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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 14, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Richard Mays

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Russ Brown

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Steve Harris, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes

Number of people present: 28

**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 Linda Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried; 4 to 0; Miller, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin and Runyon voting in favor; Brown absent.

### **PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **AmeriTies and Cleaner Air Oregon, Keith Johnson and Greg Svelund, DEQ**

Greg Svelund, DEQ introduced Keith Johnson Manager of the Cleaner Air Oregon program.

Mayor Mays said that there had been 20 minutes allotted for Council and the audience to ask questions. He said that if citizens had further questions they could meet with Mr. Svelund and Mr. Johnson directly following the presentation in the Conference Room.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Cleaner Air Oregon program saying it had been started by Governor Brown 2 years ago.

Johnson said the program was a result of Governor Brown directing the Health Authority and Department of Environmental Quality to create a health based air quality permitting program. He said it was part of the permitting program not another permit. He said permit costs had been increased to help pay for the program.

Johnson said the program was health based using established health standards. He said the standards are science based. Johnson said a handful of companies had been called into the program, and AmeriTies was one of those companies.

He said basis of the program are three R's:

- Reporting, full accounting paid for by the company of all toxins emitted
- Risk Assessment, looks at the emissions, surrounding community, computer models to determine safety levels.
- Reduce emission, if risk was over the State threshold

Johnson said the program is very complex, they are learning as they go. He said the company is responsible for costs of testing, reporting and solutions. He said they work with the companies to develop solutions.

Johnson said AmeriTies being called into the program didn't mean there was a problem. He said

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it meant they needed more information on the emission report. He said they have AmeriTies initial report, have done the review and have requested more information on the storage yard and treatment area. He said it was a challenging site due to variables.

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked how long they had been waiting for more information from Amerities.

Johnson said first a broad level report was given to get a scope of the issues. He said now they were filling in the gaps. He said it was a complicated program and they had to review a lot of data to be able to know if they agreed with the report from AmeriTies. He said AmeriTies was working with him and providing the information.

Long-Curtiss asked what teeth the program had to enforce.

Johnson said the program was polluter pays model. The polluter provides the inventory and testing. They review and have follow up questions. Johnson said after a second submittal gaps remain can use enforcement authority with penalties.

Long-Curtiss said the program deals with human health and it felt like the process was taking too long.

Johnson said nine facilities of 300 had been called in the program so far. He said it was a long process of statistical analysis; type of emissions; reviewing current inventory to make sure it was complete. He said there was a lot of information, most of which they hadn't seen before. He said if the risk was above the State standard the company would have to remedy the situation.

Councilor Runyon asked what the anticipated timeline would be.

Johnson said he anticipated the assessment would be complete in the coming year.

Chuck Spawn, 1822 Cherry Heights Road, said he was concerned that AmeriTies was allowed to do the testing. He said they quit production in the past when DEQ was testing. He asked if independent test results would be accepted.

Johnson said they attend the testing of emission points to see if over the limit, then they approve the results or do not approve the results. He couldn't say that independent results would be allowed.

Tiffany Woodside, 801 East 7<sup>th</sup> asked why was the plant in The Dalles allowed to stay in operation with all the others were shut down. She said monitoring for only one type of chemical

was inconclusive.

She said the community had been silenced for too long, a third party environmental protection group was needed.

Don Warren, 214 East 5<sup>th</sup>, asked if there was any ground and water testing in the plan.

Johnson said no immediate plans for new testing. He said there are ground and water remedies.

Mayor Mays recessed the meeting for people to leave the meeting and go to the conference room if the citizens had more questions.

It was asked if the questions in the other room would be recorded and part of the public meeting. Mayor Mays said that they could record if they wanted, but it would not be part of the minutes.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Don Warren, The Dalles Main Street gave an update on the activities of the Main Street program.

He invited the Council to attend the Better Together Meeting Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Columbia State Bank. He said it was an avenue to get everyone together behind one vision.

Warren said Wall Dogs 2021 had six active members of the team. He said they are preparing for 15 murals.

Mr. Stanley of 1422 East 21<sup>st</sup> said he was grateful for passionate citizens. He thanked the Council for their volunteering to serve the community.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Krueger brought a request to expend Safety Funds for Hazardous Materials storage cabinets (2 at Public Works and 1 at City Hall); and confined space equipment. She said the total funds would be \$16,000.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to authorize the purchase of safety items in the amount of \$16,000. The motion carried 4 to 0; Brown absent.

City Manager Julie Krueger said Councilor Brown had asked for an update on the GAP analysis done at Public Works. She reported that there were many programs in place to improve the culture. She said two surveys had been one, one individuals that could be done anonymously,

and one that was done by the Divisions as a group. She said the results of the surveys confirmed there was still work to do.

She said she would be proposing the addition of a staff position, Assistant Public Works Director, at the next Council meeting. She said the idea was for that person to become the next Public Works Director.

She said Wasco County had been working on a Recycling proposal that she hoped to bring to Council at the next meeting.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Gene Parker said he had not received word on the Hunt LUBA appeal.

He said he was working on a ground lease for Pacific Cherry Packer at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- League of Oregon Cities Conference
- Scott Stephenson, Art Center Director
- Vogt Fountain at Sorosis Park Rose Garden back in operation; Lions helping with pavers
- Lions helping with traffic safety for Downtown Halloween

Mayor Mays said The Dalles Beautification Committee and Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation were partners in the revitalization of the Vogt Fountain. He thanked the Lions for partnering on the project.

Councilor Miller reported:

- League of Oregon Cities Conference – many cities facing the same issues
- Charter Review Committee
- Sister City Delegation – 2 long stay students had arrived

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
- City of The Dalles Charter Review Committee
- Ribbon Cutting Campbell Phillips Law

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- PGR Escort Oregon Veterans Home shuttle to Klickitat WA Veterans Salute Days
- Council LUDO Work Session
- Q-Life
- Columbia Gorge Veterans Museum Board
- Announcer for The Dalles High Football
- Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial Committee

Councilor Long-Curtiss said in the spirit of Gratitude Month, she was grateful for citizen participation and all the volunteers in the community.

She said she attended:

- League of Oregon Cities Conference
- Qlife Meeting
- Council LUDO Work Session

Councilor Miller added she had attending the Honald Building apartment open house. She said the Urban Renewal Agency had played a part in that development.

Mayor Mays said he attended:

League of Oregon Cities Conference

Third Coffee with the Mayor – Chief Ashmore answered questions

Presentation at Rotary Club

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Miller, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin and Runyon voting in favor; Brown absent.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of the September 23, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### A Community Vision for The Dalles Downtown

Community Development Director Steve Harris announced the Urban Renewal Meeting scheduled for Tuesday night had been rescheduled due to the Better Together Event put on by Main Street.

Harris reviewed the staff report. He said the action plan would come before the Urban Renewal Board; then he would return to Council with action items.

Harris asked the Council to prioritize the following statements:

- Residents and visitors appreciate the scenic vistas, historic buildings, growing retail establishments, vibrant community events, and expanding recreation and performing arts opportunities.
- In the future, shaded sidewalks with greenery, outside gathering spaces for family events and performances, and public art will enhance the downtown experience.
- A place to live affordability, buy food, walk and bike safely, use a wheelchair, access transit, and breathe clean air are essentials for the growing community of The Dalles.

Long-Curtiss asked that Council consider projects that increased the tax base. She said this was important since Urban Renewal was set to sunset.

Miller said she was drawn to the first statement.

Mayor Mays said all the statements were very important elements.

Harris said the Main Street Program was becoming very active; it was a good opportunity to partner with Main Street.

Harris said the next part of the plan is the hard part – coming up with a strategy. He said staff will create a strategic plan with actions and bring it back to Council for approval.

He said for example staff would work with Public Works and downtown merchants to identify the best traffic calming features and locations. He said the ADA Downtown plan exists, so that would be used.

Runyon said there was something in each statement of value. He said he would leave them in the order written. He said things could happen in a different order based on grant opportunities.

Long-Curtiss said the statements were open ended enough to cover things of interest. She said she hoped the City intentionally reached out to all age groups, nationalities, and economic groups. She said the City should invite those groups and consider their needs.

It was the consensus of the Council that all three statements should be used.

Carolyn Wood, 1709 Liberty Way said Urban Renewal designed Second Street with the cement

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square at intersections as traffic calming. She said in 1977 trees were planted in front of her building and they are still there. She said trees are possible, and valuable. She said they do take care and work, but it can be done.

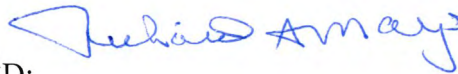
**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Izetta Grossman, CMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:



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Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk