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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 14, 2022
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall

COUNCIL VIA ZOOM: Tim McGlothlin

ABSENT: Dan Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Jeff Renard

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, Runyon, Randall present; McGlothlin via Zoom; Richardson absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Runyon to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by Randall to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 4 to 0; Runyon, Randall, McGlothlin, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase – Jim Winterbottom, Manager

Mr. Winterbottom reviewed the information in the agenda packet. He noted that the recycling costs have increased. He said it costs The Dalles Disposal to collect and deliver recycling to recycling facilities.

Winterbottom said the requested increase was 85% of the CPI, which was a 7.37% rate raise.

City Manager Matthew Klebes said the presentation was for Council to ask questions. He said the Resolution would come before Council at the December 12, 2022 Council meeting.

Councilor Long asked if businesses could provide their own dumpster/cans.

Winterbottom said there are some owned dumpsters that were grandfathered in years ago. He said new customers have to rent the dumpsters.

Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative (MCHC) Strategic Plan and House Bill 4123 – Mid-Columbia Community Action Council Director, Kenny LaPoint, MCCAC's Director of the Office of Housing Stabilization, Kelli Horvath and Leslie Naramore, the Washington Gorge Action Programs

Representatives presenting:

Kelly Horvath, Office of Housing Stabilization
Sarah Kellens, MCCAC Engagement Coordinator
Leslie Naramore, Washington Gorge Action Programs
Jennifer Pauletto, Washington Gorge Action Programs
Kenny LaPoint, MACCA

The representatives jointly presented the information on the strategic plan and process. They said it was the first strategic plan that covered both sides of the river, aligning resources to address houselessness, and instability.

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They said the goal was to coordinate resources, providing the same resources and processes at every location. It was mentioned that the people served don't see two states, they see the region.

Representatives said they had a commitment to equality. They included the voices of those with life experiences, and used that data to create a strategic plan.

The 4 Key Goal Areas:

- Shelter – temporary shelter
- Services – one stop
- Housing – long term, increase stock
- Advocacy – move communities forward

Kenny LaPoint updated the Council on the status of the Navigation Center.

- Opening 2023
- Ground Breaking Spring 2023
- Working with Columbia Gorge Community College on partnership building tiny homes
- Pallet Shelters emergency needs
- Solar panels grant – facility could be used for cooling and warming area
- Project Turnkey 2.0 site open 2023
- Transitional housing 24-50 units
 - Hotel purchase underway
 - Allow family shelter units in collaboration with partners

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scott Baker, Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District Executive Director provided an update on Phase 1 of the Sorosis Park Rehabilitation Project.

Baker said:

- Local Contractor Crestline was hired for Phase 1 of the rehabilitation
- Completed:
 - Underground work irrigation- as well as infrastructure for future development
 - Grass planted
 - 32 Trees planted; 30 more in spring where green flags are located
- Gravel pad used for staging area will be the location of the future basketball court
- New efficient pump installed in the spring- water saving
- 18 hole Disc Golf course reinstalled in spring

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Baker said this phase of the project would not have been possible without the contributions of the City of The Dalles and Wasco County.

He encouraged everyone to go up to Sorosis and see all the green grass and progress.

Long asked if Baker could share information on trees, and planting requirements. She said Urban Renewal was working on downtown trees. Baker said he would send some information. He said it would be important to make sure the needs of the business owners were being met.

Runyon asked if upgrading security cameras was part of the plan. He said Kelly Viewpoint cameras could use upgrading, as well as cameras pointing into the park.

Baker said he could work with QLife and northern Wasco County PUD. He said there were also plans for an onsite “Camp Host” that would live at the park as a set of eyes, not necessarily “security”.

Lisa Farquharson, President/CEO The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce offered Thank you Tonkin of The Gorge for sponsorship of Veterans Day Parade.

She noted upcoming events:

- Thanksgiving Starlight Parade and Community Tree Lighting on November 25th.
- Main Street Family Night at the Civic following the tree lighting
- Downtown businesses open late that night

She said there would be family activities at the Civic.

She reminded Council January 19, 2023 would be the Distinguished Citizens Banquet. She said applications were being taken.

Farquharson noted that she took a Tracy Beard writer for Wander with Wonder on the East Gorge Food Tour, Mosier, The Dalles, Dufur and up to Sorosis Park. She thanked Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District for all the work done to rehabilitate Sorosis.

Runyon thanked Farquharson for putting on the Veterans Day Parade. He said the Mayor’s award went to Dale and Mary Rollins for their entry: their boat and a sign Take a Veteran fishing. He said Dale took veterans fishing often and it was appreciated.

Ms. Thompson, The Dalles asked about the Unhoused Taskforce and how long all the homeless had been in The Dalles. She said homeless were being bussed into The Dalles. She said with all the new services The Dalles was offering more people would come for the services.

Mayor Mays asked her to call him to discuss further, as he was on the taskforce.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported:

- City Council Goal Setting Session November 29th 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Reminded Council to submit their brainstorm list to the City Clerk by Tuesday
- Tour of NorCor Facility in Spring, please let City Clerk know if you'd like to tour
- Community Development Director Joshua Chandler introduced Brad Mead, Planning Tech
- Presentation to Port of The Dalles Commission
- City Departments Pumpkin carving contest – Thank you Mayor Mays for judging

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Long reported:

- Executive Session Urban Renewal
- Traffic Safety Commission – request for School Zone on West 10th in front of Head Start/Sunshine Preschool; crosswalk at apartments for those bringing their children to Head Start

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Wasco County Pioneer Association meeting at the Discovery Center November 15, 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Mays reported:

- 7 entries for the pumpkin carving contest: 1st Place – Administration; 2nd Place – Finance
- KACI Morning show
- Congratulations to State Champions - The Dalles High School Cross Country Team

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, Randall, Long, McGlothlin, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the October 24, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Land Lease Rates

Airport Manager Jeff Renard reviewed the staff report.

After some discussion on clarifying language regarding the actual annual increase being a percent increase or calculated each year, it was decided that Renard would clean up the language and bring the item back to Council after Klickitat County had approved the rate increase.

The Dalles Vision Action Plan 2040 Adoption

Community Development Director Joshua Chandler introduced consultant Aubrie Koenig of Consor (formerly Barney & Worth, Inc).

Koenig reviewed the Vision Action Plan 2040.

There were 5 focus areas identified:

Enhancing Education

Creating Economic Vitality

Providing Recreation and Open Space

Strengthening and Sustaining Community Life

Improving Governance and Infrastructure

Resolution No. 22-038 Adopting The Dalles Vision Action Plan 2040

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to adopt Resolution No. 22-038 adopting The Dalles Vision Action Plan 2040. The motion carried 4 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, McGlothlin in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Mays recessed Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

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It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Attorney to take all necessary and convenient actions to settle the case of City of The Dalles vs. Advanced Local Media, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, which will be reimbursed y Google, LLC. The motion carried 4 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, McGlothlin in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

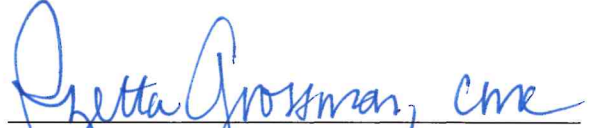
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk