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NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF THE DALLES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

February 20, 1985

Recreation Cafe, V.I.P. Room
215 E. 2nd Street
The Dalles, Oregon

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MINUTES - January 16, 1985
- IV. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - January 21, 1985
- V. REQUEST OF MID-COLUMBIA HEADSTART CENTER
For an additional parking space at 111 E. 5th St.
- VI. REQUEST OF THE DALLES LIQUOR STORE
For 20-minute parking in front of the store.
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

February 20, 1985

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CALL TO ORDER: A Regular Meeting of the City of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Courtney at 7:22 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mike Courtney, Harvey Prouty, Don Hall, Maury Snow.
Absent: Jack Rinehart, Cecelia Cushing, one vacancy.
Staff: Kurt Corey
Guests: Donna Davis, Suzanne VanOrman

MINUTES - January 16, 1985

A motion was made by Harvey Prouty, seconded by Maury Snow, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 16, 1985 regular meeting as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - January 21, 1985

City Council minutes indicating Council action upon the Traffic Safety Commission proceedings for January, 1985, were submitted for information only and no action was necessary.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LOADING SPACE AT 111 EAST 5TH STREET

Donna Davis and Suzanne VanOrman, representing the Mid-Columbia Headstart Program, were in attendance to voice their concern and request the designation of an additional bus loading space in front of their headquarters at 111 East 5th Street. A letter and resolution of the group's Policy Council was also submitted in support of their request.

The concerns presented included the need for two buses to arrive simultaneously with passengers including deaf, paraplegic, and other physically impaired children and the resulting need to load and unload near the school entrance. A single parking space is currently available and other spaces are typically occupied. Under questioning, the representatives indicated that the additional bus loading space would be necessary between the hours of 8 A.M. and 2 P.M., Tuesday through Thursday, and only during the school year. Parking could be unrestricted at other times.

Following discussion, Maury Snow moved, seconded by Harvey Prouty, to recommend in favor of the request as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO REVIEW ON-STREET PARKING AT 1008 WEST 6TH STREET (THE DALLES LIQUOR STORE)

A request was received from City Council via the Police Department and Jim Comini, owner of The Dalles Liquor Store to provide a study and report for the relative advantages of 20-minute parking, no parking, or the existing unrestricted parking along the curb in front of the Liquor Store at 1008 West 6th Street. Due to the general shortage of off-street parking in the vicinity, the Commission's opinion was that the status quo probably provides the most beneficial current situation. The Commission's further opinion was that a recommendation would be inappropriate at this time since the nature of traffic related problems in the area, if any, could best be analyzed over a longer term. Following discussion, Don Hall moved, seconded by Maury Snow, to defer to previous action by City Council and to review the request in ninety days. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Staff reported that (1) a cost estimate for the vertical realignment of the 1800 block of Liberty Way had been submitted to area property owners; (2) some improvements were expected at the intersection of 10th and Kelly under the current defective sidewalk repair project; and (3) it had not been possible to schedule field work at the intersection of Jefferson and East Scenic Drive over the past month but would be performed as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 A.M.

Michael Courtney

February 20, 1985

The Honorable John Mabrey
Mayor of The Dalles
313 Court Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Re: Traffic Safety Commission
Jim Comini request

Dear John,

I am sure that you will recall our recent conversation, approximately a month ago, concerning the Traffic Safety Commission and its relationship with Council.

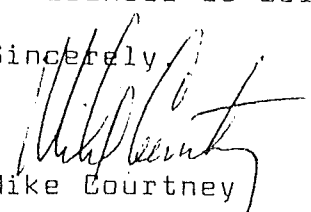
During our meeting of February 20, 1985, there was substantial discussion among Commission members, concerning the recent handling of the Comini request.

In his letter of January 4, 1985, Mr. Comini asks that Mr. Cesar "present this to the City Council and the Traffic and Safety Commission."

It seems, to us, that Council rather than use the Traffic Safety Commission, has chosen to use the bureaucracy to substantiate a decision to deny Mr. Comini's request. Now that Council has pretty much made up its mind to deny the request, it is coming to the Traffic Safety Commission for backing. Since our Commission has not, to this point, been privy to the situation, we have postponed our decision for three months. The decision to postpone was based on our opinion that the occupancy change has been too recent to allow us to determine whether or not there is an adverse effect on the traffic situation in the vicinity of Mr. Comini's occupancy.

As you and I discussed, earlier, many members of the Commission are particularly sensitive about situations where Council has chosen to act on matters of interest to the Commission, prior to referral. As I recall, you indicated to me, and to the members of the Commission, that you feel a strong need for Commission input prior to decision making. Perhaps this message should be conveyed to Council as well as its employees.

Sincerely,


Mike Courtney

cc: Traffic Safety Commission members



CITY of THE DALLES

313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

(503) 296-5481

February 23, 1985

Mr. Michael Courtney
Traffic Safety Chairman
401 W. 4th St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058

Re: Jim Comini request

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 20, 1985, regarding the request from Mr. Comini to restrict parking in front of his business to a 20 minute time limit.

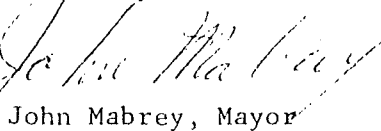
First, let me say that my dictionary defines Bureacracy, as used in your letter, as; "Any administration in which the need to follow complex procedures impedes effective action." It goes on to say; "In American usage, the term is almost invariably derogatory."

Mr. Comini's request had nothing to do with traffic safety, but was a simple request to limit parking in front of his establishment because of the nature of his business. In an effort to avoid "bureacracy" the Council refered the matter to staff in order to be sure there were no additional problems. When it was determined that there may indeed be some traffic safety problems developing at that location, Council decided to temporarily deny the request and refer the potential hazzard to your Commission. The question before you is not the length of time parking should be allowed, but whether or not parking should be allowed there at all.

Now that it appears that your Commission is interested in all parking matters, perhaps you would like us to refer the on-going downtown parking problem to you for solution. If so, please let me know. If not, we will continue to refer only those matters to you that have to do with traffic safety.

Thanks to both you and the members of your Commission for the valuable service you provide to the Council and to the citizens of The Dalles.

Singerely,



John Mabrey, Mayor

cc: Traffic Safety Comm. Members

b/c K. Corey

Jan. 31st

Dear Mr. Corey,

The Staff - Families and Children of HeadStart are urging the Traffic Safety Commission of The Dallas to help us obtain another parking space at 111 - E. 5th. This would be for 3 days a week, Tues thru Thurs. The hours would be from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. We have 2 Vans which serve 36 children, we have 9 deaf children and 1 child who cannot walk. Sometimes our bus has to park 1/2 block away, which makes it difficult.

Enclosed is a copy of our Mid-Columbia HeadStart Policy Council's concerns for our Center also.

Thank you for your interest and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
Dorinda Daves
Center Coordinator

Whereas, the safety of children is imperative and a goal to be continually sought; and,

Whereas, an effective step toward the safety of children around traffic is to minimize their contact with it; and,

Whereas, a number of children at the Head Start Center are physically challenged and/or impaired, and as such are at greater risk; and,

Whereas, The cost to the city is minimal, if non-existent, to retain a parking space immediately adjacent to the Center;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the Policy Council of The Mid-Columbia Head Start urges the City Council of The Dalles to sanction an additional parking space in front of the Head Start Center on Tuesday- Thursday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

THE DALLES LIQUOR STORE

THE PARTY PANTRY

1008 West 6th Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

January 4, 1985

Del Cesar, City Manager
The Dalles City Hall
Court Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Del:

We would like to request that a 20 minute limit parking be designated along the curb in front of our store at 1008 West 6th Street.

We do have parking for our employees, the employees of our tenants and most usually for our customers. The problem we are having is with the long term parkers. There have at times been vehicles parked at the curb mentioned for a whole day and occassionally longer.

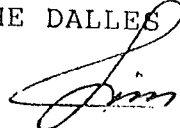
We ask that you present this to the City Council and the Traffic and Safety Commission.

If you need further information, please contact us.

Hoping you can help us with this,

Sincerely,

THE DALLES LIQUOR STORE


Jim Comini

CC:Paul Nagy, Police Chief



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY of THE DALLES

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AREA CODE (503) 296-2233

Office of The Chief of Police
PAUL J. NAGY

January 30, 1985

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Mayor and City Council for the City of The Dalles
From: Paul J. Nagy, Chief of Police
Subject: The Dalles Liquor Store Parking Request

The attached memorandum from Darrell Hill is based on staff input, and the recommendation for a twenty minute parking zone in front of The Dalles Liquor Store is for denial. Another issue pointed out is the fact that enforcement of a twenty minute limit in that area would be impractical, if not impossible.

I have viewed the site and note a more serious danger. Vehicles exiting either the east or west parking area onto West Sixth Street have their line-of-sight blocked by vehicles parked at the curb in front of the liquor store complex. Add to this a slight curve in the street, a twenty-five mile speed zone and heavy traffic, the potential for a traffic accident increases, especially during dark hours. This hazard could be greatly reduced by eliminating parking on the street in front of The Dalles Liquor Store, which is my recommendation, if any change in the present condition is to be made.

Paul J. Nagy
Chief of Police

Copy to: Del Cesar, City Manager

PJN/mlm





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CITY of THE DALLES

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January 24, 1985

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Paul J. Nagy, Chief of Police
From: Darrell J. Hill, Deputy Chief
Subject: The Dalles Liquor Store Parking

I would recommend this request not be granted. Where a business has no parking for customers, this would probably be ok, but as stated in their letter that is not the case here.

Having vehicles moving in and out of this area every 20 minutes or so could be more of a hazard to traffic than continued parking.

Also, we had no other complaints from businesses in the area regarding parking.

Darrell J. Hill
Deputy Chief

DJH/ljs





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OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

(503) 296-5481

February 6, 1985

Jim Comini
The Dalles Liquor Store
1008 W. 6th Street
The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Jim:

The recommendations from the Police Department relative to your request for 20-minute parking in front of The Dalles Liquor Store were read to the City Council at their meeting on Monday, February 4th.

The recommendation of the Police Department was to deny the request, or permit no parking at all at the curb in front of the Liquor Store. City Council chose to deny the request for 20-minute parking at the present time, but to forward your request to the Traffic & Safety Commission for a further study before taking any action other than the denial of your letter.

If you would like to attend the Traffic & Safety Commission meeting that this is discussed at, call Kurt Corey, Assistant City Engineer, at City Hall and Kurt can tell you when the meeting will be held and you could at that time voice your opinions as to the problems.

Very Truly Yours,
CITY OF THE DALLES

Del Cesar
City Manager

DC/eg

cc : ☒ K. Corey, Assistant City Engineer
(Traffic Safety Commission)



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Bus Loading Zone/ Meals-On-Wheels Program - (Cont'd)

west side of Washington Street. The bus loading zone would be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Resolution No. 85-8/ Account Set-up Fee and N.S.F. Check Fee for Sewer Accounts

City Attorney Larkin stated that some time ago the City Council established an account set-up fee and a N.S.F. fee for water service accounts, and to make it equal there should be an account set-up fee and an N.S.F. check fee for sewer only accounts.

Dewanda Clark moved, seconded by Sue Woods, to adopt a resolution establishing an account set-up fee of \$10.00 and an N.S.F. fee of \$10.00 for sewer only accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER

Resolution No. 85-9/ Agreement with Charles Ferrell (D.B.A. Chuck's Air Services) for Maintenance and Mechanic Purposes at the Airport.

City Manager Cesar explained that Mr. Charles Ferrell would like to start a maintenance and mechanic service at the airport. A 6-months contract has been prepared and Mr. Ferrell has signed it.

Sue Woods moved, seconded by Merritt Probstfield, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Acting Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement with Mr. Ferrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft/ Fair Housing Resolution

A drafted resolution pertaining to fair housing had been presented to Council for their review and study. The draft had been presented as information only and will be presented in final form for Council's final consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

Honor Dinner for John Lundell and Hazel Phillips

The dinner being planned for former Mayor John Lundell and former City Councilman-At-Large Hazel Phillips will be held at the Portage Inn on Friday, February 1st, 1985, starting at 6:30 p.m. All were urged to get their reservations in early.

Goal Setting Session

Saturday, February 16th, 1985 was set as the all day goal setting session for City Council. More information on this will come at a later date.