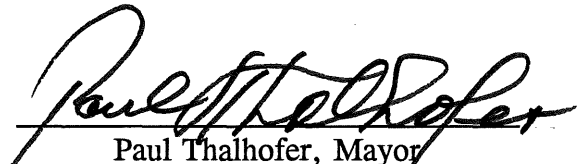


CITY OF
Troutdale
AGENDA
**TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TROUTDALE CITY HALL
104 SE KIBLING AVENUE
TROUTDALE, OR 97060-2099**

7:45 P.M. -- February 18, 1997

- (A) 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE
- (I) 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.
- (A) 3. DISCUSSION: Public Information Mailing for March Election.
- (I) 4. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES
- (A) 5. ADJOURNMENT.


Paul Thalhofer, Mayor
Dated: 2-14-97

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

February 18, 1997 - 7:45 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Thalhofer called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and called on Councilor Regelein to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Martinez called the roll.

PRESENT: Thalhofer, Smith, Ripma, Thompson, Kight, Regelein, Daoust

STAFF: Galloway, Kvarsten, Martinez, Nelson

GUESTS: Julie Sorenson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Thalhofer called this item.

There was no public comment.

3. DISCUSSION: Public Information Mailing for March Election.

Mayor Thalsofer called this item and stated that he is the reason that this special meeting is being held. Felt that the voters needed the numbers for the treatment plant relocation. Cautioned the Council not to discuss the content of a mailing, if approved staff would be directed to prepare and distribute, this process would limit liability.

Councilor Ripma stated that he has been in contact with the Secretary of State's Office and learned that there are about 40 cities and counties that have complaints filed against them for using public money to promote a ballot measure, this is a gray area fraught with peril. Reviewed the possible penalties and stated that he felt the PAC should be responsible for this type of mailer.

Councilor Kight asked if this would be a special newsletter?

Mayor Thalsofer stated it would be.

Councilor Kight drew attention to the page in the packet that addressed special mailings.

Nelson explained that if the council wished to take this action then the City Administrator would draft an impartial statement to be reviewed by the City Attorney, if approved it would be mailed to the residents, this would remove most of the Council's liability.

Councilor Regelein voiced concerns on whether the risk is necessary and outweighs the benefit and the possibility of this action giving someone something to challenge if it does pass.

Councilor Daoust felt that it would be important to get the information out but did have concerns with the fact that it would be public money and employee time, and that this may be a special mailing.

Councilor Thompson stated that he felt even the voters pamphlet was biased, everyone reads things differently, someone would see this as biased and it is not worth the risk.

Council discussed this issue.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to not direct staff to prepare and mail an informational newsletter regarding the ballot measure.

Councilor Kight asked if the PAC had the resources to prepare a mailing in time?

Julie Sorenson stated that they would be able to do it but not sure if they could afford it.

Councilor Ripma stated that he felt it would be unfair to the staff to put the liability on them for a questionable benefit.

Mayor Thalsofer stated that he felt that the public needed to know the facts, that is all it would be would be facts, wouldn't have to be a special newsletter, there wouldn't be any risk if this just told the facts, and if there were it would be worth it.

Councilor Daoust stated that it comes down to how much risk the council is willing to take, he would be willing to take the risk.

Councilor Regelein stated that he opposed a special addition of the newsletter, maybe a informational letter, have to look at risk vs. value.

Councilor Kight stated that the risk was not worth it, it may cause the outcome to be challenged.

Councilor Thompson stated that he felt that it wouldn't be possible to put out a newsletter that would be unbiased in all eyes, it would put the staff and the city at risk, and would not want to jeopardize the outcome in any way, this should be done by private means.

Councilor Ripma stated that he was not worried about personal risk it is what it would do to the issue and the city it would be in the news for a year that the city tried to pull this off, this would danger the outcome of the issue.

Councilor Smith stated that she favored getting the figures out but not at this risk.

**YEAS: 5
NAYS: 2 (Thalsofer, Daoust)
ABSTAINED: 0**

4. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES

Mayor Thalsofer called this item.

There were no Council Concerns or Initiatives.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Thalhfer called this item.

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

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Thalhfer adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.


Paul Thalhfer, Mayor

Dated: 3-18-97

ATTEST:


George Martinez, City Recorder

