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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 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, Senior Planner Dawn Hert

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 Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Link Services Update

Kathy Fitzgerald, Mobility Manager, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District reviewed the report. She thanked the City Public Works Department for their time installing the bus shelter at Goodwill.

Councilor Runyon asked if the Link bus went by the Pallet Shelters.

Councilor Long-Curtiss said it did, and stops if they call for a stop. She said the issue is the way the route runs, it takes almost an hour to get from the shelter to St. Vinny's.

Fitzgerald said that was a long time, she would look into it.

FY21/22 Workers Compensation Projections

Breanna Wimber, Stratton Insurance, explained the SAIF modification (mod) factor was used to determine rates. She said they look at the last 3 completed year, accidents and claims.

Wimber gave the following statistics on the City's mod factor rating:

2000	.64 mod factor
2015	1.69 mod factor
2017	1.47 mod factor – premium was \$231,000
2019	.98 mod factor – premium was \$115,000

She said the mod factor for 2020 was exceptional at .73. She said Daniel Hunter and Bailey Volz had been wonderful to work with.

Mayor Mays congratulated staff on the report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don Warren, Main Street Program reported:

- Meeting with Councilor Richardson regarding COVID recovery, housing inventory downtown
- Grants Main Street was looking at:
 - Historic Building improvements
 - Sidewalk pressure washing
 - Public Spaces – plaza
- Neon signs electrical – done soon

Judy Merrill, said she attended the City Council Goal Setting. She said she felt so good after the meeting. She said the Council were working together, listening and sharing with each other.

She said her take away was:

- What does the City want to be
- Who are we wanting to attract
- Not just downtown – the whole town
- Include big business in discussions
- Work with and for businesses

She said she was impressed with the knowledge of the new attorney, Jonathan Kara regarding the houseless needs.

She said she enjoyed the Department summaries. She learned a lot about what they each do.

She said she felt the City Manager summarized the meeting very well at the end.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jonathan Kara, Legal Counsel for the City reported:

- Airport Visioning meeting – similar energy as the Council Goal Setting
- Encouraged citizens to attend these meetings.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported:

- QualityLife
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) City Day
- CC Goal Setting

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- Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
- The Dalles Police Chief Pat Ashmore- homeless and vagrancy conversation
- The Dalles Community Development Director Alice Cannon
- City Manager Julie Krueger
- “2nd” Virus Shot /on call NORCOR Control Room Tech
- LOC North Central Conference call
- New President and first mtg of MC Veterans Memorial Committee

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- Farm to Family Boxes available February 9 at 10 am, get there early all fresh food
- Goal Setting very productive
- Presentation at Kiwanis on Pallet Shelters
- Spoke at League of Oregon Cities City Day on housing priorities

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Met with Police Chief Ashmore regarding homelessness
- Goal Setting meeting
- Community Development Director Alice Cannon and Urban Renewal Chair Grossman
- Chamber Governmental Affairs
- Public Works Director Dave Anderson
- Met new District 21 School District Superintendent

Councilor Randall reported:

- Historic Landmarks Commission – Goal setting
- Neon signs downtown look nice

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Airport Board planning meeting – covering all things airport
- Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, new director Kenny LaPointe

Mayor Mays reported:

- Oregon Health Authority meeting
- KACI Radio
- Governmental Affairs
- Nate Stice, Regional Solutions
- LOC regional call
- Wasco County Board of Commissioners
- Public Works Director Dave Anderson

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- Police Chief Pat Ashmore
- LOC Conference call

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted that item 14 on the surplus list was removed.

Long-Curtiss asked that the Resolution concurring with the Mayor's appointments be removed from the consent agenda, and discussed later.

Mayor Mays said it would be added as an Action item before Executive Session.

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of the January 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; and 3) Declare certain Public Works Property as Surplus.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supplemental Budget - Resolution No. 21-004 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures from and Within the General Fund

Finance Director Angie Wilson reviewed the staff report.

Don Warren thanked Council for making funds available to non-profits

Runyon complimented Finance Director Wilson for her excellent staff reports. He said things were explained very well.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Richardson to adopt Resolution No. 21-004 adopting a Supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures from and within the General Fund of The City of The Dalles Adopted budget. The motion carried 5 to 0, Long-Curtiss, Richardson, Runyon, Randall, McGlothlin voting in favor; none voting opposed.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Authorize Public Works to Purchase a New Pickup for the Transportation Division
Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

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It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the purchase of a new 2021 Dodge Ram 5500, 4X4 flatbed pickup from Ron Tonkin Dodge, in an amount not to exceed \$58,907.60 plus license fees. The motion carried 5 to 0, Randall, McGlothlin, Long-Curtiss, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none voting opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2020 Historic Landmarks Annual Report

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the report.

Runyon asked for clarification on Goal #1 Short term- encourage rehabilitation of the Gitchell Building. He said Council had discuss moving the building with the group interested in saving the building.

Senior Planner Hert said the intent of Historic Landmarks was to preserve the building. She said having it on their list helped with future grant applications.

Long-Curtiss complimented Hert for making lemonade from lemons by saving grant funds by expanding the virtual tours. She also complimented working with other agencies.

HB2001 - Middle Housing Code Update

Community Development Director Alice Cannon reviewed the staff report.

Cannon said there were a number of Code Amendments coming before the Planning Commission in three phases. She said a consultant would be working with staff through the process utilizing grant funds. She said all work needed to be complete by June 30.

She said each phase would be brought to Council throughout the process.

Cannon said the first survey had been sent out via email, through the Chamber, on the City's Facebook page and website. She said there would be more public outreach throughout the process.

ACTION ITEM

Resolution No. 21-005 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to Various Commissions and

Committees

Long-Curtiss said Ms. Haechrel's name was misspelled on the Resolution.

She said she was not opposed to the appointments. She said she wanted to have some discussion.

She said the Planning Commission needed some younger people on the commission to get their perspective on what the city should look like.

Mayor Mays said he agreed that the City needed the voices of younger people and he was always on the look out for younger people to serve.

Richardson said he agreed and suggested all Councilors make a soft goal to recruit citizens to serve.

Runyon said he agreed with Long-Curtiss. He said it knew it was hard to find people to serve and the Local Government Academy had been successful in recruiting a couple younger people. He said after COVID is over another Academy should be planned.

Mayor Mays said 4 of the current members of the Planning Commission were people he had appointed and were younger people.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Randall to approve item 10B of the consent agenda [Resolution No. 21-005 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments]. The motion carried 5 to 0, Randall, McGlothlin, Long-Curtiss, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none voting opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
 - A. Recess Open Session
2. In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(g) to consider preliminary negotiations regarding trade or commerce in which you are in competition with other states or nations.
 - A. Open Second Executive Session
 - B. Reconvene Open Session

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

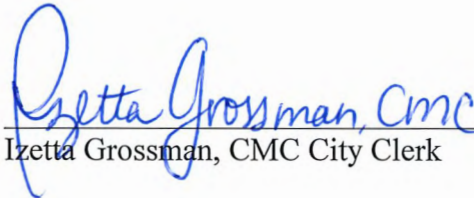
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:

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Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Izetta Grossman, CMC", written over a horizontal line.

Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk