

## **MINUTES**

TOWN HALL MEETING  
OF  
JUNE 6, 2011  
5:30 P.M.  
MID COLUMBIA SENIOR CENTER  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jim Wilcox

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Brian Ahier

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Captain Ed Goodman, Librarian Sheila Dooley, Community Development Director Dan Durow, Finance Director Kate Mast, Administrative Intern Will Norris, RARE Planner Thomas Gilbertson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **UPDATE REGARDING GRANADA BLOCK DEVELOPMENT**

An update was provided by City Manager Young. He explained three properties had been purchased by Urban Renewal Agency, including the Granada Theater, Recreation and Blue Building and that the Agency had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with a Developer to begin working on a commercial development that would include a hotel, conference area, event facility and recreation.

Young said archaeological testing would be done and if significant historical items found, a mitigation plan would be developed. He said the intent was to have any artifacts be curated locally.

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In response to a question, Young said an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding had been granted and that once the archaeological concerns had been raised, an additional 90 days was granted to address the issue. City Attorney Parker said it was expected that the disposition and development agreement would be completed in August.

Donna Lawrence, 222 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, asked how the project got started and whose idea it was.

City Manager Young said urban renewal projects were often opportunity driven and the Agency had previously considered purchasing the Blue Building to have included in the Washington Street development. He said the Agency had been approached by a private developer with the idea to re-develop the entire block. Young said funding to purchase the properties had been from a bond sale and money set aside for other projects. He said the money would have to be repaid to the Agency by the Developer by March, 2012 and if that did not happen, the Agency could work with other prospective developers to re-sell the properties.

Steve Lawrence, 222 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, asked if the proposed development was dependent on completion of the Washington Street and Festival Area projects. Lawrence said he had heard that the urban renewal program was over committed by \$3 million.

City Manager Young said the Festival Area and Washington Street projects were not tied to the proposed Granada Block Development, though they would complement each other. He said the Festival Area project was scheduled to begin in Fall, 2011 and included funding from Urban Renewal and grants. He said the overall project was approximately \$4 million below what was needed and fundraising for the project continued.

Mr. Lawrence said the Civic Auditorium had once been included in the Urban Renewal Plan and had received urban renewal funding the past. He said it should remain a priority and he hoped the completion of the building would be fully funded before any other projects were undertaken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONTROL OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS**

City Attorney Parker reviewed the current laws regarding dog control, noting the City used State law to enforce control of dogs and nuisance dogs.

Wasco County Sheriff Rick Eisland said Home at Last Humane Society had taken over operation of the shelter in 2004 and the County had an animal control officer position who was responsible for the control function and related activities. He said that employee was currently on medical leave and if he decided not to return to the position, it was possible it would not be kept in the future.

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Police Captain Ed Goodman said City officers did respond to calls related to dogs on a complaint basis.

Mrs. Lawrence said she did have concerns about dogs not being on leashes and was worried that her dog could be attacked while she was out walking with it.

Councilor Dick suggested that citizens could sign citations for nuisance dog issues and they could be taken to Municipal Court. He said he would support a leash law.

Councilor Wood said she believed citizens were not fully aware of the laws and suggested that an educational piece be developed that could be distributed and published in the newspaper.

There was consensus to have staff develop some educational materials and report back to City Council.

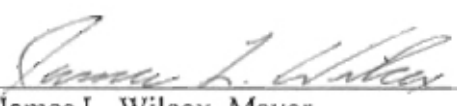
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:

  
James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk