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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2021

5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

LIVESTREAM VIA City website

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Richard Mays

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall,  
Dan Richardson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance  
Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Alice  
Cannon, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Human Resources  
Director Daniel Hunter, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport  
Manager Aryn Rasmussen

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. All Councilors present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Long- Curtiss and seconded by Randall to approve the agenda as submitted.

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The motion carried 5 to 0; Long-Curtiss, Randall, Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

## **PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS**

### Beautification Committee Report – Tiffany Prince

Beautification Committee President Tiffany Prince reported:

- Committee in need of a few more members
- Clock face replacement on clock by Gayer Building/Dean Dollarhide office on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Kelly & 12<sup>th</sup> Street Triangle
  - 3 wind spinners were purchased by the committee and installed by Public Works, along with new bark, tree, and rocks.
  - More plantings to come
- Beautification Award
  - April awarded to 605 Liberty
  - May 2401 Mt. Hood Street
- Welcome Signs
  - locations identified,
  - brainstorming design ideas
  - full presentation coming to Council for approval in a few months
- Monthly Community Clean ups
  - second Saturday of each month - partnering with Gorge Toyota
- Downtown Trees
  - Recommend City contract with arborist for maintenance of healthy trees
  - Arborist report given to City Manager

Mayor recognized Beautification Committee members Bill Lennox and Connie Krummrich also in attendance.

### School District 21 Enterprise Zone Funding Report – Kara Flath, CFO

Kara Flath, CFO School District 21 reviewed the report.

Mayor Mays welcomed her to the community.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Louise Langheinrich shared the letter regarding the Shore Agent for the cruise ships she sent to the Mayor and City Council (attached).

She said the relationships built were very important for the economics of the Downtown.

She said she would like to see the Shore Agent program reviewed at the end of the season.

She said the position needed to be fully funded and the person allowed to develop the relationships with the ships. She said in 2019 the position drove passengers and ship staff to stores. She said the position was basically 24/7 during the cruise season.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Krueger reported:

- Criteria for use of the America Recovery Plan funds had been received
  - Staff will bring recommendations for use to the Council soon
- A letter of support for Mid-Columbia Community Action Council's grant request
  - all in one center, office, support programs, shelter, transitional housing was sent

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara reported:

- Will attend OCCA Seminar

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Runyon reported:

- City Manager Evaluation
- Budget meetings
- Wasco County Commission Meeting
- Scenic Gorge Act

Councilor Richardson reported:

- City Manager Evaluation
- Budget meetings

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Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- City Manager Evaluation
- Budget meetings
- Airport Board meeting

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- Met with constituent who had suggestions regarding affordable housing
- City Manager Evaluation – voted a merit raise for the City Manager
- Budget meetings – City and Columbia Gorge Community College
- Mayor Mays handled the Judge review

Mayor Mays reported:

- Chamber Governmental Affairs

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0, McGlothlin, Long-Curtiss, Randall, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting; 2) Approval of Resolution No. 21-013 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to Various Committees and Commissions; 3) Resolution No. 21-012 Assessing the Real Property at 761 Richland Court for the Costs of Abatement of Junk, Garbage, and Vegetation

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of Hangar Lease for Columbia Gorge Community College Training Hangar**

Airport Manager Dave Rasmussen reviewed the staff report.

Dan Spatz of Columbia Gorge Community College said if approved by Council, the lease would go before the College Board. He said a plane had been donated and the College was in negotiations with an instructor.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by McGlothlin to approve a hangar lease with Columbia Gorge Community College contingent upon approval by Klickitat County and EDA grant funding. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, McGlothlin, Long-Curtiss, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

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General Liability and Property Insurance Renewal

Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

In response to a question Hunter said the claims were things like sewer backups, on going litigation. He said claims had gone up.

It was moved by McGlothlin and second by Randall to approve the proposed insurance renewal from CIS for Auto, Property, General Liability and Excess Crime in the amount of \$398,464.85 and Excess Cyber Liability Insurance from BCS in the amount of \$4,516.00. The motion carried 5 to 0, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson, Runyon, Long-Curtiss voting in favor; none opposed.

McGlothlin reminded everyone Saturday, 10-2pm Bark in The Park at Sorosis Park. He said it was a fund raiser for the Lions Club.

Runyon asked if the bark was safe (free of beetles).

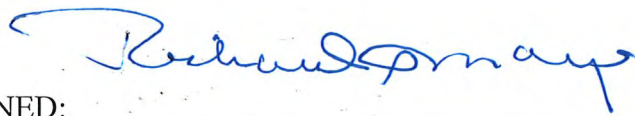
Richardson said once the tree dies, the beetles move on, making the bark safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

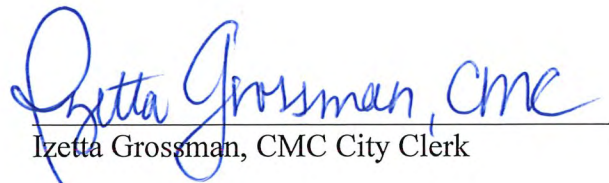
Submitted by/  
Izetta Grossman, CMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk