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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2019
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, 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: 25

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 Assistant to the City Manager Klebes. All Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Long-Curtiss to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried; all Councilors voting in favor.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Quarterly Report

Airport Manager Chuck Covert reviewed the report. Covert introduced Aryn Rasmussen. He said he was recommending transfer of the Airport Management Contract to the Rasmussen's at the next Council meeting.

The Dalles Main Street Quarterly Report

The Dalles Main Street Board President Luise Langheinrich presented the report and addendum to the report (attached).

Langheinrich introduced Kara Simpson, Treasurer for Main Street.

Langheinrich said they would carry funds over from last year, hire an executive director and get to work.

City Manager Krueger cautioned no budget questions could be discussed outside of the upcoming budget committee meeting.

Long-Curtiss asked if the makeup of the board had changed, new younger members, business owners represented.

Runyon asked for a list of accomplishments with the City funding. He asked if there were term limits in the Main Street bylaws.

Brown said bylaws should be reviewed and terms should be staggered.

Mays said at the last Council meeting it was brought up that St. Peter's wasn't part of the marketing with the cruise ships.

Langheinrich said that she believes St. Peter's is listed on a cruise ship handout. (Map)

Langheinrich said it was difficult to get information on the cruise ships. She said she would look into it.

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Local Government Academy Graduation

Mayor Mays and Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes presented the participants of the first Local Government Academy certificate and City of The Dalles mugs.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bob McNary, 1525 East 9th Street, reported 95th Community Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Pulpit Rock on Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 am.

Chuck Gomez, Granada Theatre Owner, 221 East 7th Street gave a report on the first year of operation.

- 1100 Cruise Ship visitors given 20 minute tours
- 5500 guests
- 24 total events
- 60% of Billy Bob ticket holders were from Portland
- Promotion brings out of town visitors
- Upcoming Jazz Festival – requested proclamation of support

Mayor Mays extended the five minute time limit.

- Portland advertisement, will work with City on pitch.

Long-Curtiss asked if they had a guest book. Gomez said they did not, great idea.

Long-Curtiss asked if the Granada was a non-profit. Her understanding was it was a for profit business. She cautioned use of Audience Participation as a venue for advertising may not be appropriate use of the agenda item.

Summit Storm, 3120 Old Dufur Road, said he was bringing the art project trash cans project back to life. He said they would be installed and maintained by volunteers and would partner with The Dalles Disposal.

Steve Hunt, PO Box 81, The Dalles said he was impressed with the new Council. He said input on land use had been adversarial. He said wanted to work together. (attached written message)

Lorene Hunt, PO Box 81, The Dalles read a prepared message. (attached) During her presentation she ran out of time asked for more time.

Extension was denied. Long-Curtiss said it wasn't fair to cut off a citizen, when had just given

Mr. Gomez more time.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported that Intergovernmental Agreement with Wasco County transferring criminal cases to Circuit Court would come before Council at the May 13 meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported:

- 13th and Perkins appeal had been remanded back to the City Council. He said the justification was not sufficient.

Long-Curtiss asked for clarification on changing the application vs. hearing on specific issue.

Parker said Blum (the developer) could withdraw or change the application, or go forward with hearing.

- Girl Scout house – his opinion should convey the house to the Girl Scouts

Brown said he was concerned about maintenance of the home. He asked if there was a reversionary clause.

Mayor Mays asked for consensus of Council.

City Manager Krueger said it would be a flat sale, no conditions.

Long-Curtiss asked to postpone discussion to a future meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to bring the sale of the Girl Scout house back to Council on a future agenda with a report on both sale and lease options.

- Audit of Court and Attorney LEDS database access complete and positive
- BOLI decision on Tokola development affirmed administrative law judge ruling

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Attended the City Council Training

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- Attended the Urban Renewal meeting in March

McGlothlin asked for update on traffic control on West 6th and Cherry Heights. Public Works Director Anderson said almost done, should receive report in two weeks.

Councilor Miller reported attending Council Retreat.

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported attending:

- Google Wind Challenge
- YouthThink presentation
- Walking school bus
- Urban Renewal Agency
- Met with Mayor and Senator Merkley representative
- Community Outreach Team in DC – 13 meetings
- Council Retreat

Councilor Runyon reported attending:

- City Council Retreat
- Outside The Wire Board of Directors - Local Veterans Outreach
- LPSCC. Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. Justice re-investment Funds discussion with intent to fund a portion of Bridges to Change, Mental Health at NORCOR, Family Dependency Court and Haven
- Local Government Academy - City of The Dalles Police Department
- Q Life Board - cooperative internet Agency - The Dalles & Wasco County. Summary of Maupin build. Ongoing Projects and repairs in The Dalles.

Councilor Brown reported attending the Poverty Simulation at Wahtonka School. He said coordination of services was the key. He said everyone should watch the “Seattle is Dying” YouTube video.

Mayor Mays reported attending:

- Council Retreat
- Clatsop County facilitation of goal setting
- Wasco County employee training
- Department of Environmental Quality meeting on local issues
- Meeting on evaluation of appointed employees and succession of City Attorney
- Three Downtown Visioning Sessions

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- Community Outreach Team Trip to DC
- Coffeebreak show

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, all Councilors voting in favor.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of March 25, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; and 2) Surplus 18 Police Winter Jackets for Donation to Baker City Police Department.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Contract No. 2019-001 Construction of a Replacement Gravity Sewer Main in 4th Street Grade

City Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report.

Miller asked what happened to the remaining funds. McCabe said the remaining funds stay in the Special Reserve Fund.

Brown asked about the difference in Engineers estimate and budgeted amount. McCabe said due to easement purchase.

Long-Curtiss said City was responsible for service to the house, what was the condition of the pipes. McCabe said the city would inform them.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by Long-Curtiss to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Crestline Construction for the 4th Street Grade Sewer Line Contract No. 2019-001, in an amount not to exceed \$307,770.00. The motion carried. All Councilors voting in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

Fiscal Year 19-20 Exempt Employee Cost of Living Adjustment

Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

Hunter said to strike the second paragraph of the report.

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Long-Curtiss said the result was the City Manager, City Attorney and Judge would all receive the same COLA as staff.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to approve a 2% Cost-of-Living Adjustment for all Exempt Employees effective July 1, 2019. The motion carried. All Councilors voting in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mays recessed to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiation.

Mayor Mays reconvened to Open Session

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Brown to direct the City Manager to sign the Police Union Contract as negotiated. The motion carried. All Councilors voting in favor.

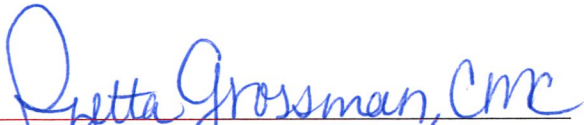
Long-Curtiss thanked the Police Union for working with the City. The rest of Council echoed her thanks.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

Snapshot of Downtown Economic Development accomplished by The Dalles Main Street

Grant Based (free money) Restoration/Revitalization

- Hebring House (\$50,000)—commercial multi-use space
- Neon Sign Museum (\$25,000)—sign restoration
- Granada Theatre-repaint exterior
- Gorge Beauty Academy (\$20,000)—façade improvement
- Lemke Building (~\$40,000)—façade improvement
- IOOF Building
- Petite Provence awnings
- Recreation Building (applied for \$200,000)

Additional Economic Development Projects

- Downtown Beautification project
- Bike racks, kiosks
- Parklets
- Christmas Lights
- Santa in the Downtown
- Downtown events organized with business owners

Business Space Locating/Relocating

- Emma's Boutique
- Terra Cotta
- Wheatland Insurance
- Stratton Insurance
- Respond to numerous calls for retail & office space downtown

Tour Boat Coordinator/Shore Agent connecting businesses with tour boats

- 20% increase over last year's dockings
- Downtown Businesses—Cherry Bags
- The Pines
- The Dalles Art Center & Andy Nichols
- The Foley Project
- The Fort Dalles Museum
- Gorge Adventures and Supplies
- Opportunity Connections/Gallery 505
- Army Corps of Engineers
- The Civic Auditorium
- Neon Sign Museum
- St. Paul Landmark
- Classic Carriages
- Ranch tours/ATVs

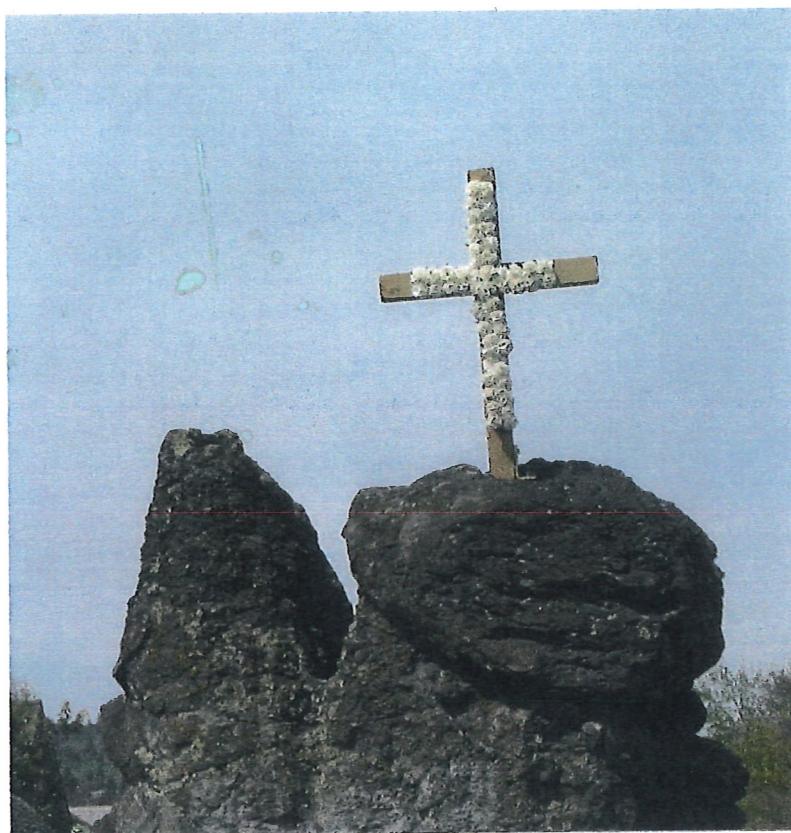
95th Community

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – 6:30 A.M.

at the **Historic Pulpit Rock**

12th & Court Streets – The Dalles, Oregon



Speaker: Pastor Bob Middleton
Retired Pastor of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

For City Council meeting in The Dalles April 8, 2019

Over the past months, a number of citizens including my wife and I have tried to have input on two city decisions regarding land use. Unfortunately, the only method available for this input was in an adversarial process. I believe this process hardens positions and reduces the possibility of working together, sharing ideas and concerns to achieve the best outcome.

My wife and I want what is best for the city and all citizens. We do not want to "fight" with the city, but rather to pursue goals that are good for everyone, working together. When we started, we were told by citizens, The 'city' will do whatever it wants," as if the 'city' is some entity separate from the citizens. My thought was "all the **citizens are the city** and it is far better if everyone works together to make decisions that are good for all."

In making future land use decisions, it is very important that the planners, planning commission, and city council honor and more conscientiously include the input of all citizens in working toward a vision that will be good for all, especially when citizens are addressing important matters about their own neighborhoods.

Steve Hunt
PO Box 81
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

503-327-3455

For presentation at The Dalles City Council meeting April 8, 2019:

For consideration of all persons in this room, in this town, and all others who care,

In this area are native Americans who have done their best to live life in the shadow of what was done to them by persons in power, treaties broken, entire tribes impacted. One such native American recently asked me for a ride from one town to another a distance away, his sincerity apparent. He was given the ride he needed, this small act of kindness hopefully one of so many more making infinitesimal dents in the collective experience of our human brothers and sisters.

This event has raised a number of questions related to experiences of citizens in this town:
(also our human brothers and sisters)

The public's been given opportunity to speak to the Proposed Changes in City Fees as required by law and on the agenda last meeting...the notice posted on the city hall door answering that question: our family checks online for notices in the paper (for those who don't go to the 3 places the notices are posted). Thank you, Counselor McLoughlin and others, for recognizing the need for justification of fee changes and opportunity for the public to speak to those changes as required and noted on p. 112 in the materials prepared for the last meeting, breaking the tradition of just following the lead of the community development director..definitely a trust-building step.

How will difficulties of the past be recognized and corrected at the city level? (to promote transparency and build trust in a government "of the people, by the people, for the people")

- a Notice of Hearing from the city planning department without the purpose included, (resulting in a false narrative spreading and citizen time spent correcting the false narrative instead of researching city code at the very first step – with serious implications re success later)
- complete absence at the first step in planning materials of the city code directly relating to the project being proposed, code prohibition and justification absent (who is responsible for this?)
- a crucial Decision sent to the wrong address, very critically, not to the appellant - the most likely person to appeal the decision, removing 9 days from opportunity to take action, this another example in which an error negatively impacted positive involvement of citizens and the outcome
- a Notice of Decision not consistent with the proposed adjustment (not a complete list)

(Answers to the following questions are requested in writing)

Who is responsible for and how will care be taken in the future to assure that:

- a Notice of Hearing includes the **purpose** of the proposed project, transparent to citizens?
- the planning materials forthrightly and honestly include code provisions which, without further explanation, would prohibit a proposed project, justification needed for proceeding in spite of a very specific prohibition?
- What have city leaders done about <https://projects.oregonlive.com/polluted-by-money/part 2?>

(Reflective questions)

How will citizens be able to affirm their voices have been heard at a "hearing?"

How will a chorus of unanimous voices from low density neighborhoods be validated?

- most citizens speaking up at the hearing May 3, 2018 having lived in The Dalles for decades and having contributed to some of the highest taxes in the state, their voices 'Gone With The Wind?' (a loved and caring family on 13th Street already gone, taxes a stated reason)

Who will honor/respect the citizens in unique and peace-loving low density neighborhoods?

Who speak from their hearts when plans are proposed? Who give so many reasons for making other choices? Some who have moved to these low-density neighborhoods and invested much in time, effort, and money to preserve a way of life, health, safety, etc.?

When will citizens hear the phrase "our voices matter" instead of "the 'city' will do what it wants?" which was heard repeatedly as efforts were made to address the incomplete Notice of Hearing and the Appeal to the City Council. As a result of those phrases heard repeatedly, no citizens were approached to support any action taken beyond the city level. All expenses of time, effort, and money have been borne by one family on behalf of all other voices having spoken up regarding the low density neighborhoods in which they live – *if you care about all these voices, please revisit hearings May 3, June 25, and July 9, 2018.* This does not include all those supporting a positive course of action in a May 4, 2018 joint document from both neighborhoods (in the ballpark of 40 persons) and sent to the City Council after the May 3 meeting last year.

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