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

THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Stephen Lawrence

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin,  
Taner Elliott

**INCOMING COUNCIL  
PRESENT:** Mayor Richard M. Mays, Rod Runyon

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance  
Director Angie Wilson, Public Works Director Dave Anderson,  
Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel  
Hunter, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes, Planner  
Riley Marcus, Planner Joshua Chandler

Number of people present: 48

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Grossman administered the Oath of Office to Councilors Timothy McGlothlin, Russ Brown, Rod Runyon and Mayor Richard A. Mays. The new City Council was seated at the dais.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Brown asked that Item 13-B be removed from the agenda, as the new Council representative to the Airport Board he would like additional time to get up to speed. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Runyon to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Stephen Lawrence and City Councilor Taner Elliott**

Mayor Mays presented Taner Elliott and Stephen Lawrence gifts from the City. Mays thanked them for their service.

Mayor Mays had a personal gift for Stephen Lawrence and his wife Rose presented Donna Lawrence with roses and thanked her for her service.

#### **Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Quarterly Report**

Chuck Covert, Airport Manager reviewed the Quarterly Report.

Councilor Runyon asked what was the substantial increase in fuel sales.

Covert said fuel sales were up 15%. He said TacAero owned 20 aircraft and had an aggressive maintenance shop that contributed to the increase.

#### **The Dalles Main Street Quarterly Report**

Luise Langheinrich, President of the Board of The Dalles Main Street reviewed the report. She handed out a supplement to the report (attached).

She said with the number of ships increasing Main Street would be renegotiating the Tour

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Coordinator contract with the City.

Councilor Runyon asked where citizens could find the ship docking schedule. Langheinrich said there was a calendar on the City website maintained by the City Clerk, and one on the Chamber of Commerce website.

Councilor Miller said the report was positive.

Runyon asked what would be the makeup of the interview committee.

Langheinrich said the Executive Board would be the hiring committee for the new Director.

Mayor Mays asked about the neon signs being restored for placement downtown.

Langheinrich said there were five signs:

Sears

Dogs N Suds

Dawn Donuts

Jefferson Hall

Flying A

She said the installation was all donated.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Dan Spatz, Columbia Gorge Community College asked the Council for support of and participation in The Big Read, sponsored by the College and The Dalles/Wasco County Library. (see attached)

It was the consensus of the Council to support the event.

Lorene Hunt PO Box 81 The Dalles, read a statement into the record (see attached).

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Krueger reminded Council of Community Connect event on January 30, 10 to 4pm at the Senior Center. She said the event would have support services, food, clothing and other free services available. She said the City was holding a clothing drive for the event.

Krueger reported the Assistant to the City Manager reported the work plan for the Integrated

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Planning Grant provided by Business Oregon for brownfields in the URA district has been finalized. One change was to conduct a more in depth survey of the alleyways between 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> to identify potential tanks in the right of way. This survey will require locates called in on each block, which has already started. The survey will likely be conducted at the end of the month depending on weather.

Krueger said there were a number of items being requested using the Safety Funds. She said the amount budgeted for expenditure would be over expended if all the items were approved. She said a budget amendment was necessary, and would be coming before the Council in February. She said the items included:

- Varidesks and Chairs
- Respiratory equipment for SERT
- Trench protection for Public Works

Krueger said the City had received notice from Oregon Department of Transportation regarding a Federal Regulation requiring a substantial reduction of load limit for the West 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

Public Works Director Dave Anderson said he was looking into options for increasing the load limit and the costs for those options.

Anderson said Public Works would be sending out a press release, flagging the approach, sending letters to inform as many people as possible.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Runyon said he was glad to be on Council.

He said he attended:

- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Ethics Training
- LOC Small Communities meeting
- Housing meeting

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported on attending:

- City Christmas Party
- The Dalles Main Street meeting

Councilor McGlothlin said it was nearly impossible to make a left turn the intersection at Cherry Heights and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Public Works Director Anderson said they were talking to the engineers that worked on the

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Transportation Plan to do an analysis of the intersection in order to amend the plan.

Mayor Mays reported attending:

- Economic Opportunities meeting
- Economic Development Committee with the Chamber

Mayor Mays said a Goal Setting retreat was being planned. He asked Council to look at their calendars and let staff know available Saturdays in February and March.

Selection of a Council President

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by Miller to elect Councilor McGlothlin as Council President. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Assignment of City Councilors to Various Committees and Boards

Mayor Mays asked if Council had any changes to the list of Committee and Board assignments.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve assignments as proposed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0. All members voting in favor.

Items on the Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of December 10, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; and 2) Approval of Resolution No. 19-001 A Resolution clarifying the authority of the City of The Dalles Community Development Director to Execute documents related to the Community Development Block Grant for the Mid-Columbia Regional Home Repair Grant Program.

Councilor Runyon asked if there was an update on the status of the Girl Scout House and the Joseph Wilson credit that Councilor Elliott had asked about at the previous meeting.

City Manager Krueger said the City Attorney was looking at a proposal to surplus the Girl Scout House. She said she would ask the City Attorney for an update on the credit.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Receive Testimony Regarding Vacating a Portion of Alleyway Located to the rear of 1707 Lincoln Way

Mayor Mays opened the hearing and asked for the staff report.

Joshua Chandler, Planner reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked for testimony. Hearing none the hearing was closed.

Councilor Runyon said he had walked the property and spoke with the owner (whom he knew personally). He said he had no issues with the vacation.

Mayor Mays if any Councilor wanted the Ordinance read in full. None requested the ordinance be read in full.

Adopt Special Ordinance No. 19-581 Vacating a Portion of the Alleyway Located to the rear of 1707 Lincoln Way

City Clerk Grossman read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Runyon to adopt Special Ordinance No. 19-581 Vacating a Portion of Alleyway Located to the rear of 1707 Lincoln Way by title only. Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0. All members voting in favor.

Receive Testimony Regarding Vacating Portions of Public Right of Way off of Gordon Court, Between West 14<sup>th</sup> and West 15<sup>th</sup> Streets

Mayor Mays opened the hearing and asked for the staff report.

Riley Marcus, Planner reviewed the staff report. She said one written objection was received. She said no reason was given. She said a letter was sent to that person, she was unsure if the letter had been received.

Mayor Mays asked for testimony. Hearing none the hearing was closed.

Councilor Runyon said he had taken a walking tour of the property. He asked if it was possible to add the actual address on the vacations.

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Mayor Mays if any Councilor wanted the Ordinance read in full. None requested the ordinance be read in full.

### Adopt Special Ordinance No. 19-582 Vacating Portions of Public Right of Way off of Gordon Court, Between West 14<sup>th</sup> and West 15<sup>th</sup> Streets

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Miller to adopt Special Ordinance No. 19-582 Vacating Portions of Public Right of Way off of Gordon Court, Between West 14<sup>th</sup> and West 15<sup>th</sup> Streets by title only. Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0. All members voting in favor.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Treaty Oaks Skill Center and Campus Housing Agreement

Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

Columbia Gorge Community College representative Dan Spatz joined Klebes to answer questions.

Klebes noted:

Profit sharing was still being discussed, focused on housing, which had been removed from IGA language

Port of The Dalles had committed \$1.5 million toward cash flow for the project

In response to a question Spatz said the College Board had voted unanimously in favor of moving forward with the IGA. He said it was the second time the Board had voted in favor of the project.

Councilor Runyon said he was in favor of the project. He asked that all references to housing be removed from the IGA.

Councilor Long-Curtiss said she was in support of the project.

She said every time a decision is made to spend the funds, something else has to not be done. She said she would like to see a process for decisions on use of the Enterprise Zone funds created.

In response to a question Spatz said at the last meeting the College Board reviewed:

- Programs
- Housing
- Research on needs of industry partners (30 companies)

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- Details on the Skill Center
  - flexible bays for work force training
  - rough draft of drawing
  - conference room
  - computer room

Councilor Miller said she was in support of the project. She said local students have to go out of the area for these types of classes.

Councilor McGlothin asked if the Skill Center would supplement the classes at the high school.

Spatz said the intent was not to compete with the high school. He said the College and D21 were working together.

In response to questions Spatz said:

- Hoping to wrap with the IGA this week
- County would meet Wednesday
- Intent is not to make money – cover costs only
- \$3.5 million for the Skill Center
- Enterprise Zone funds used for capital/principal only payments
- College pays interest on the bond
- Certificate of Occupancy was the trigger for payment of Enterprise Zone funds

Councilor Brown said he was not in favor of profit sharing.

Councilor Runyon asked that staff double check that all references to housing be removed from the IGA.

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked if guidelines for use of Enterprise Zone funds be drafted.

City Manager Krueger said a process is being developed for use of the funds.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Runyon to pass the IGA. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0. All members voting in favor.



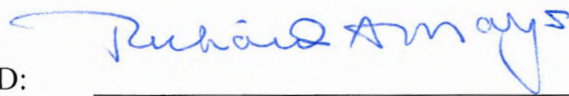
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

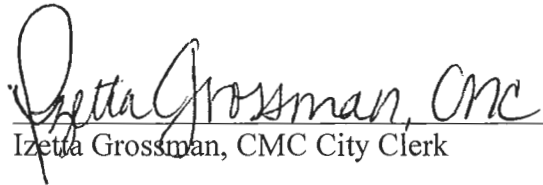
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Izetta Grossman, CMC  
City Clerk

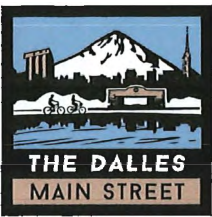
SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk



## January 2019 Quarterly Report

### Supplemental 1/14/2019

- A. Main Street Organization: Volunteer board that works tirelessly to vitalize downtown!
  - 1. Rejuvenated the board with 5 new board members.
    - 4 are young business owners downtown, 1 is new regional branch manager.
  - 2. 3/4 of board (8 out of 12) own downtown businesses.
  - 3. Next step: create more robust foundation for organization
- B. Executive Director Position update
- C. Main Street Strategic Plan Reviewed and Objectives Refined
  - 1. Downtown Beautification & Traffic Calming
  - 2. Façade Improvements
  - 3. Downtown Events also in coordination with tour boats
  - 4. Downtown Marketing-branding
  - 5. Stabilize our funding
- D. Grants
  - 1. 3 on-going: Hebring House, Gorge Beauty Academy, Sign Art Installation—Neon Sign Museum
  - 2. \$200,000 open for proposals, deadline to Main Street Board is before February 5th.
- E. Tour Boat Coordination: Main Street entered in contract with City July 2017
  - 1. Tour Boat dockings have increased 32% since Main Street took on task of coordination
    - a. 2019 dockings scheduled at 145 (possibility of 23,000 passengers). There may be more with possible season extensions.
  - 2. 4 boats now have Hop-On-Hop-Off buses to transport passengers around downtown and to museums.
  - 3. Contracts between tour companies and local venues (not counting warehouses and other services)
    - a. 2017—American Steamboat Co: Discovery Center, Ft. Dalles Museum, Original Courthouse  
American Cruise Lines: Discovery Center
    - b. 2018—American Steamboat Co: Discovery Center, Ft. Dalles Museum, Original Courthouse,  
Neon Sign Museum, Granada Theatre  
American Cruise Lines: Discovery Center
    - c. 2019—American Steamboat Co: Discovery Center, Ft. Dalles Museum, Original Courthouse,  
Neon Sign Museum, Granada Theatre  
American Cruise Lines: Discovery Center, Ft. Dalles Museum
  - 4. American Steamboat Co. exploring evening events (2 sock-hops last year) and extending season into January 2020.
  - 5. Downtown maps and Cherry bags are huge success!
  - 6. Positive economic impacts are being clearly felt.
  - 7. Main Street will need to renegotiate contract: our funding of coordinator is about \$4,000 more than in contract and scope of work has increased due to increase of tour boat traffic.
- F. Contact Luise Langheinrich for more information or if you have questions. 541-296-4470

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## NEA BIG READ

*Into Beautiful North*

### About NEA Big Read

*"The NEA Big Read exposes people to new genres and ideas and challenges their current tastes in literature. And the best part is that people told us that at our events! They not only read something that they wouldn't normally have read, but they went out of their way to participate in a community event and learn more about the story, characters, plot and author. It just really shows the community buy-in we have and the hunger communities have for connection with each other."* – the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Library, an NEA Big Read grantee, in a Q&A with Arts Midwest

An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Showcasing a diverse range of contemporary titles that reflect many different voices and perspectives, the NEA Big Read aims to inspire conversation and discovery.

Studies show that reading for pleasure reduces stress, heightens empathy, improves students' test scores, slows the onset of dementia, and makes us more active and aware citizens. Book clubs and community reading programs extend these benefits by creating opportunities to explore together the issues that are relevant to our lives. The titles in the NEA Big Read library vary in genre, theme, settings and points of view: from poems about the loss of a father to a memoir about growing up in a refugee camp to a post-apocalyptic novel about hanging on to our humanity after a flu pandemic. Writes one NEA Big Read participant, echoing the sentiments of many other participants around the country, "the book taught us how to talk to and trust one another so that we could ultimately approach issues that were difficult and immediate."

NEA Big Read annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection. Each community program that receives an NEA Big Read grant—which ranges between \$5,000 and \$15,000—is also provided with resources, outreach materials, and training on various aspects such as working with local partners, developing public relations strategies, and leading book discussions and Q&As. The programs last approximately one month and include a kick-off event, often attended by the mayor and other local luminaries; major events devoted specifically to the book (e.g., panel discussions and author reading); events using the book as a point of departure (e.g., film screenings and theatrical readings); and book discussions in diverse locations involving a wide range of audiences.

Since 2006, the National Endowment for the Arts has funded more than 1,400 Big Read programs, providing more than \$19 million to organizations nationwide. In addition, Big Read activities have reached every Congressional district in the country. Over the past 12 years, grantees have leveraged more than \$44 million in local funding to support their NEA Big Read programs. More than 4.9 million Americans have attended an NEA Big Read event, approximately 82,000 volunteers have participated at the local level, and over 39,000 community organizations have partnered to make NEA Big Read activities possible.

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Presentation for The Dalles City Council meeting Jan. 14, 2019:

For the benefit of all persons in this room and in this town,

This is the first City Council meeting of The Dalles in this New Year; and also the first meeting after elections with new members of this governing body – welcome. Both the New Year **and** a new collection of citizens making decisions that govern our town can function as harbingers of hopeful new directions for the future. Having had multiple and in depth experiences with city operations since April of last year that have altered my life in most significant ways, I humbly offer these ideas and A Message for All Seasons at a time of challenges with hope for the future.

This past weekend, our family met at the ocean for a meaningful weekend celebrating our son's birthday (and also my upcoming birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January which I had not thought about until our grandson included "grandma" in his Happy Birthday song). I did not miss a single high tide on the shore, the water coming up to the rocks next to our house on the beach. As the waves came in and swept back out, they erased all the footsteps of man and animal on the sandy shore, leaving a bed of sand unmarked by past journeys of any creature. It occurred to me that in matters of the city, it is impossible to wipe away marks of past choices/actions, some having impacts that short periods of time cannot erase. It is possible, however, to change course in a more positive direction like a rip tide moving against the current, nudging that current in new directions. What would this look like in matters of the city that impact citizens at the very heart of their lives? Hopefully, citizens of this town can look forward to new directions in several areas, including the following:

- *giving concerns of citizens the respect/validity those concerns deserve*, particularly when a host of citizens who live near proposed developments or businesses are expressing their concerns about activity next to their properties or in their neighborhoods, which will prevent repeat events similar to the hearings May 3, June 25, and July 9 in 2018 (which were painful for those participating and those impacted whose collective voices were not validated.) With positive change in this one area, citizens who have invested much time and significant financial resources in their neighborhoods could instead experience that their life-long contributions are valued and their voices are important to the decision-making process;

- greater transparency in communications of the city with all citizens..* [i.e. a Notice of Hearing for May 3 omitted crucial details regarding the purpose (which should have included "a duplex") resulting in a false narrative spreading about the purpose of a new development, the purpose critical to the need for further action and requiring citizens to canvas a neighborhood correcting misconceptions and impacting preparation for the Hearing]....corrections by citizens avoidable had the purpose of the new development been included in the Notice of Hearing, preventing false narratives from spreading and informing all citizens of necessary facts);

- informing citizens of the applicable conditions that directly apply to proposals for development;*

- preserving the right of every individual to contribute to the city's discourse and demonstrating high regard for those contributions* (problems at the last 2 meetings of the city council last year removed opportunity to contribute on Nov. 26 and interrupted/cut short contribution on Dec. 10)

- building citizens' trust that the city will move carefully and judiciously on proposed LUDO code changes, honoring deep concerns regarding proposed changes in low density neighborhoods

The city code, if honored, can be a bulwark for citizens to rely on, its express language a source of hope for the future, changes made only after very thorough research and citizen involvement.

### A message for all seasons:

Listen to the Philippine Madrigal Singers in their Oct. 10 concert on You Tube sing and sign the "Prayer of St. Francis" – heavenly – what the world and our town needs now

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy **peace**; Where there is *hatred*, let me sow **love**;  
Where there is *injury*, Thy **pardon** Lord; Where there is **hope**, let me sow **faith**;

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy **peace**; Where there's *despair*, let me bring **hope**;  
Where there is *darkness*, let there be **light**; Where there is *sadness*, let me bring **joy**;

...For it is in **giving**, that we receive; And it is in **pardoning**, that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born.....To eternal life.

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### (Postscript)

Repeated efforts, words from the heart too often falling on deaf ears, have been a journey...

...through fields of *injury*, but we pray "Father, **forgive** them, for they know not what they do"  
...on paths of *despair*, and yet there is **hope**...when persons care, like some have and do  
...in realms of *darkness*, when impacted by actions which could be resolved with care,  
bringing **peace** and rest to young and old, weary and worn,  
the **light** of day bringing **faith** in the goodness of God & others  
and **love** of a new day with its possibilities for **giving**  
...midst oceans of *sadness*, knowing that care for each other could make the difference and  
bring **joy**, changing this (inner) world into a rose garden

The following is a personal note added at the close of the presentation:

On Dec. 27, my life took an unexpected turn when my car slid on ice and was totaled, other very serious accidents occurring at the same spot in the past month, renewing the realization that no-one is guaranteed another day....and so I made efforts to come tonight from Eugene to make my small contribution that is trusted to be an inspiration toward positive and hopeful paths.

This month, several medical procedures are scheduled for me, the outcome uncertain...your sincere thoughts and prayers are welcomed and will be appreciated. Lorene Hunt