

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Special Emergency Meeting
Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060

Friday, July 2, 2021 – 12:00PM

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lauer called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Lauer, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Caswell, Councilor Kranz, Councilor White, Councilor Moon and Councilor Glantz.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager and Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder.

GUESTS: None.

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

None.

3. DISCUSSION: The purpose of this meeting is to advise Mayor about drought conditions and fireworks danger that were not addressed by Multnomah County, and to recommend how the Mayor should address them, by executive order.

Mayor Lauer stated the purpose of the meeting is to advise him about drought conditions and fireworks danger that were not addressed by Multnomah County and to recommend how to address them by Executive Order.

Councilor Ripma asked if the County had asked Troutdale to do something.

Mayor Lauer replied no they have not. Yesterday evening the County came down with a ban on fireworks use and sales but their language stated that it was unincorporated Multnomah County.

Councilor Glantz stated she thinks Troutdale should also ban. She worries about Troutdale's parks and rec areas getting a lot of people from other areas coming in. She also worries about the ability of the Gresham Fire Department to respond to fires.

Councilor Ripma stated he does not agree. There are several tents already set up with people wanting to sell Oregon legal fireworks that pose very little fire danger. Banning seems like

overkill. It's a big fundraiser or money maker for the people who set up their businesses. He thinks a ban would be impossible to enforce. He doesn't think it's fair.

Councilor Caswell stated she's in line with Councilor Ripma. She doesn't see a real concern based on weather trends the last several years. Businesses have been pummeled, especially seasonal businesses like the fireworks stands. She would hate to see the impact on them. She asked if Mayor Lauer had talked to the Fire Department.

Ray Young, City Manager, stated Chief Snyder recommends that all use of fireworks be banned because of the dry conditions.

Councilor Caswell stated she doesn't think Council should regulate legal fireworks.

Ray Young stated Corbett has banned use and sale of fireworks.

Councilor Kranz stated she thinks it's last minute to disseminate the ban and she doesn't want to see the businesses that are already established get hurt. She would like to get more information to folks about calling 911 and not waiting on non-emergency. She's neutral but she's okay to keep it how it is.

Councilor Moon stated it looks like Troutdale is okay so we're basically inviting everyone to Troutdale to do fireworks. If Chief Snyder says no, then Troutdale should ban.

Councilor White stated there are no fireworks allowed in the public areas in Troutdale already. He thinks it would be safe to use legal fireworks. It would be nearly impossible to enforce.

Mayor Lauer stated most of the emails he received were regarding people's neighbors lighting off bottle rockets and mortars and illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks are already illegal. He prefers the education route and have conversations with your neighbors. He doesn't think the Council as a governing body should have taken this up. He stands with education and safety. He feels it's overstepping his bounds to tell people how they can celebrate Independence Day.


Councilor Glantz stated this is our hottest June ever with no measurable rain in 17 days and there are already wildfires burning in the area. It only takes one person making a poor choice.

Mayor Lauer stated Council is at a 5-2 in favor of not banning as of right now. He directed Ray Young to ask the Sheriff's Office to be vigilant with trying to stop the illegal fireworks and increasing patrol a little bit more this year than in previous years.

Ray Young stated he will ask Lieutenant Asboe for extra patrol. He stated he will prepare a statement for Mayor Lauer to review in the next 30 minutes.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Lauer adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm.



Randy Lauer, Mayor
Dated: August 25, 2021

ATTEST: 

Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

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Jamie Kranz		7/2/2021 11:59	7/2/2021 12:30	31
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