when the main street is going to be paved?

Galloway stated around the end of May.

Councilor Lloyd stated that tonight at the Budget Committee meeting was the last time Pam Christian would be delivering the Budget Message and would like to congratulate her on another terrific job, the new format is terrific.

Councilor Burger-Kimber stated that they are considering dissolving the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee.

Mayor Thalhofer stated he did not make the Budget Committee meeting because he was at a meeting regarding the Tax Abatement issue.

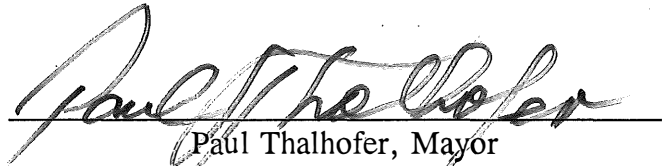
II. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Thalhofler called this item.

MOTION: Councilor Thompson moved to adjourn. Councilor Kight seconded the motion.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Thalhofler adjourned the meeting at 10:29 P.M.


Paul Thalhofler, Mayor

Dated: 8-11-95

ATTEST:


George Martinez, City Recorder

CITY OF TROUTDALE

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEETING DATE 3-28-95 TYPE Regular

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