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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 28, 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

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 McGlothlin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kenny LaPoint, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) reported they had received a \$1.5 million grant for development of a Navigation Center in the Dalles. He said the center would house multiple agencies, creating a one stop shop for services, and become the site for the pallet shelters.

He said the Mayor's Unhoused Taskforce had a subcommittee looking for a site for the Center.

Runyon asked if MCCAC would be moving to the new location. LaPointe said it would, and the current house would be sold.

Scott McKeown, representative of the LLC owning the 6th Street Food Cart Pod said his experience with the City had been very positive. He said Joshua Chandler in the planning department was great. He said Chandler helped him find ways to make things work. He said Jill Hoyenga from Public Works was very knowledgeable and helpful.

Anna Granados, The Nextdoor, Inc told the Council about the vital programs the Nextdoor has provided to The Dalles for years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger said City facilities would open on Wednesday with regular schedules.

She said all committees/commissions and the Council meetings would continue via Zoom until September. She said the Council Chamber was being updated in August.

City Manager Krueger said a number of Oregon cities and counties were banning fireworks due to the extreme heat, fire danger and forecast windy conditions through the first week of July. She at 5 today she was presented with the declaration from Bend allowing commercial displays and banning all personal fireworks in Bend.

She asked if Council was interested in such a declaration.

Mayor Mays asked if the City Manager had talked to the Fire Chief. She said they had discussed a joint statement asking people to not use fireworks over the holiday. She said the declaration banned fireworks and had a punitive component.

Mayor Mays, Councilor Long-Curtiss, Councilor Richardson, Councilor McGlothlin and Councilor Runyon were in favor of a ban due to the heat and wind.

There was some discussion regarding the amount of a fine.

City Manager Krueger said the time was very short, through July 9, the excessive heat period.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to use the Bend declaration as a model, due to the short time frame.

Runyon asked to amend the motion to reflect "not to exceed \$750 fine". Long-Curtiss accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion as carried as amended 5 to 0; Runyon, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

Richardson asked that staff work hard to get the message out to the public quickly.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara said Mayor Mays had asked him to attend the Unhoused Taskforce meeting July 20 with a presentation regarding the new legislation. He said he would be giving the same presentation to City Council at the July 26 Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported:

- LOC Statewide Call
- Narrator for Northwest Passage a Fundraiser for The Civic Auditorium
- Q-Life Agency Board Mtg
- Attended Annie Jr at the Civic. A fund raiser for the Children's Theatre Group

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- Conversations regarding downtown public restroom for tourist and community
- Meeting with City Manager

Councilor Randall reported:

- Historic Landmarks Commission approved a request for façade on the Recreation Building and a mural on The Workshop building.

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Brownfields Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Commission
- The Chamber's Governmental Affairs
- Community Outreach Team

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Mayor Mays reported:

- KODL
- Michael Held with Business Oregon
- Community Outreach Team

Mayor Mays said there was thought of postponing the City's Vision Action Plan until a new City Manager was hired. He asked for Council thoughts.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to ahead with the Vision Action Plan.

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, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting; 2) solution No. 21-016 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment to the Beautification Committee; 3) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Wasco County for GIS Services from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

Recruitment Firm for City Manager

City Manager Julie Krueger said she had completed the reference checks on both Jensen and Prothman. She said there were no negative reviews.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by Randall to hire Prothman for the city manager search. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City's Use of American Rescue Plan Funds

City Manager Julie Krueger reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays said he would allow audience participation.

City Manager Krueger said she was recommending that \$30,000 of the recovered Transient Room Tax revenue be given to The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, as they reduced their budget largely due to anticipated loss of those funds.

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She reminded the Council that the list provided was for discussion, additions, new ideas. She said this was only for the first half of the funds.

She suggested deferring the 12th Street project for the second half of funding.

Scott Baker, Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation Director, asked for funding for the rehabilitation of Sorosis Park (see attached). He without the help of City, County through the ARP funds, and the Parks System Development Charges it would take years to redevelop Sorosis Park. He said this project would give the whole community hope.

Anna Granados reminded the Council that the NextDoor was a 50-year-old organization in The Dalles and had many vital programs.

After some discussion the Council largely agreed with recommendations of the City Manager with the following suggestions:

Deferring the 12th Street Project

\$400,000 to the rehabilitation of Sorosis Park

Social Services funding requests for next round – with proposals, plans, budgets

Council asked the City Manager to bring back a proposal for their approval at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

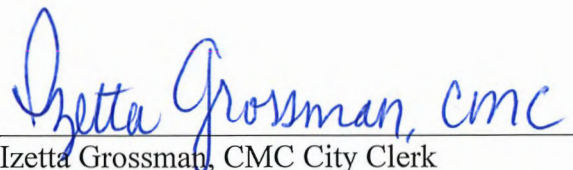
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk