



CITY OF TROUTDALE

“Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge”

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060-2078

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – 7:00PM

Mayor
Casey Ryan

City Council
David Ripma
Randy Lauer
Jamie Kranz
Glenn White
Nick Moon
Zach Hudson

City Manager
Ray Young

City Recorder
Sarah Skroch

Meeting Participation During COVID-19 Social Distancing Order

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In-Person Public Attendance: Members of the public may attend the meeting in person however the number of people in the room shall not exceed 10 and people will be spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time. *Public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the item is considered. Public comments should be directed to the Presiding Officer, and limited to matters of community interest or related to matters which may, or could, come before Council. Each speaker shall be limited to 5 minutes for each agenda item unless a different amount of time is allowed by the Presiding Officer, with consent of the Council.*
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 3.1 **MINUTES:** February 4, 2020 City Council Work Session; February 25, 2020 Joint Meeting – City Council and Community Enhancement Grant Program Committee Regular Meeting; and March 10, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.
 - 3.2 **RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving reimbursement of Legal Defense Expenses to Rich Allen for the matter of Eastwinds Development vs. Allen pursuant to the adopted Public Body Legal Defense Policy
4. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution strongly supporting and ratifying the Mayor’s citywide Declaration of Emergency issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and other necessary measures. Mayor Ryan

5. **DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 Emergency.

Ray Young, City Manager

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**



Casey Ryan, Mayor

Dated: April 22, 2020

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MINUTES
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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Lauer, Councilor Kranz, Councilor White, Councilor Moon and Councilor Hudson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Erich Mueller, Finance Director and Chris Damgen, Community Development Director

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Ryan asked, are there any agenda updates?

Ray Young, City Manager, replied there are no updates.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time.

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Ray Young read a statement by Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes).

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MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Lauer.

Motion Passed 7-0.

4. RESOLUTION: A resolution strongly supporting and ratifying the Mayor's citywide Declaration of Emergency issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and other necessary measures.

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MOTION: Councilor Lauer moved to approve the resolution strongly supporting and ratifying the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and other necessary measures. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

VOTE: Councilor Hudson - Yes; Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Lauer - Yes; Councilor Kranz - Yes; Mayor Ryan - Yes; Councilor White - Yes and Councilor Moon - Yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

5. DISCUSSION: COVID-19 Emergency

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Mayor Ryan stated he's been having Ray put some posts on the City's Facebook page over the last few weeks to encourage people to do what the Governor is asking the citizens to do and show compassion.

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Ray Young stated because of the COVID issue the staff is proposing a change in the Budget Committee process. The proposal is to try to do it all in one meeting on May 18th starting at 6:00pm and trying to get done by 9:30pm. The budget should be printed and available by Monday, May 4th with time to go over it and ask any questions beforehand. We would have it in the Sam Cox Building because it is large enough for everyone to be present and be able to maintain social distancing.

Councilor Ripma stated he was concerned with the meeting only being one night and having everyone together in one room.

Councilor Moon stated he thinks it's okay to have 3 or 4 people in a room for budget with a display and the rest in a Zoom meeting.

Councilor White stated his preference for the budget meeting would be to do it on a Zoom meeting. It would be safer and there would be no need to rush to get it done in one night.

Councilor Hudson stated he thinks the virtual meeting is better.

Council Kranz stated she feels like everybody gets the Zoom meetings at this point. An idea would be to have an option to come in with a capacity number. She prefers not to be in contact with anyone. She would also like the budget committee meeting to be a minimum of 2 nights.

Councilor Lauer stated it would be great to get it done in one meeting, but he doesn't see that happening. He appreciates the people who have concerns about wanting to be socially distant for the meetings and doing them by Zoom.

Councilor Kranz stated someone should consult Chair Staffenson and check his comfort level with doing meetings by Zoom.

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Mayor Ryan stated it sounds like there needs to be a combination of people who want to do the meetings in person and make sure there is the right spacing, people who want to do it by Zoom and to get the meetings done in a no more than two nights with a time limit each night. Erich and Ray can get together and discuss ideas presented tonight.

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Ray Young stated another issue is possibly amending our ordinance to allow for a \$25 fee in lieu of the 25 signatures. Ed Trompke and his staff can do a draft and put it on the agenda for May 12th and do the second reading on May 26th and have it in effect by June 3rd.

Councilor Hudson stated he likes Troutdale's system where candidates must petition and can't just file by fee. He worries that once the City implements the filing by fee, it will never go back to normal again. He would rather waive the petition requirement this year and then revert to normal next year.

Councilor Kranz stated she agrees with Councilor Hudson. She's not comfortable with the pay your way situation.

Councilor Ripma stated he has always strongly favored Troutdale's system. He's willing to waive the petition requirements for this year. He asked if the City could do an emergency order for just this year instead of doing an amendment.

Ed Trompke replied he understood that is a request for just this year, a temporary revision due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Councilor Hudson stated he thinks if the change is made temporary there will be a lot of pressure for it to become permanent. He doesn't see a reason to charge a fee.

Ed Trompke stated \$25 is just enough to prevent any abuses and he encouraged the Council to use some caution.

Councilor Ripma stated he favors the \$25 fee.

Councilor Moon stated he doesn't think it would be hard for someone to get 25 signatures socially, through email or Facebook. He's worried the change to the \$25 fee will be extended to future elections.

Councilor Kranz stated she thinks the Council should have some creative ideas and possibilities to retain the home rule.

Mayor Ryan stated the first reading will be on the 12th and if people have other opinions it can be discussed at that time.

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Ray Young asked Council if there were any other issues, they would like staff to explore.

Mayor Ryan stated opening the playground equipment on May 1st has been brought up and he would like to be cautious.

Councilor Lauer stated he agrees it's safer to wait and tread lightly.

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Councilor Hudson stated the City has access to mediation services through East Metro Mediation as a possible solution for renters and landlords for deferred rent payments that will come due and with tenant/landlord disputes that may occur. He would like to spread information to the public for the mediation services.

Ray Young stated he will get the mediation services information to Kevin Mooney, the City's electronic media specialist to post a link on Troutdale's webpage.

Councilor Ripma stated he agrees with treading lightly as far as opening parks.

Councilor White asked if staff was posting on Facebook or through the Champion about services that are still open for vulnerable people like Meals on Wheels.

Ray Young replied that he would check on that and make sure social services has a place on those for people to connect to.

Councilor Ripma asked if citizens can call in to make public comment for Council meetings.

Ray Young replied he will let people know if they contact Sarah, they can get the information to call in.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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Ray Young provided the following staff communications:

- Wednesday, May 6th, the Citizens Advisory Committee will be entertaining their recommendation for the PAL voting with a Zoom meeting. Contact Chris Damgen if you would like to be involved in the Zoom meeting.
- Thursday morning the County Commissioners have on their agenda approving the IGA for the resource officer that Troutdale is using.

- The completion of Mayor's Square parking lot and the Troutdale Bridge will all be done during a time when traffic is very slow in downtown Troutdale. They should both be completed by June 1st.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

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Councilor Moon stated he works in the entertainment world, which is the first to close and last to open. A lot of venues in the area are hoping to draft a letter geared towards helping people in the industry for support and banding together.

Councilor Ripma expressed that times are rough, and he sends all his well wishes.

Councilor White cautioned people about swimming in the Sandy River this time of year. There are no lifeguards on duty until May 31st. He thanked all the people on the front lines.

Councilor Hudson thanked Mayor Ryan and Ray Young for the work they are doing during this time.

Councilor Lauer stated if people have the means, support open businesses and restaurants with curbside pickup and delivery.

Mayor Ryan explained a PPP grant through the federal government to businesses through the SBA for payroll, rent or utilities that he has been working on during the pandemic.


Councilor Kranz thanked the people on the front lines.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.



Casey Ryan, Mayor
Dated: May 27, 2020

ATTEST:



Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

Sarah Skroch

From: Paul J. Wilcox <pauljwilcox@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Sarah Skroch
Cc: City Council; Ray Young; Ed Trompke; Kenda Schlaht
Subject: Public comment, 4-28-20

Mayor and Councilors,

In the event that "social-distancing" guidelines are still in effect into this summer, which I fully expect they will be, I request that Troutdale Municipal Code 2.48.030 - Nominations, be modified to allow a fee "in lieu of" gathering twenty-five registered voter signatures to become a candidate for City Council. Both Fairview and Wood Village already offer this option at \$25.00.

Even if six-foot social-distancing is no longer required, I would expect citizens to be very reluctant to welcome anyone at their door carrying a clipboard and pen.

I collected 50 signatures in 2018, and not a single person asked me who I was running against or what my position was on any particular issue, so I really don't see the rationale for the signature requirement. Based on my experience, it's not even a demonstration of popular support, other than that people are happy to see someone willing to step up.

Since the application window opens on June 3rd, I'd appreciate your addressing this as soon as practicable.

Below are Troutdale's, Fairview's, and Wood Village's guidance regarding the nomination process for candidates for Council.

Troutdale:

2.48.030 - Nominations.

A. Any qualified elector may be nominated to be a candidate for election to the position of either mayor or city councilor. An elector may not be a candidate for more than one city office during a single election. The nomination shall be by petition. The petition shall be signed by not fewer than twenty-five registered voters in the city at the time the petition is filed. B. Requirements and forms for filing by petition shall follow those set by state law.

(Ord. 742 § 1 Exh. A (part), 2003)

Fairview:

Section 30. Nominations.

A qualified elector shall have resided in the City during the 12 months immediately preceding a City election to be nominated for an elective City position. Nomination petitions shall be in the form and filed in the manner and within the time prescribed by ordinance and state law signed by not fewer than 25 electors. A fee of \$25 may be substituted for the electors signatures. The City Recorder shall make a record of the exact time in which each petition is filed together with the name and address by whom it is filed. A City employee shall not be eligible to serve on the City Council. (Amended by 5/20/97 special election)

Wood Village (e-mail response):

In order to be considered for public office, you would need to complete an SEL 101 Candidate Filing Form. The first day to file a Declaration of Candidacy is June 3rd and the last day is August 25th. The fee for filing with an SEL 101 is \$25. If you choose to file by petition, the fee is waived, but you must collect a number of signatures based on the amount of registered voters in the last election. I have included the SEL 101 as well as the Candidate Signature Sheet and Candidate Manual.

Submitted as public comment by:

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale
4-28-20

Sent from my iPad