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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 23, 2022
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Scott Randall

COUNCIL Via Zoom: Rod Runyon, Dan Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Alice Cannon, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, 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. Long, McGlothlin, Randall, Mayor Mays in person; Richardson, Runyon via Zoom.

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

Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara noted there were two Resolutions in the agenda packet, he said the correct one was on page 38.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Purple Heart City – Councilor Runyon spoke of the importance of the designation and thanked Patrick Wilburn for all of his work on the project.

Mayor Mays read the proclamation. He thanked Runyon for all of his work on behalf of Veterans.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Louise Langheinrich, 107 East 2nd Street, handed out information on where the City is putting funding. (attached) She said it was clear the Council didn't put value in economic development.

Langheinrich said she needed to see more proof of return on investment from the funds given to The Chamber of Commerce for tourism and marketing.

Councilor Long asked if Langheinrich had seen the full budget and the Budget Information Paper (BIP) on the use of transient room taxes (TRT) were used.

Finance Director Wilson said the BIP was at the end of the Proposed Budget book, and that it explained how the funds were used.

Langheinrich said Main Street had assisted with obtaining grants that have a trackable return on investment.

Mayor Mays asked if Langheinrich could see the correlation between an increase in TRT revenue and as a result of tourism. She said it was not relatable – she had seen hotels full of company vehicles due to construction jobs, not tourism.

Long suggested Langheinrich have a meeting with The Chamber President, and if she still had questions to contact the City Manager.

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Langheinrich said the city needed to bring in more economic development and Main Street had a better return on investment.

Mayor Mays said the new City Manager will be looking at economic development as a whole.

Collen Ballinger, 1015 Lincoln, Board member of St. Vincent de Paul handed out a presentation she gave to the St. Vincent de Paul board. (attached)

She said she had heard concern about where people would go once the fence around St. Vincent's was up.

She said an increase of unhoused was to be expected. Ballinger said they were focusing on the functionally mental ill. She said she had a contact in Eugene that had a very successful program if Council would like his contact information.

Richard Wolfe, 2752 Salmonella, said there were not enough low income rentals in The Dalles. He said he didn't understand why all the attention was on tourism.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes said his first fill week was complete.

He said he had:

- 1st Leadership Team meeting
- 1 on 1 meetings with Department Heads
- Staff meetings in various departments
- Interviewed a police officer
- Unhoused Task Force meeting
- Urban Renewal Meeting
- Provided a letter of support to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for a Regional Innovation Hub grant

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Urban Renewal Agency meeting- grant program
- Meetings with citizens

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Councilor Randall reported:

- Wild West Apex Pro Bass Tournament – a great example of how Chamber promoting tourism; spending money, food, lodging, bait and tackle

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Ride for the Wall – trip that started in California; promoting healing for all Veterans, friends and family; accounting of all POW and MIA; support military all over the world.

Councilor Long reported:

- Traffic Safety Committee – road maintenance throughout summer; and pipe maintenance; Codes Enforcement asked to be alerted to graffiti as soon as it goes up
- Urban Renewal Agency Meeting – approved budget; new incentive grant program; encouraged everyone to read the proposal; looking to

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Airport – contract up for renewal – evaluating contract and making improvements
- Without St. Vincent de Paul over the years people wouldn't have survived
- Police conversations regarding:
 - Shopping carts
 - Animal control vehicle
- Met with Brian Jarrow – represents family selling property surrounding the airport
- Visited Ft. Dalles Museum – Loyal Quackenbush spent a lot of time and money on upgrades

Mayor Mays reported:

- KODL
- KACI
- Lions Club
- Protect Oregon Progress
- Governmental Affairs – Chamber
- Welcome address at Bass Tournament
- 21st Anniversary Discovery Center
- School District 21 Senior's Assembly

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor McGlothlin noted that he was presiding over the meeting, as the Mayor was absent. Minutes changed to reflect.

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the May 9, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting; 2) Resolution No. 22-014 Concurring with Mayor's Appointment to Planning Commission; 3) Resolution No. 22-020 Adopting the Position Description for Chief of Police

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Contract No. 2022-001 Dog River Pipeline Replacement Construction

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with K&E Excavating in an amount not to exceed \$5,890,550 for Contract No. 2022-001, the Dog River Pipeline Replacement construction contract. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Richardson, Long, Runyon, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

CIS Insurance Renewal for FY22-23 General Liability/Property/Auto

Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to authorize the City Manager to renew the City Insurance with CIS for FY22-23 in an amount not to exceed \$492,250.45. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Legal Service Background

Human Resources Director Hunter reviewed the staff report. He noted some corrections to the staff report. He said \$55,000 for contract service had been removed from the budget.

It was moved by Long and seconded by McGlothlin to direct staff to proceed with bringing legal service back inhouse and for the City Manager and the Mayor to negotiate a contract. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, McGlothlin, Runyon, Richardson, Randall in favor; none opposed.

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

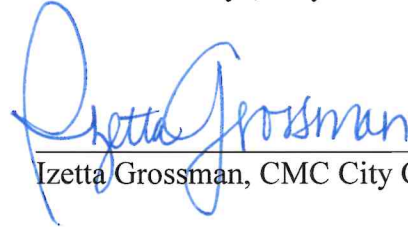
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

Date: 5/23/2022

To: City Council of The Dalles

From: Luise Langheinrich, owner Lines of Designs, 107 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles, OR

Re: Economic Development Focus

These numbers are from the recommended budget for FY22/23 after Budget Committee review.

	Actual 19/20	Actual 20/21	Budget 21/22	Proposed 22/23
Transit Room Tax	673,223	689,146	742,488	971,071
Percent change		+2.4%	+7.7%	+31%

Community Development

Economic Development	60,174	75,012	49,220	29,220
Percent change		+24.7%	-34.4%	-40.6%

Tourism Contract

Chamber of Commerce	325,000	180,000	275,000	426,702
Percent change		-44.6%	+52.8%	+55.2%

Percent change between FY19/20 and proposed FY22/23 = 31.3%

City of The Dalles Economic Development Focus = Tourism

Economic data must be quite compelling: revenues, return on investments

Looking forward to seeing the economic data at next quarterly review.

St Vincent de Paul Report to The Dalles Unhoused Task Force

May 17, 2022

SVDP is shifting the focus of services at our West Third Street facility based on our staff and resources. SVDP has become a DAY CENTER for our clientele. Use of the facility as a warming/cooling place in extreme weather will depend on other organizations developing and staffing such services.

As we have identified the make-up of our clientele, we will be targeting our services accordingly.

Hierarchy of four distinct Categories of Unhoused Clients served by SVDP:

- 1) Moving Up (20%) people who are in recovery (drugs, mental health, financial crisis, etc) and appropriate for Navigation Center services.
- 2) Functionally Mentally Ill (65%) this includes a range of dysfunction including intellectual disabilities.
- 3) Dual Diagnosed (10%) severely advanced mental illness and/or drug addiction. These people are unable to follow rules and present tremendous challenges to SVDP operations.
- 4) Criminal (5%) these folks live amongst the unhoused community and prey on the vulnerable. They often involve vulnerable clients in committing crimes on their behalf. We are focused on keeping the criminal element away from our facilities and other clients. We will continue to need the full support of police to enforce laws vigorously and consistently in order to maintain respect and compliance with our rules and policies.

SVDP will be focusing on the 65% in Category 2.

SVDP Day Center is focusing on providing these five things to function effectively:

- 1) Personal Safety and Security of Possessions
- 2) Daytime Shelter from seasonal elements (warm and dry in winter and cool and hydrated in summer)
- 3) Bathroom facilities: Two unisex restrooms with showers.
- 4) Laundry facilities: washer and dryer
- 5) Food (Bread & Blessings breakfast weekdays; SVDP lunch weekdays; Community Meals dinner Fri-Sat-Sun)

Current conditions and client function at the Day Center has deteriorated during the pandemic but in the coming years we can expect an escalation in the number of unhoused and in drug use. Research shows that life on the street precipitates and exacerbates mental illness in a downward spiral.

Our first priority is the safety of our staff, clients and neighbors. On May 23rd, we will be installing a 6 foot steel fence to secure the perimeter during off hours. Most of the police calls to our facility have been in response to client activity after hours. Only authorized persons will be allowed on the property after hours. We are prepared to press charges for trespassing.

We are committed to working with the 65% in Category 2 with the goal to get them moving into Navigation Center services.

Police Chief Worthy will be drafting a Facebook posting announcing our fencing and the collaboration with his department to protect the Day Center guests and staff.