

CANBY CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 26, 1981

Mayor Robert A. Swayze presiding. Council members present: David Anderson, Lee Funrue, Beryl Brown, Michael Gabrion, William Pulver and Gary Sowles.

Also present: Administrator Harold Wyman, City Attorney Roger Reif, City Planner Stephan Lashbrook, Public Works Supervisor Bud Atwood, Oregonian Reporter Kathy Grubb, Members of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Henry Fairbrother, Nikki Ray, Craig Shinn, Margaret Brand and Edith Farran, Steve Frederick of the Canby Herald, Howard Barlow, John Beck, Bud Dresen, B.M. and Marge Tilley, Walt Dohman, Lorin and Ruth Crain, Mary Bernstetter, James David, Dorothy McCormick, Helen Potamps, Caroline Hovland, Judy Hogland, Ray and Helen Stoner, Elsie Netter, Ida A. Irum, Walter Martin, David E. Bury, and Ellen Burbridge.

Mayor Swayze opened the Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute, meditation and rollcall of Council Members.

Mayor Swayze addressed the audience, noting an item of business would come before the Council, before recessing to go into the Workshop session, regarding the Community Development Block Grant.

Administrator Harold Wyman explained that he has been conferring with ALTA Products Inc., regarding a pool thermal blanket to cover the water. The City Attorney reviewed the program, and ALTA feels we can save energy in terms of electricity and gas. The program presented by ALTA Products Inc. is outlined as follows:

1) the City of Canby agrees to pay ALTA Products Inc., a payment for the pool blanket, 100% of the gas and electric savings generated in the first 3 months the blanket is in use and additionally agrees to pay 50% of the savings generated of gas and electricity the following 9 months. 2) The City will agree to use the pool blanket when the pool is not in use and make all gas and electric records available to ALTA Products Inc., past, present and future during the life of the agreement. 3) The City also agrees to store the blanket in a safe area indoors, which is a selected corner of the interior of the pool. 4) Upon the satisfactory completion of the 12 month agreement, the City of Canby will own the pool blanket outright and ALTA will have no further interests. 5) If for any reason either party becomes dissatisfied with the terms of the agreement, ALTA Products Inc., will remove the blanket with no cost to the City.

Mr. Wyman noted this as being a great opportunity for the City, as energy costs at the Municipal Pool run approximately \$17,000 per year, and recommended implementing the agreement. Attorney Bettis concurred with the program, however, he pointed out a possibility of injury with the blanket, if someone gets under it and can not get out. Mr. Steiger, representing ALTA, noted he knew of 3 or 4 drownings in the United States, however, there were extenuating circumstances and they were home-owned pools. Councilman Anderson questioned the outright purchase price of the blanket and was informed it was about \$2,500.00 to \$2,800.00. Councilman Sowles questioned the electric savings, since gas heats the water. Mr Wyman said that it is undetermined about the electric savings and it is a gamble. Mr. Steiger pointed out, that by reducing the humidity and eliminating the exhausting both gas and electricity should be saved. He also noted it took approximately 10 minutes to put the cover in use and would try to design it to be a "one-man" job.

Mayor Swayze first questioned if there would be any possibility that between both groups, the Senior Citizens and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, they could reach a "joint project" agreement. Mrs. Tomlin spoke, stating because of the cost of a senior center the grant monies would be exhausted, therefore, the strategy area projects would not be able to be achieved. Mrs. McCormick pointed out that they have spent 2 years trying to locate in the strategy area and felt another month would make no difference. A spokesman for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee concurred with Mrs. McCormick. Mr. Wyman informed the Council of some of the projects that were suggested for Capital Improvement Programs in 1973-74: street improvements on N. Birch, S. Locust, S. Township, N. Maple, N.E. 10th Avenue, N. Pine, Territorial Road, N.E. 3rd, N.E. 4th, Juniper and Knott; new police building; Library; City Hall; community multi-purpose building; Public Works yard; three playgrounds; Fire Station on the north side of town; and sidewalk improvements. Mayor Swayze questioned the proposed park of the neighborhood group for \$140,000.00 and was told the purchase of land was the cost factor. Mr. Doug Youngsma with the Community Development staff for the County explained the money uses for the three year grant period for developing a community center. He also explained the break-down of money figures, through out the County for dispersment of grant monies. The question was brought forward if the seniors need only \$450,000.00 of an expected \$600,000.00 then perhaps a Senior Center could be funded as well as a major priority for the Neighborhood Strategy Area or some combination. Mr. Youngsma, of the County, explained that without concentrating the funds in a Neighborhood Strategy Area, he was not sure you could definitely figure on the allotted \$200,000.00 a year for three years. However, the project funded should benefit the residents in the Strategy Area. Mayor Swayze also questioned how much importance is placed on the Council support of projects for the grant and influence on the funding. It was also explained the designated strategy in essence do not have to compete for funds where other projects such as the senior centers would be competing with each other.

Councilman Anderson questioned if the \$450,000.00 would cover landscaping, paving, equipment and etc. Mrs. McCormick stated they have a great deal of equipment and were also pursuing the 13th and Ivy area to cover some of the outside needs. Councilman Anderson again questioned Council support of \$450,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for the Strategy Area for the tot park. This question was not answered directly, only the political process makes it difficult. Mr. Hank Fairbrother reminded the Council that the City would have to provide funding for yearly maintenance and staffing for a community center. However, Mayor Swayze noted that Loaves and Fishes Int. would help fund a Senior Center.

Councilman Pulver noted he did not like the fact of block grant money used to improve County streets such as Township and Ivy, when our tax money through the County should take care of such matters. After serious Council consideration **Councilman Pulver moved that the City Council support the Senior Center in the amount of \$450,000.00 and any excess approximately \$150,000.00, be designated for the South Locust Street Park and all other funds in this line be designated for the Neighborhood Strategy Area Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Brown. The Council expressed the "hope" that they had not jeopardized their grant chances by splitting the grant money. Mayor Swayze also noted that Capital Improvement Projects for the City are scheduled for early fall workshops. Council was asked to prioritize the designation of prioritizing of the two projects. Questions were called for and motion passed 6-0. **Councilman Pulver moved to prioritize to the County the Senior Center as first priority on the block grant money. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Steiger also explained the design structure of the thermal blanket. Mr. Bettis spoke from experience of using the product as being beneficial. Councilman Anderson questioned warranty if it was purchased outright, and was told a one-year full warranty, 2nd year, 1/3 cost for replacement and 3rd year 2/3 cost for replacement. **Councilman Anderson moved that the City Council accept ALTA Products, Inc., proposal to the City of Canby, dated August 25, 1981, as written. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Funrue. Approved Unanimously. (Copy of proposal is attached)

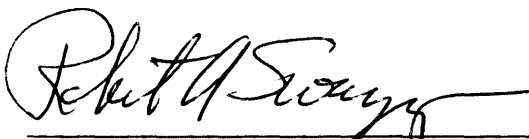
Mayor Swayze informed the Council that a group of citizens had asked to address the Council and would do so at this time.

Mr. Howard Barlow, 2220 Country Club Drive, addressed the Council regarding the "firing" of the manager of the Canby Utility Board and requested Council to ~~consider~~ consider discharging the present Canby Utility Board members. Mayor Swayze noted he did not have that power. Attorney Bettis noted the removal of the Canby Utility Board was up to the Council, ^{For a case} however, he referred to the charter. Mr. Howard Giger addressed the Council, and noted the Manager of Canby Utility Board has served under other boards very compatible and only since the new boards has there been problems, and pointed out he felt the Manager was the best they ever had. He also pointed out that he and other concerned citizens will generate a petition for removal of the present Canby Utility Board. Attorney Bettis read from the City Charter, the Canby Utility Board jurisdiction and also possible removal and appointment procedures. Mr. Giger reiterated the good qualities of Mr. Fred Egger. Mr. Giger noted that Mr. Egger resigned on the Canby Utility Board request and that the board gave no reasons as to why. An unidentified voice addressed the Council and noted that after speaking with Mr. Egger for sometime, that Mr. Egger felt the board kept "throwing W.P.P.S.S. at him" and he did not know what to do about it. Mr. Barlow pointed out the inexperience of the board, as far as time serving. Another unidentified voice asked for an explanation of what happened and why and felt they had a right to know. Mayor Swayze felt Mr. Egger should ask for a public hearing on this issue. Another unidentified voice addressed the Council requesting answers including the fact nobody is immediately ready to replace the management at Canby Utility Board or that is capable. Mayor Swayze pointed out that the Council must further investigate the issue. Mr. Barlow pointed out that all past board members have been locally employed or local business men and two of the present board members are not locally employed and do not know what is going on. Mayor Swayze took exception to the statement, as he is not locally employed, however, he felt "nobody has more interest in the City than I do!" Councilman Anderson questioned if the City Charter could be changed, by citizen vote, to give the Council the power to recall the board members. Attorney Bettis concurred and noted that the last two times the charter changes have been voted down. Mr. Giger again stated that if the Council does not act on the matter, they, the citizens concerned in the issue, will pursue the matter. Councilman Pulver also pointed out that when appointments were made to the Canby Utility Board, the two people appointed were the only people who came forward and were willing to serve. Mayor Swayze again noted that rumor is, that Mr. Egger and the board have an agreement not to air the reasons publically regarding his discharge, if in fact this is true, only Mr. Egger can ask for a public hearing.

At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Swayze recessed to go into workshop on the Community Development Block Grant issue. Mayor Swayze reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Swayze requested Council to review alternate sources and funding to help the neighborhood area along with their projects the next few years.

Mayor Swayze thanked the audience for their attendance and thereafter adjourned the special meeting at 10:50 p.m.


Robert A. Swayze, Mayor


Harold A. Wyman, Administrator/Recorder