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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2021

5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson (after swearing in)

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Randall to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Randall invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Grossman administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Richard A. Mays; Councilor Dan Richardson, Position #4; Councilor Darcy Long-Curtiss, Position #2; and Councilor Rod

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Runyon, Position #4.

Mayor Mays asked for nominations of City Council President.

It was moved by Councilor Runyon and seconded by Councilor Richardson to re-elect Councilor McGlothlin as City Council President. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, Richardson, Randall, Long-Curtiss and McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation to outgoing Councilor Linda Miller

City Manager Julie Krueger presented Ms. Miller with a framed print of All Together The Dalles mural.

Mayor Mays thanked Linda Miller for her service to the City. He said he had enjoyed working with Miller. He said she always did what was best for the whole city.

Runyon said he enjoyed working with Miller.

McGlothlin and Long-Curtiss said Miller would be missed.

Former Mayor Steve Lawrence thanked Mayor Mays for the opportunity to speak.

He said he requested the opportunity because he had the honor, as Mayor, of serving with Linda Miller for six of the years she had been on City Council.

He said "Democracy starts at the local level with citizens who choose to serve the community they love - without pay. Those who serve best; come prepared, make themselves available to the public, stand up when necessary and give of their time freely. Linda, your service has been a model for all others who chose to serve. Thank you for the honor of serving with you and congratulations on eight years."

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Fiscal Year 2019-20 Financial Audit Report – Merina & Company

Finance Director Angie Wilson introduced Tanya Kreps of Merina & Company.

Ms. Kreps reviewed the audit reports for the City of The Dalles and the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport. She said clean reports were given.

Kreps thanked the City for the opportunity to work for the City.

Downtown Loo Project – Judy Merrill

Ms. Merrill reviewed the report she had provided.

Richardson thanked Merrill for her time and research on the project.

Runyon said a restroom facility was needed downtown. He asked the City Manager where the funds would come from, could COVID funds be used.

Mayor Mays said the item was a presentation, not an action item.

City Manager Julie Krueger said a volunteer group was originally heading up the project. She said when she met with them she told them the City had no staff for maintenance. She said Merrill had been unable to identify an entity to take on the maintenance.

City Manager Krueger said she had directed staff that there was a freeze on new projects. She said it was prudent for the City to tighten spending for the foreseeable future.

Runyon said there was a need for the restroom, and agreed the estimated cost of maintenance was a lot. He asked if COVID funds could be used.

City Manager Krueger said the first round of funds had been used. She said if more funds become available she could look into it.

Long-Curtiss said she was really proud of the work Judy Merrill and Widge Johnson had done on the project. She said they had done a fantastic job.

She said she was willing to work on a subcommittee to move the project forward. She said it would be a long-term project possible not complete for years.

Mayor Mays and Runyon said there was a need if the funds could be found.

Runyon said he would work with Long-Curtiss as a subcommittee as time allowed. Mayor Mays said he would be a backup if Runyon was unable to attend meetings.

Richardson said he would like to see if there were partnerships that could be formed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger congratulated all the newly, and re-elected officials. She said looked forward to working with everyone.

She thanked Linda Miller for her service and said their friendship would continue.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jonathan Kara, Legal Counsel for the City reported:

- Meeting with Councilor Long-Curtiss and YWCA on the shelter project
- Mid-Columbia Economic Development District on bus shelters in town
- Airport Tour with Manager David Rasmussen

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Monitoring League of Oregon Cities Conference calls on Fridays
- Business Oregon Statewide call
- Urban Renewal Meeting
- President of Mid-Columbia Memorial Committee:
 - Veterans Museum at City Hall was a great space
 - Meeting with Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to help run the Fire Museum

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- Winter Warming Shelter
 - Installation of additional shelters began – electrician next step
 - Going well
 - Lots of donations

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Lots of phone calls getting up to speed
- League of Oregon Cities Conference calls
- COVID mitigation talks

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Richardson said he would like to discuss the remaining \$300,000 in the budget and uses. He suggested grants to gyms/workout facilities/restaurants and bars.

City Manager Krueger said the need was urgent. She said she would need the consensus of the Council to work with the Chamber again to publicize and process the grant applications. She noted that the funds in the budget are under the Economic Recovery line item.

McGlothlin in favor of grants.

Long-Curtiss agreed the need was urgent. She suggested including other businesses as well.

City Manager Krueger said the initial conversations with Councilor Richardson were to focus on restaurants and gyms.

Richardson thanked the City Manager and President of the Chamber, Lisa Farquharson for work on the initial grants.

He said he would like immediate disbursement to restaurants and gyms. He asked for staff to come back to Council on February 8 with how to proceed with the remaining funds.

City Manager Krueger said she would work with Lisa Farquharson to get funds out to restaurants and fitness facilities, then other business. She said she felt \$100,000 was adequate, and asked for Lisa Farquharson's input.

Farquharson said the need is urgent. She said \$2000 per grant would be a band aid to assist businesses until the new Federal Payroll Protection Program would open up.

She said fitness facilities were really hurting. They don't have the ability to run their businesses outside. She said many of these businesses were facing decisions to close permanently.

It was the consensus of the Council for the City Manager to work with the Chamber of Commerce to disperse \$100,000 quickly to restaurants/bars/fitness facilities, plus an additional \$50,000 for use as the City Manager sees fit.

City Manager Krueger said after the \$100,000 was dispersed she would reevaluate best use of remaining funds.

Runyon asked that national chains not be eligible for the grants.

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Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Mayor/City Manager meetings
- Airport
 - lease issue had been corrected
 - upcoming Visioning meeting
 - large planes continue to utilize airport
 - increased gas revenues

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of the December 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) Approval of Resolution 21-002 A Resolution Approving the Mayor's Appointment to the Various Commissions and Committees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider approving participation in a new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program providing housing assistance to residents impacted by COVID-19, benefitting Wasco and Hood River Counties

Mayor Mays said he would ask for audience statements after the staff report.

Community Development Director Alice Cannon introduced Joel Madsen, Executive Director Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation.

Madsen reviewed the program and ask to read the public notice in English and Spanish.

Mayor Mays asked for comment from audience. Hearing none he asked for Council consideration.

Mayor Mays said he had some questions on the administration of the grant.

Madsen said Mid-Columbia Housing would enter into an agreement with The City of The Dalles, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties to administer the grant.

He said the intergovernmental agreement would include all entities, for one grant regionally.

Richardson asked if there was an estimate on how many households would be served.

Madsen said he anticipated 100 households, however it would depend on the size of the award.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Runyon to authorize the City Manager to execute the CDBG application and contracts between the City of The Dalles and Oregon Department of Housing for the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program.

Community Development Director Alice Cannon asked that the motion be amended to "...between the City of The Dalles and Business Oregon". She apologized for the error in the staff report.

McGlothlin withdrew the motion.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Runyon to authorize the City Manager to execute the CDBG application and contracts between the City of The Dalles and Business Oregon for the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, Richardson, Randall, Long-Curtiss and McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Authorization to purchase a new Cat 930 Loader

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Richardson to authorize the purchase of a new Cat 930M loader with an optional material handling arm from Peterson Cat through a Sourcewell pricing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$190,097.87. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, Richardson, Randall, Long-Curtiss and McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 21-001 A Resolution Amending City Fee Schedule to Add Short Term Rental Fees to Planning Department Services

Finance Director Angie Wilson reviewed the staff report.

Runyon asked if the short-term rental fees were all that was changed on the Fee Schedule.

Finance Director Wilson said they were the only fees changed.

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Runyon asked if the fees were annual fees.

Community Development Director Cannon said existing licenses would be honored until they expire and then the new fees would apply. She said the fees were renewed annually.

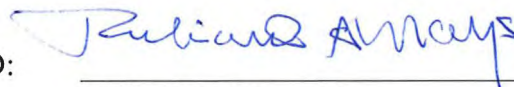
It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve Resolution No. 21-001 A Resolution Amending City Fee Schedule to Add Short Term Rental Fees to Planning Department Services. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, Richardson, Randall, Long-Curtiss and McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk