

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 20, 2008**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

Council Present: Teresa Blackwell, Wayne Oliver, Walt Daniels, Randy Carson, and Tony Helbling. Councilor Paul Carlson was absent.

Staff Present: Beth Saul, General Services Director; Hanna Hofer, Office Specialist; Marty Moretty, Office Specialist; and Kim Scheafer, City Recorder Pro-Tem.

Others Present: Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner; Bill Kennemer, Clackamas County Commissioner; Dan Zinzer, Director of Business & Community Services for Clackamas County; Doris Grolbert, County Librarian; Mike Boonstra; Kevin Elder; Ellen Elder; Rebecca Harrison; Sunya Porter; Marilyn & Rich Patton; Gail Gartner; Madeline Henderson; Mary Jean Pedersen; and Jon Dragt.

Mayor Thompson called the Work Session to order at 6:34 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. The Council met with the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to discuss a proposed library district.

Beth Saul, General Services Director, said the County was going around to different cities to talk about the concept of the library district.

Martha Schrader, County Commissioner, said the County would be receiving a 12 million dollar hit in their general fund. They had looked at prioritizing public safety and as a result had to make a difficult decision. The County libraries would be closing and moving the collections to municipalities. They came up with the notion of a County Library District and an allocation formula where each municipality got back what they put into it. They also were compensated for the unincorporated area around the municipality that they were serving. The County would continue to operate network services.

Dan Zinzer, Director of Business & Community Services, said the libraries were not the only ones taking the hit, as the entire road paving program would also be gone. He reviewed the proposed five-year glide path reduction and proposed district funding. They decided to fund the libraries at the threshold level, which was \$.39 per thousand. If this passed, they also committed to give each library a million dollars for capital improvement funds to help enhance their library services within their city. They would work on intergovernmental agreements on what each city wanted to do with that and the timing. In order to do a service district, incorporated cities had to pass a resolution saying they wanted to be included in the district. They were trying to get everyone signed up as soon as possible. They were also asking for \$10,000 from each city towards the information campaign so voters would understand the issues.

Mr. Zinzer said if the levy did not pass, the funding ended in June 2009. Everyone would take a 20% cut every year over a five-year period.

Ms. Saul said Canby would not be able to make it much beyond the second cut. Councilor Helbling said he was for libraries. They were facing reduced funding all across county and city governments. He wanted to know how it was going to affect other departments in the County.

Mr. Zinzer said Title 2 and Title 3 allocations were also being cut. These were things like the dump stoppers program, outdoor school, water conservation, and other similar programs. Public safety would not be taking a hit from this, but would take a hit from the loss of general revenue.

Bill Kennemer, County Commissioner, said the County budget was almost one billion dollars, but out of that only about 120 million was general fund and libraries came out of that. He explained how the budget was broken down. They thought they needed to make the larger cut. The board had also made a commitment in a roll up of 6% to the law enforcement division. Under Measure 50 they came up with a 4 ½% roll up every year with tax increases. At 5-6% those were not cost of living roll ups as the Police had special bargaining units. It would be a slight decrease to them. All of their other departments would be held to a maximum roll up of 3% and that was a cut.

Mr. Zinzer said that it had been modified last week to zero.

Councilor Helbling said there had been discussion in the paper that President Bush wanted to get some of the funding back to the states that were dramatically being affected by the cut. He wanted to know what would be done if those monies should become available.

Commissioner Schrader said she would not count on the money because they were strapped too.

Councilor Helbling said they had all talked about coordinating inter-governmentally with different agencies regarding timing of levies. Canby was currently sitting on a pool levy and had just finished one school levy and passed another one. They would probably be going out for a Police Department levy and possibly a Park one. The OSU Extension Service levy would be coming out too and it came down to timing. They had hit the point where the cost to continue to operate facilities and services that the public wanted with the rate of inflation had far surpassed their ability to pay for it. Canby had just imposed the fuel tax and street maintenance fees. Somewhere the money had to come to run county, state, and city services. There was a group that felt the money was being misspent. He did not think it was.

Commissioner Kennemer said passing several levies was not a good way to do it, but at this point they did not have alternatives. The Commissioners had come before the Council before the end of last year and talked to them about the fact of it being in their future. If you had several levies, they were not all going to pass. They thought this issue was very important.

Mayor Thompson said part of the challenge is if you pass a levy in November, the money does not become available until the following year. It would be nice if they could all be strategic. So many people are so desperate and in emergency situations, you have no alternatives and make your best case to the people.

Councilor Helbling said this was not a case of politicians threatening to close something so they get their pet project passed. They were trying to keep basic services functioning. Mayor Thompson said the Council would bring the topic up for consideration at the Council Meeting. She adjourned the Work Session at 7:25 p.m.

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2008**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

Council Present: Teresa Blackwell, Wayne Oliver, Walt Daniels, Randy Carson, and Tony Helbling. Councilor Paul Carlson was absent.

Staff Present: John Kelley, City Attorney; Beth Saul, General Services Director; Chaunee Seifried, Finance & Court Services Director; Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director; Catherine Comer, Economic Development Manager; and Kim Scheafer, City Recorder Pro-Tem.

Others Present: Murry Taylor, Irene Breshears, Buzz Weygandt, Bob Cornelius, Jason Padden, Dalton Hellman, John Lande, and Don Kylo.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the opening ceremonies.

Iwo Jima Remembrance Day Proclamation – Mayor Thompson presented Murry Taylor with a proclamation proclaiming February 23, 2008 as Iwo Jima Remembrance Day.

Irene Breshears passed out a flyer for the Iwo Jima flag raising ceremony on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Adult Center.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dalton Hellman, Canby High School Sophomore Class Officer, spoke about the events going on at Canby High School. This was an effort to build a better relationship between the City and High School. He hoped to attend most of the Council meetings.

Mayor Thompson said they could contact the Council if needed and if more young people wanted to be active in their City government, there were opportunities available.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: None.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS: Councilor Daniels said the Transit Advisory Committee had a meeting last week and ridership was up six and a half percent over last year. There were two openings on the Transit Advisory Committee. The Historical Society

would be having a clean up day on February 26. He also announced that on February 15th Canby was 115 years old.

Councilor Helbling said the Design Standards presentation to the Planning Commission would be held in March. That would be the opportunity for people to look at the design standards and testify in front of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had two openings.

CONSENT AGENDA: **Councilor Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008 City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Carson and passed 5-0.

Mayor Thompson said that Councilor Carlson was on vacation.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution 972 - ****Councilor Carson moved to adopt Resolution 972, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53, TITLE 23, UNITED STATES CODE AND OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION. Motion was seconded by Councilor Daniels and passed 5-0.**

Ordinance 1267 – ****Councilor Blackwell moved to approve Ordinance 1267, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE EXTENSION OF SE SEQUOIA PARKWAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY to come up for second reading on March 5, 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilor Daniels and passed 5-0 on first reading.**

NEW BUSINESS: Work Session with Clackamas County Board of Commissioners – Mayor Thompson said the Council had a work session prior to the Council Meeting to discuss a proposed Library District. The County was planning to reduce their funding by 2010.

Beth Saul, General Services Director, said the County had been providing a good share of the funding of smaller libraries like Canby for years, and now with a loss of funds from the federal government, they had to cut back. They would be losing up to 20% of the funding per year until it was all gone. They would not make it through the whole five years of reduced funding.

Councilor Blackwell said they had proposed a Library District with a taxing mechanism of .3974 per \$1,000 assessed value. They wanted to provide a stable and dedicated source of funding to get everyone up to a secure place. It ensured the quality of library facilities and services throughout the County. The County would have a threshold amount and the service district would provide a slightly higher threshold amount so they could have the stable funding. This would be establishing a permanent rate for a library district.

Ms. Saul said in order to allocate the money to each of the city libraries and in order to make sure all of the city libraries could fairly serve the people in the outlying areas that did not live in the city limits, each city would get back the amount that represented their assessed valuation. Then they would get a portion of the rest of the money based on how many people they were serving who lived outside of their city limits.

Councilor Blackwell said the County wanted the cities to participate in this district and they asked for a resolution saying they would participate should it be approved by voters. They were asking for \$10,000 from each city to help with the informational piece to get the word out to everyone and the County was kicking in \$50,000. There was a lot of support for this.

Mayor Thompson said they had a sample Resolution. A library district would not only keep the doors open but would enhance the operation and inventory of the library. Each of the cities would receive a million dollars in cash to use for a capital investment in the library.

Councilor Daniels said Measures 50 and 5 put a cap on the tax rate and it was not enough to cover inflation and the Timber Funds were taken away. There was no Plan B, they would have to close the library if this did not pass.

****Councilor Blackwell moved to have staff bring back a Resolution at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Carson and passed 5-0.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS: None.

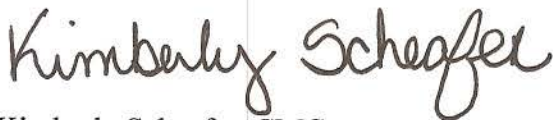
CITIZEN INPUT: None.

ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the consent agenda.
2. Adopted Resolution 972.
3. Approved Ordinance 1267 to come up for second reading on March 5, 2008.
4. Staff would bring back a Resolution at the next meeting in support of a Library District.

There was no Executive Session.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer, CMC
City Recorder Pro Tem



Melody Thompson
Mayor

Assisted with preparation of minutes – Susan Wood