

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
October 27, 2004**

Present: Mayor Melody Thompson, Councilors Walt Daniels, Georgia Newton, Wayne Oliver, and Teresa Blackwell, City Administrator Mark Adcock, Police Chief Ken Pagano, Library & Parks Director Beth Saul, Police Lieutenant Greg Kroeplin, Sergeant Jorge Tro, Code Enforcement Officer Don Hemstreet, City Recorder Pro Tem Kim Scheafer, Office Specialist Joyce Peters, Kim Nelson, Jeff Waters, Buzz Weygandt, Michelle Webber, Jim Gibson, Dan Leischner, Bev Doolittle, Sarah Rodriguez, Christine & Duane Kloser, Cheryl Cannon, Paul Farrar, Bette Postlewait, Camille Kozlowski, Judy Adams, K. Thompson, Carlos Bennett, Karen Hill, and David Howell. Councilor Carson absent.

Mayor Thompson called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council met at the Canby Adult Center to discuss graffiti abatement. Police Chief Ken Pagano said the purpose of the workshop was to discuss why the City needed an abatement ordinance. They wanted to take a hard stand against any gang activity and graffiti in the City of Canby.

Mayor Thompson recessed the workshop at 7:02 p.m. so that the City Council could hold a Special City Council Meeting.

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SPECIAL MEETING  
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Mayor Melody Thompson presiding. Council members present: Walt Daniels, Georgia Newton, Wayne Oliver, and Teresa Blackwell. Councilor Carson absent.

Also Present: City Administrator Mark Adcock, Police Chief Ken Pagano, Library & Parks Director Beth Saul, Police Lieutenant Greg Kroeplin, Sergeant Jorge Tro, Code Enforcement Officer Don Hemstreet, City Recorder Pro Tem Kim Scheafer, Office Specialist Joyce Peters, Janet Hillock, Kim Nelson, Jeff Waters, Buzz Weygandt, Michelle Webber, Jim Gibson, Dan Leischner, Bev Doolittle, Sarah Rodriguez, Christine & Duane Kloser, Cheryl Cannon, Paul Farrar, Bette Postlewait, Camille Kozlowski, Judy Adams, K. Thompson, Carlos Bennett, Karen Hill, and David Howell.

The Council held a Special City Council Meeting at the Canby Adult Center. Mayor Thompson called the Special Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES** – City Administrator Mark Adcock said that the Council had previously taken action on this and it was the same resolution as they had taken their action on in September.

**Resolution 883 - \*\*Councilor Newton moved to adopt Resolution 883, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CANBY AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND BY ENTERING INTO LOAN CONTRACT WITH THE OREGON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. Motion was seconded by Councilor Blackwell and passed 4-0.**

**CITIZEN INPUT – None.**

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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Mayor Thompson reconvened the workshop at 7:09 p.m.

Chief Pagano said that the Cities of Salem and Woodburn already had a graffiti ordinance. Graffiti is a serious crime that is related to violent crimes. He did a slide show presentation showing graffiti around Canby. Sergeant Jorge Tro explained what the colors and symbols of the graffiti represented and gave a history of gang activity in Canby. Some graffiti removal methods were discussed.

Library and Parks Director Beth Saul said that the restroom at Locust Street Park was made of low maintenance cinder blocks. The Parks Department had to completely seal the blocks and repaint them due to graffiti, which defeated the purpose of being low maintenance.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Waters of the Woodburn Police Department talked about how the City of Woodburn handles graffiti abatement. The age of people doing graffiti range from 11-25 years old. Failure to remove graffiti immediately encourages more graffiti. Once owners are formally notified to remove graffiti they have 10 business days to do so. In the five and a half years he had been working in Woodburn they had not written any citations for failure to obey the graffiti nuisance. They offer a \$200 reward for anyone who reports someone tagging that results in arrest and conviction. The City Administrator of Woodburn has established a policy that once graffiti is identified on City property, the street department has 24 hours to remove it.

Ms. Saul said that the Parks and Street Departments do not have a sizeable crew to see every part of the City everyday. It would be helpful if people reported graffiti when they saw it. They do use correction crews to paint over it.

Kim Nelson from the Salem Police Department said that graffiti was the most visible form of crime. Ms. Nelson talked about the success that the Salem Police Department is having with their graffiti abatement program. They had mapped out graffiti crimes with other crimes and they found that they mirrored each other. By painting over the graffiti it shows that someone is watching and aware of the area. Some businesses in Salem have rearranged their stores so that the most popular tools used for graffiti can be seen by the counter or are under a security camera. The City of Salem has two ways to deal with graffiti on private property. They have contracts with PGE, US West, and the US Postal Service so the City's graffiti abatement team can remove

graffiti. They also have volunteers that purchased their own supplies and remove graffiti in their own neighborhoods.

A discussion took place regarding educating citizens and students on gangs and graffiti. Mayor Thompson said it was a comprehensive overlapping approach. Kids in general are big on the Council's radar. They were concerned that there are not parks and recreation buildings. They needed to start planning big and thinking big in their visionary look for children. This would be on their minds in their goal setting session in January.

Chief Pagano said the next step would be to have more brainstorming with staff and council about what kind of due process would work for this city. Mr. Adcock said there were some implementation issues that still needed to be worked out, but shouldn't take long. Once they have a draft of the ordinance, they would bring it back to the Council for another discussion. Then it takes two readings for the ordinance to become effective.

Code Enforcement Officer Don Hemstreet suggested that the Council look at what other cities have and include or take away certain aspects of their ordinances.

Councilor Newton said the ordinance was just a small part of the problem. Developing the information pieces and processes they would go through needed to be dealt with faster than the ordinance.

Chief Pagano said when you just have programs staffed by volunteers they seem to fizzle out. The ordinance makes it easier to get things done in a timely manner. A lot of it is educating the community.

Ms. Nelson said the City of Salem had never issued a removal citation either. You have to look at aesthetics differently than you look at crime prevention. You have to send the message by getting the graffiti covered up.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop session at 9:07 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer  
City Recorder Pro Tem



Melody Thompson  
Mayor