

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
MAY 24, 2010
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Jim Wilcox

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Brian Ahier, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dan Spatz

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, Executive Secretary Izetta Grossman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe, Administrative Intern Cooper Whitman

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk pro-tem Grossman; Spatz absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilcox invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Dick to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Spatz absent.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilcox recognized Sherry Buccio and Jason Seals for their acts of caring when they stepped in to assist Damian when he was attacked by a pit bull earlier in the month. Mayor Wilcox thanked them and awarded them a certificate and a sesquicentennial coin. Damian gave them each a thank you card.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Marilyn Clifford, The Dalles spoke in opposition to the Garage Sale Sign Ordinance. She said as someone who participated in garage sales she felt the people who removed their signs were being punished. She offered to take down the signs every Monday for free. Clifford said while presented as a free service, the idea of having people give their information to the Codes Enforcement officer by Wednesday for publication represented an ongoing cost of Codes Enforcement time. Ms. Clifford also reminded Council that the right of way was public property. She questioned if the letter sent out by Codes Enforcement was sent in Spanish and who was charged with picking up the signs.

City Attorney Parker said the Codes Enforcement Department was responsible for picking up the signs.

Ms. Clifford was thanked for her presentation and others were encouraged to come before Council with their input on various issues. It was noted this ordinance had been amended in response to citizen complaints and that the program was intended to be a 60-90 day trial with an evaluation at the end of the trial.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young reported that the Marine Terminal Project had two grants pending. He said staff had been working with the Corp of Engineers, Economic Development Agency (EDA), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and tribal fishermen to work through issues and would continue to work with tribal fisheries to resolve their concerns.

Young reported that during the Budget Committee meetings, a citizen raised a question regarding the projected gas taxes. He said staff had reviewed the projections and found that due to an audit adjustment the trend projections were off; creating an increase of \$32,000 this fiscal year and \$41,000 next fiscal year. Young said This was in addition to the street sweeping function being moved into the Water Fund and had created the ability to complete additional projects.

Young reported the Upper Elevation Reservoir project was proceeding on target; Brewery Grade/East Gateway was opened and traffic flowing; and the Transportation Systems Development Charge Fee Committee had met and would present findings to Council at the June 14th City Council Meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Gene Parker reported he had been working with Community Development Director Dan Durow, Chief of Police Jay Waterbury and Captain Ed Goodman on amending the City's skateboard ordinance to specifically include the roundabout at Brewery Grade due to concerns for safety and graffiti. Parker said the artist would be beginning work soon on the panels and it was important to have the ordinance in place prior to completion of the art panels.

Parker reported work on an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purchase and use of the electric shuttles being purchased for The Dalles Dam tours. He said the partnership included The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, Northen Wasco County Parks & Recreation District and the City of The Dalles and said the agreement should be ready for Council consideration in the near future.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Dick reported attending his last Mid Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) Board meeting at which Councilor Ahier represented the Mayor and did a wonderful job with the presentation. Ahier noted that the City Manager had provided him with the substance for that presentation.

Wood reported the next Historic Landmarks Meeting would be Wednesday.

Mayor Wilcox thanked the Council for attending the Master Plan meeting at the Airport. He said the project was six months ahead of schedule and noted the Open House was well attended. Wilcox said the final draft of the Master Plan for the Airport would be presented at the next Airport Board meeting. He stated the Master Plan was extremely important, saying without it there was no FAA funding.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox added Authorization for City Clerk to Endorse OLCC New Outlet Application for the Bistro at Water's Edge and a Request for a Conditional Use Permit Fee Waiver by The Fort Dalles Museum/Anderson Homestead Foundation to the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

The other item approved by Consent Agenda was: approval of May 10, 2010 City Council meeting minutes.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Reject Bids for Sludge Lagoon Cleaning Contract

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to reject the bids for the Sludge Lagoon Cleaning Contract 2010-013 for the following reasons: the bids of Wastewater Solids Management and Parker Ag Services for failure to comply with the prequalification requirements; the bid of Crestline Construction for exceeding the amount of funds budgeted for the project; and the bid of Fire Mountain Farms, Wastewater Solids Management, Parker Ag Services, and Crestline Construction due to ambiguous language in the contract solicitation documents which may have threatened the fairness and integrity of the competitive process. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

ACTION ITEMS

City Manager's Recommended Action Regarding Ten Points List Submitted by "We the People" Group

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report, noting email sent by Spatz (attached). Young handed out the brochure created by the Police Department regarding Teens and the Law.

Wood asked what the next step would be with the brochure developed by the Police Department. Young asked Chief Waterbury to address the question. Waterbury stated he had discussed making the brochure part of the school information with School District Administrator Candy Armstrong, the school has a great deal of information already, so this was from the Police Department available at the Police Department and would be made available to the schools to distribute as they desire.

Ahier asked for clarification on public forums. Young stated that the intent is to have Town Hall meetings every six to twelve months. He said the next scheduled Town Hall was scheduled for June 21st at the Senior Center from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Mayor Wilcox stated that during these Town Hall meetings, all citizens were encouraged to attend to discuss any issues they want to bring before the Council.

McGlothlin asked Chief Waterbury what the roll out plan was for the Teen and Law brochure. Chief Waterbury said the plan was to supply the brochures to schools for distribution. McGlothlin suggested a list of school packets that the flyer could be added to, including Senior packets, back to school packet (an assembly where the Police Department could present the information) and contacting the driver education teacher.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wood to adopt the City Manager's response paper as presented, including the Mayors comments. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Improvement Options for East Tenth Street from "J" to Lewis Street

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. Anderson noted there were a number of property owners in attendance.

Mayor Wilcox explained that this was not a public hearing, however the Council was interested in hearing what the public had to say. He limited each speaker to three minutes.

David Driver, 1512 East Tenth Street, The Dalles, stated that he was against the 60 foot widening. He handed out a packet of information showing how 60 foot widening would adversely affect his property. Driver said he preferred parking on the south side of the street and questioned the unauthorized placement of survey stakes on his property.

Christen Crandall, 1017 Lewis Street, The Dalles, stated she was pleased to hear Public Works had decided not to widen to 60 feet. She said removing all on-street parking wasn't practical for most of the residents. Crandall said she didn't receive the original notice, but thanked who ever dropped off information about this meeting.

Mr. Ellison, 1522 East Tenth Street, The Dalles, stated that he walked the area and felt that most everyone seemed to have off street parking or alley parking. He requested beautification of the street with planting strips, and burying of utilities. He felt widening not needed.

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Lonnie Caps, 1405 East Tenth Street, The Dalles, stated he was not in favor of parking on the north side, he preferred parking staying on the south side. He said widening would increase high school traffic issues.

Vickie Pay, 1511 East Tenth Street, The Dalles, stated she did not receive notification; her mother was the out of area owner. She questioned why property owners weren't notified of the surveying work and questioned if it was legal. Pay said she was in favor of the narrower option for widening, but felt that parking needed to be on the south side. She said she would like to see this decision be made by vote of property owners.

Shawn Crandall, 1017 East Tenth Street, The Dalles, asked if Council would make the final decision and when that would be. Mayor Wilcox said Council would make the final decision and after this discussion would be better able to address when.

Mr. Driver pointed out that he could not park next to his house because the drive way was too narrow and line of sight was impaired by utility pole. He said he had no access to parking from the alley due to elevation.

Mr. Ellison stated that with a little effort, parking in the alley could be done, and suggested the City could help with fill.

Mayor Wilcox closed public comment and asked for Councilor discussion.

Wood stated she was in favor of the staff recommendation without the moving of the existing parking, saying a jog in the street could slow drivers down.

McGlothlin said that improvements always affected some more than others and he was in favor of working on solutions for those most affected.

Dick agreed with the Wood. Dick noted appreciation for Mr. Ellison's desire to beautify the streetscape and putting utilities underground, while acknowledging the limits to doing so. He said he would like to staff to explore options for the alley parking issues.

Ahier said having lived in and around that area, he believed current conditions were unsafe and widening was necessary, however acknowledged the need for parking. He questioned if the East Tenth Place fell under the gravel street policy and if City could help create an environment where parking was available in the alley.

Mayor Wilcox said Tenth Street was a major arterial street that needed to be widened. He commended staff for listening to property owner concerns and coming to Council with a

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narrower alternative. Wilcox said elevation in the alley could be a property owner issue, though he would like staff to investigate. He stated that being a recent recipient of emergency services he would like to hear from the fire department and police department regarding their preference on parking.

McGlothlin agreed with the Mayor regarding feedback from emergency services on the parking. He also agreed the street needed widening.

Dick agreed with Mayor and asked for more information on alternatives for East Tenth Place (the alley).

Wood said it sounded like Council wanted the 40 foot widening just needed to decide on which side of the street parking would be best.

Ahier asked if the grading and/or widening of East Tenth Place could be included in the proposal.

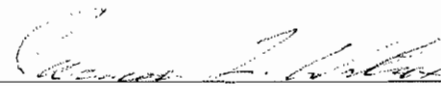
It was the consensus of Council to direct that staff survey affected residents regarding which side of the street they would like for parking; inquire of emergency service (Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue District and Police Department) regarding parking and investigate options for East Tenth Place alley; and report back to Council at the June 28th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

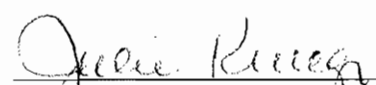
Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk pro-tem

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk

Julie Krueger

From: Dan Spatz [DSpatz@cgcc.cc.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Dan Spatz (home); Nolan Young; Nolan Young; billdick2@earthlink.net; Jim Wilcox; Brian Ahier; Tim McGlothlin; Carolyn Wood
Cc: Frank Toda; Julie Krueger; dane@co.wasco.or.us
Subject: Monday's council meeting and formal position on "10 points"

Hi, everyone,

This next week I'll be joining other members of the Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone at the American Wind Energy Association's Windpower 2010 national conference in Dallas, Texas. While I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help recruit prospective manufacturers – and jobs -- to our region, I regret that the conference coincides with Monday's council meeting, given the scheduled action item related to Latino relations. Therefore I'm writing in advance to offer my perspective (in keeping with council e-mail policy, I do not request your response).

Broadly, I support the 10 points presented in Nolan's memo of May 10 regarding issues raised by "We the People." However, I firmly believe that if we go only this far, we will be missing an excellent opportunity to create an important bridge between the Latino community and local government.

The US Census reports that about 12 percent of Wasco County's resident population is Latino. This number will likely be higher upon completion of the current census. Yet we see essentially no Latino representation in local elected offices: not on city council, nor county commission, nor the college board, parks board, PUD, port commission nor school board.

The challenge of better involving the Latino population has been a topic of on-going discussion at Columbia Gorge Community College for several years; I witnessed frustration on the same issue (but unrelated to the college) during my nine years as editor of The Dalles Chronicle.

In the issues brought forth by "We the People" before the city council, I see a different reflection of the same challenge. Fundamentally, the problem is a continuing gap between cultures, evidenced by lack of mutual understanding, poor communication, and, yes, inadequate representation in elected office.

As a community -- not just a city or county or college -- we need to do better.

I propose a cross-cultural forum as a means of accomplishing this by facilitating on-going, open dialogue.

Please note that I concur with Point 5 in Nolan's memo, and agree that a committee on the police department is not warranted. Likewise, I concur with Point 9, in that our periodic council forums offer a perfectly appropriate opportunity for open communications.

But I do not believe that is enough.

A cross-cultural forum should not be narrowly focused on any one issue, nor should its membership be drawn necessarily from those individuals who have happened recently to come before city council. I propose a much broader forum, representing a valid cross-representation of the Latino, Anglo and also Native American cultures. Perhaps such a forum could be organized by the Community Outreach Team, given the team's cross-jurisdictional nature and its mission of fostering outreach on behalf of the community as a whole.

The forum would have two goals:

- 1) To foster improved communication among cultures by identifying issues and concerns, and allowing all sides to learn of each other's perspectives.
- 2) To create an active bridge into public governance for the Latino and Native American populations, thus encouraging future electoral candidates from both communities to step forward as opportunities arise for city council, county court, college board, and other local governments.

The forum would continue until both goals are achieved.

Current evidence -- particularly the lack of cross-cultural candidates in local elections -- suggests that the status quo is insufficient. The 10 points you will consider on Monday are all valid, and I support them, but they do not go far enough in changing the status quo.

As a community, we need to adopt a more active strategy. I would encourage my fellow councilors to consider

this.
Best regards,
Dan