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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM
LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Alice Cannon, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Chief of Police Tom Worthy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:31 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.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Julie Krueger said an Executive Session had been added to the end of the agenda. She said a supplemental agenda had been sent to City Council and the media.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of Recognition – Greg & Katie Cummings

Mayor Mays presented the Cummings with a certificate of recognition and a City Medallion for their selfless actions July 3 at the Marina fire.

Out of the Box Thinking – Robert Kuenzinger

Mayor Mays presented Mr. Kuenzinger a certificate for out of the box thinking that resulted in smoother traffic flow at Sixth and Webber Streets.

Welcome Sign Presentation – Beautification Committee

Following is Beautification Committee President Tiffany Prince's update on the Welcome Sign project.

Update: Over the last year the Beautification Committee began to explore the idea of new welcome signs for The Dalles. Part of the initial work was to identify the locations best suited for the signs with the help and consultation of ODOT and City staff. ODOT was very helpful in identifying areas near the freeway that would be suitable considering traffic flow and visibility. (Hours were spent on site discussing these issues.)

- One idea regarding design was created by a former committee member (Max Butensky) which was used on ball caps which are now presented to owners of property selected for the monthly beautification award. This is just one idea of possibly many which City staff may already have spent time on. The Committee recommends the design be simple, and river related (as the river is what connects us all in The Dalles).

- The Beautification Committee would like the City to support the Welcome Sign project. We understand that the design, structure and placement are City responsibilities; however, we only wish to offer our support and share the information we have already received from ODOT and Public works.

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- We believe that new attractive Welcome signs for The Dalles will be an **important first impression** of the community; which in turn supports visitors and is a good investment in building a healthy economic base.

Prince showed slides of the locations and design idea.

City Manager Julie Krueger said she would need Council consensus for staff to proceed with the project, adding it the next fiscal year budget.

It was the consensus of Council for staff to proceed.

Long thanked the committee for all the work done on an important project.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Debi Ferrer, 900 West 18th Street, representing Protect Oregon's Progress, a local activist group read her statement regarding climate change. (attached)

City Manager Julie Krueger said the City was preparing for the Visioning Plan process. She said it would be a perfect time for Ferrer to participate in the process.

Ms. Ferrer said she looked forward to participating. She said she would be contacting the County and Port soon.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger referred to a Memo sent to Council regarding implementing a hiring bonus for police department lateral hires. She said it was cost effective considering the training cost of new officers attending academy and time with training officers before they were fully able to be on patrol. She said there would be approximately a \$14,000 savings.

City Manager Krueger said the first half of the bonus would be paid with the first pay check and the second half after one year of service.

Long said typically police officers don't move around much. She said only those looking to move would be interested and questioned if the bonus made the offer more attractive.

Chief Worthy said Councilor Long was correct, in the past officers didn't move around much. He said times have changed, new officers are more likely to move around. He said the request

was for a standard bonus, that would make the position more attractive.

He said lateral hires would go through a thorough background check and a 12-month trial period. He said there was a small risk of them leaving.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Runyon to proceed with staff recommendation of hiring bonuses for lateral hire of police officers. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, Runyon, Randall, McGlothlin, Long in favor; none opposed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McGlothlin read his report. (attached)

Runyon reported:

- Veteran's Museum meeting – Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1-4pm
- POW/MIA recognition Friday, September 17th, 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Kelly View Point

Richardson asked when the Google Agreements would be brought to Council.

City Manager Julie Krueger said the Strategic Investment Project would be on the October 25, 2021 Council Agenda, and the discussion of Potential Development Agreement with Design LLC Related to Utilities would be on the September 27, 2021 Council Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mays announced the Council appointment of Councilor Long to the Traffic Safety Commission.

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) July 12, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) July 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 3) Resolution No. 21-018 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to Various Committees, Commissions and Boards; 4) Resolution No. 21-019 Assessing the Real Properties at 1290 West Eighth Street; and 809 East Seventh Street for Cost of Abatement of Junk, Garbage, and Noxious Vegetation; 5) Declaring certain Public Works Department Equipment as Surplus Property and Authorize its Disposal.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to authorize the purchase of a new 2021 Dodge Ram 5500, 4X4 flatbed pickup from Ron Tonkin Dodge, in an amount not to exceed \$67,080 plus license fees. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Distribution of First Installment of American Recovery Plan Revenues

City Manager Julie Krueger reviewed the staff report.

She noted that Finance Director Angie Wilson would be watching the criteria for the expenditures, before distributing the funds. She said the criteria has been adjusted a few times already.

City Manager Krueger said the following were under review:

- \$400,000 to Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District (NWCPRD) for Sorosis Park rehabilitation was pending the budget from NWCPRD.
- Reimbursement for Transient Room Tax was only for lost funds, research being done to determine the exact amount
- Navigation Center had an additional request to assist with property purchase if needed

Richardson asked for clarification regarding when those items would be brought back to the Council for approval.

City Manager Krueger said if approved at the meeting, staff would fund the items if they still met the criteria. She said if NWCPRD wasn't ready this year the item would be moved to next fiscal year.

Richardson said he would like to see more concrete information on what the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) funds would be used for; and NWCPRD funding.

City Manager Krueger said she would bring Council more information as the projects became shovel ready.

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McGlothlin said for those struggling with rent Mid-Columbia Housing has funds available. He encouraged citizens to contact them.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to approve funding for projects and programs as presented, from 2021 American Recover Plan funds with the understanding there will be more information brought to Council on NWCPRD and MCCAC requests as it becomes available. The motion carried 5 to 0, Richardson, McGlothlin, Long, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

City Manager Julie Krueger said she was proud of both staff and Council in their thoughtful approach considering what was important to the community when deciding on the best use of these funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Mayor Mays Recessed Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Mays Reconvened Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

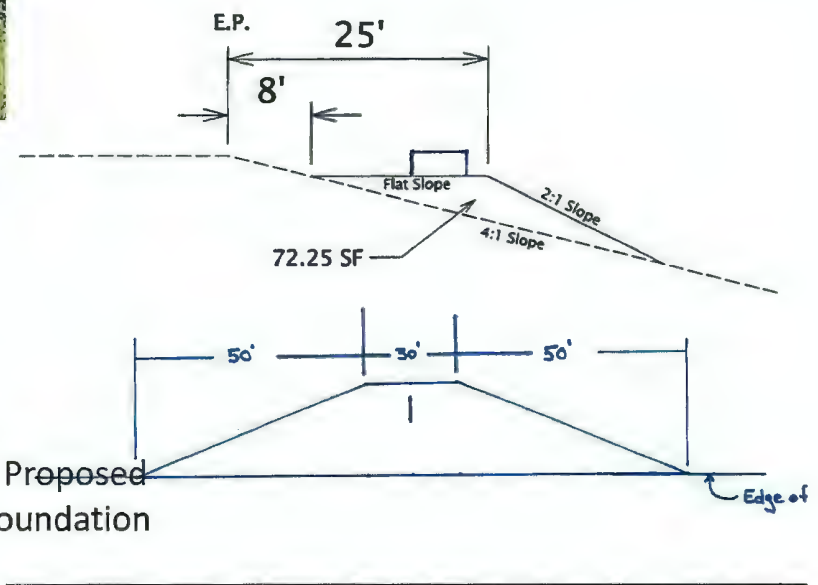
West Side/Eastbound

- Location: River Rd between Exit 82 and Hwy 30
- Size: variable - (more flexibility than East Side). Consider platform construction
 - Est. 250 cubic yards
 - No other size restrictions
- Materials:
 - Can utilize 8' L x 6' H x 8" D rock walls
 - Steelwork





- View of W-side, depicting foundation, repurposed rock wall to set the backdrop for sign (6 x 8ft)



East side/Westbound

- Location: Exit 85, Top of Ramp
- Size:
 - 36"H x 111'W ; option to extend higher
 - Bottom of sign > 9' and 11' (on sloped ground)
- Materials:
 - Supported by 2 4"x 4" beams



Design Components

- Symbolism representative of TD
 - wind, pioneering history, trade/commerce, fish: river symbolizes all these things
 - Focus on simplicity to convey a concise message
 - Avoid polarizing an industry (cherries vs wheat)
- Synergy between signs
 - 'Welcome...' + 'symbols' + color
- Metalwork
 - Local Artists
- Durability and sustainability



POP Climate Committee - Draft Statement for The Dalles City Council Meeting
Monday September 13, 5:30 pm

Mayor Mays, Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity for citizens to share their concerns. Tonight I'm speaking on behalf of a local group of citizens, called Protect Oregon's Progress and other residents who are concerned by the impacts of global warming.

We are here tonight to ask the City Council to take seriously the threat climate change poses to our city – including drought, fires, disease, displacement, and severe and erratic weather. Your actions now have the potential to affect our community for decades to come. As you begin long-range planning this fall, we ask that you look at things through a lens of climate change. The time for debating whether or not this is “real” is over. Climate change is upon us. Now it's time for all leaders to take action.

We see three major questions that we all should be asking ourselves as we make decisions going forward:

- How can we mitigate the impacts of climate change?
- How can we adapt to the impacts of climate change?
- What can we do to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions?

Obviously, answers to these questions deserve much more thought and discussion than we have time for tonight. We hope this is just the beginning.

It is essential to acknowledge that there is a cost to act, but also a cost to not act.

Consider, for example, that a third of U.S. residents live in a county that was struck by a climate-fueled disaster just in the [last three months](#). Many of those events set new records and led to billions of dollars in damages. Locally, I think it's safe to say most of us don't want more record heat waves like we had this past summer. Globally, the [newest report](#) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change informs us that the planet is entering the hottest period in the last 125,000 years.

Several of our neighboring communities are way ahead of us on this front, which is good news for us – we can learn from their experiences. This is certainly not something The Dalles has to figure out on its own.

We want to emphasize that this is an **opportunity** for our community - an opportunity to be leaders in a changing economy, to establish local renewable sources of energy to keep costs down, and to work together toward a more livable future. We urge you to begin this planning, along with the County and the Port, as well as other local stakeholders, and start building a healthier, more vibrant, more resilient community for us all.

Protect Oregon's Progress
Climate Action Committee

Sunday, September 12, 2021

The month of August is generally set aside for Councilors to schedule family gatherings and time to get away. This past month it seemed as if events required immediate attention. First and foremost, I would like to thank all first responders that continue to protect and serve our community. This year, with the help of the immediate air support, fires in our region have been short lived and controlled before any major loss of property and life. Thank you fire, police, emergency and all support personnel for your service.

- Homelessness continues to be on a rise and I have been working with Director Kenny LaPointe to assist and locate the Navigation Center that is planned for our city. Meetings with Sheriff Lane McGill, our Mayor Rich Mays, and other key officials will continue until a site can be secured.
- During the month of August saw an increase of theft, and other criminal activity. I attended meetings with business owners, law enforcement, and Mayor Mays to discuss ways to minimize and ease the impact. I believe these meetings have resulted in laying solid groundwork that will positively impact our city in reducing crime.
- Covid-19 cases once again started to rise in August. A close personal friend remains hospitalized in Portland and remains in critical but stable condition. I am hearing stories of the impact of the pandemic on our community. The financial and emotional drain on individuals continues to be a worry. There are growing numbers of fellow citizens that are struggling to survive the economic impact that this virus is creating. We stand our best chance of making it through this crisis if we work together and support one another. As my mother always told me...this too shall pass.
- Our airport continues to move forward. Fuel sales remain at an all-time record.
- The Public Works department has been busy this summer with projects such as ADA curb improvements, paved streets, chip seal projects and new paint stripping. The new speed signs, lighted stop signs, and traffic lights have all improved the safety of motorists. Thank you.
- I am working to find solutions to our shopping cart dilemma. A company sells a magnetic activated wheel that will lock when it is removed from a controlled area shows great promise.
- The veteran park located south of Ixtapa restaurant is well underway and looking good. Thank you Jonathan and Julie for thinking out of the box.

I would like to highlight an issue that has come to my attention. There are those silent, unrepresented individuals that have worked two jobs and sacrificed during this pandemic. I worry that landlords seeking to recover losses from unpaid rent, credit lines that have been pushed to a limit and individuals just trying to make ends meet, will suffer the most as we recover. We cannot forget these individuals as we work to fairly distribute recovery funds to most in need. With that said, I conclude my report.

Timothy McGlothlin, President
The Dalles City Council



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RE: Approval for Distribution of First Installment of American Recovery Plan Revenues

Mayor Mays and The Dalles City Councilmembers,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for prioritizing homelessness, affordable housing development and other social service programs with the use of the City's allocation of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding. It is so important that we ensure our most vulnerable friends and neighbors have access to the resources they need to thrive as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on our community.

Earlier this summer I provided comment to you related to Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) receiving an allocation of \$1.5 million from the Oregon Legislature (House Bill 5006) to acquire and develop property for a Navigation Center in The Dalles. This Navigation Center will serve as a critical community resource as the future location of the MCCAC shelter site, MCCAC offices and co-located partner agency offices. This multi-agency service center will assist homeless and low-income community members in accessing an array of resources that will help provide economic stability. While the \$1.5 million will go a long way towards building out the Navigation Center, additional funding will be needed. MCCAC is extremely grateful that the City of The Dalles recognizes the need for additional financial resources to be placed into this project.

As many of you know, MCCAC also plans to expand its Permanent Supportive Housing resources in the community through the development of new affordable housing. While MCCAC currently owns ten affordable rental homes dedicated to serve formerly homeless Veterans in The Dalles, there is a great need to expand this resource in our community. Through the expanded development, MCCAC plans to triple the number of rental homes dedicated to serve formerly homeless Veterans while also adding additional homes for other vulnerable community members. With extremely low rental vacancy rates and rising rents, it is incredibly important that we increase affordable housing options that ensure community members have pathways out of homelessness to long-term housing stability. MCCAC appreciates the City of The Dalles for placing emphasis on future affordable housing development through its use of ARPA funds.

Again, I want to thank The Dalles City Council, Mayor Mays and City staff for your continued partnership and dedication to our community.

In service to our community,

Kenny LaPoint, MCCAC Executive Director