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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
DECEMBER 12, 2022
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Executive Assistant Nubia Sanchez, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, 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 Executive Assistant Nubia Sanchez. Councilors Long, McGlothlin, Runyon, Richardson, Randall present; none absent.

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

Mayor Mays noted two items were added to the agenda; 9C Resolution concurring with Mayor's Appointments and 10F Wage Table Amendment.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Canvas the Vote

Mayor Mays read the certified election results.

The Dalles Purple Heart City

Mayor Mays read the Proclamation from May 2022.

Patrick Wilburn, Nation Service Director Order of Purple Heart City, Larry Rupp, Region 3 Commander and Keith Wittnebel, Commander Department of Oregon presented the Mayor with a plaque for the City recognizing the City of The Dalles as a Purple Heart City.

The Dalles High School Cross Country Team Recognition

Mayor Mays congratulated the Cross Country Team for becoming the 4A State Champions. Head Coach Jill Pearson assisted the Mayor in presentation of certificates and medallions to each team member and coach.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bob McFadden, Sister City Representative reported on a personal trip he took to Miyoshi City in November. He said he took a letter and gifts from the City to counterparts in Miyoshi City.

Mr. McFadden presented the City with letters and gifts from Miyoshi City.

He said there were kids who came to The Dalles in 1990 who now have children that will be visiting The Dalles.

He said the trips were important for many reasons and noted that one student came to The Dalles wanting to be a pediatrician. He said that after the visit and all he learned here, the student changed his focus to cardiology and now has his own hospitals.

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McFadden noted that the Sister City would be starting up again soon. He said Amber Tilton was the president.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported:

- Repayment waiver for grant funds already spent on the 1st Street project
- Reminder Council please return survey forms for the Goal Setting session
- Attended Police Academy graduation ceremony for Officers Reams and Caminiti
- Klickitat County and City working on increasing EDA Grant award, due to increased costs
- Downtown Lights – working with Main Street on agreement to place, maintain lights on the period light posts downtown
- QLife working on remedies to the difficulties with downtown Wi Fi functionality

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- 1300 students eye screen tests done in conjunction with Oregon Lions Foundation
- Goal Setting – well organized and executed
- St. Vincent de Paul – cleaning up Pentland Street
- Starlight Parade
- Lions Club Christmas Tree Pick up

Councilor Long reported:

- Meeting with City Manager
- Goal Setting

Councilor Randall reported:

- Meeting with City Manager
- Goal Setting
- Historic Landmarks meeting canceled
- QLife meeting

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Goal Setting
- Climate Resiliency Taskforce making progress
- Note of gratitude – confidence in great staff
- Conversations with Finance, Police and citizens

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Councilor Runyon reported:

- Goal Setting well done
- Meeting with Mayor and City Manager
- Good things happening at NorCor
- QLife meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting. 2) The minutes of the November 29, 2022 Council Goal Setting meeting. 3) Resolution No. 22-041 Concurring reappointments to the Ft. Dalles Museum Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 22-039 Approving a 7.37% Rate Increase for The Dalles Disposal

City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

Jim Winterbottom, Manager The Dalles Disposal identified some of the organizations The Dalles Disposal donates services to:

- Kiwanis Steak Feed
- Lions Club Tree Pick up
- The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Monthly Saturday Clean up
- Seasonal City Clean up
- Civic Auditorium
- Salvation Army
- Community Meals
- Pallet Shelter
- Downtown and Dock trash cans

City Manager Klebes said the franchise agreement with The Dalles Disposal was up for renewal in 2023 and would come before the Council.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 22-039 Approving a Rate Increase Averaging Approximately 7.37% Resulting From Increased Operational and Disposal Fee costs Incurred by The Dalles Disposal Service, Effective January 1,

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2023. The motion carried 5 to 0; Runyon, McGlothlin, Long, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

Resolution No. 22-040 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts in the IT Department of The General Fund of the City Of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Finance Director Angie Wilson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to adopt Resolution No. 22-040 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts in the IT Department of The General Fund of the City of The Dalles Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Richardson, Long, Runyon, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

Resolution No. 22-037 Assessing the Real Properties Located at 475 Knoll Drive; 1612 East 13th Place; 750 Hostetler Street for the Costs of Abatement of Junk, Noxious Vegetation and Garbage

City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the staff report.

Kara said Steven Fu objected to the assessment. He said while Mr. Fu had missed the deadline, he suggested Council hear from Mr. Fu.

Mr. Fu testified the letters went to his Lake Oswego home, where he is only there on weekends when the Post Office is closed, so he was unable to pick up the certified letters.

He felt he did the majority of the work. He said he talked to the contractor Codes Enforcement suggested. Mr. Fu said it was the process that was frustrating.

Codes Enforcement Officer Nikki Lesich provided Council with a timeline of the abatements. See attached.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to adopt Resolution No. 22-037 Assessing the Real Properties Located at 475 Knoll Drive, 1612 East 13th Place, and 750 Hostetler Street for the costs of Nuisance Abatement, as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

Approval of the Lease Rates at Columbia Gorge Regional Airport

Airport Manager Jeff Renard reviewed the staff report.

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Councilor Long thanked Renard for bringing back the clarification on the rate increase.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to Authorize Staff to adjust the Land Lease Rates at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport to \$0.20/sf per year for airside properties and \$0.30/sf year for business park properties, and to commence a 2.6% annual rate increase for all applicable leases. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, voting in favor; none opposed.

General Ordinance No. 22-1394 An Ordinance Amending The Dalles Municipal Code Chapter 1.04 (Elections Code) for Legal Sufficiency

City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Long said the first Whereas, was confusing. It was decided to remove the first whereas.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Richardson to adopt General Ordinance No. 22-1394, an ordinance amending The Dalles Municipal Code Chapter 1.04 (Elections Code) for legal sufficiency, as amended by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; voting in favor; none opposed.

Exempt Pay Table Amendment

City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

He said a full review of the wage table would be done in the coming year.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the amended Exempt Pay Table included as Attachment A as well as authorization to provide incentives for exempt staff working to fulfill ongoing contracts with local agencies effective immediately. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, McGlothlin, Long, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Renewal Options for Operations Management International (OMI) Contract to operate the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Anderson said there was a correction to the staff report, the incentive was offered for the cost plus option.

It was the consensus of Council to authorize staff to negotiate a new 15-year agreement with

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OMI for operation of the City's wastewater treatment plant which will include a Management Fee which is to be calculated independent of its Direct Costs.

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 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

Decision

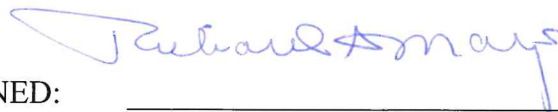
It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Randall to authorize the City Manager to sign the settlement agreement with Douglas Powell. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, Randall, Runyon, McGlothlin, Long voting in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

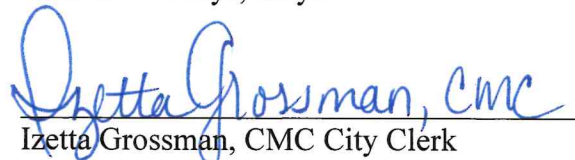
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

12/12/2022 FU case note timelines **NOTE: Property is not occupied**

*Letters Sent Certified
And regular mail*

***2021**

06/01/2021 RP reported concern of overgrown vegetation and PV

06/02/2022 letter sent

06/14/2021 inspection FAILED

06/18/2021 Fu called to ask for extension to 06/23/2021

07/09/2021 inspection FAILED Property posted

07/23/2021 volunteer abatement deadline 08/03/2021 Fu called to set up time to have CE meet with his contact on property and review; person to call CE. CE called when no contact week of 08/15/2022

Person named, Dig, called to set up appointment for 08/18/2022

08/18/2021 Dig called and stated had C-19 and need to reschedule to 08/24/2021

08/24/2021 CE met with Dig on property w/ 09/09/2021 inspection

09/09/2021 Inspection status: INCOMPLETE Vegetation down, but not removed; PV not all removed

*weather change made property not a fire hazard case closed w/notation of minimal effort
INCOMPLETE

***2022**

07/10/2022 RP concerned with massive PV throughout property as well as tall, dry vegetation concern for fire hazard

07/11/2022 CE sent letter

07/22/2022 inspection FAILED

CE contacted FU and gave a referral to a local contractor

08/04/2022 CE received a concern/complaint that Fu property extremely dry and concerned about fire

08/04/2022 CE met with RP at property to review concerns

08/04/2022 CE contacted referred contractor to see if date set for volunteer abatement; contractor stated that he gave Fu a bid and Fu declined to use him

08/05/2022 grass fire close to the neighborhood had neighborhood on alert for evacuation

08/05/2022 property posted for abatement; certified letter sent

08/06/2022 CE sent Fu additional letter with fire hazard concerns with recent fire and need for immediate attention with removal of vegetation and fire line around property letter sent certified; both certified letters returned as "unclaimed" from post office

09/19/2022 property abated



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August 6, 2022

CODES ENFORCEMENT

Angie & Steve Fu
5 Juarez Street
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

CASE #02592

RE: Property inspection status – FIRE HAZARD

Dr. and Mrs. Fu:

A recent inspection of your property located at 475 East Knoll Drive shows that the property is not in full compliance. Extremely tall and dry vegetation remains throughout the property; including multiple dead/dying trees in need of removal and puncture vine in need of removal and control.

As you may know, a recent grass fire near this property caused an alert for possible eviction of residents while firefighters worked on containing the fire. Your property has extreme dry vegetation throughout your property lot; including, multiple dead trees in need of removal. This is all fuel for fire and puts your property and neighboring properties at risk by creating this fire hazard.

Your property was posted for abatement on Friday, August 5, 2022 and a certified letter has been sent to you instructing you what is necessary to avoid abatement by the City for full compliance in regards to **The Dalles Municipal Code violation Title 5 OFFENSES; Chapter 5.24 Noxious Vegetation; 5.24.010 (1,2); 6(B); weeds and vegetation over 12 inches in height and considered a fire hazard and puncture vine in need of removal.**

I have included pictures of the fire hazard concerns that need to be addressed immediately.

Contact my office by Monday, August 15, 2022 to discuss the need for removal of the dead/dying trees and/or a need for an arborist report as well as the plan for vegetation control through your **entire** property lot. If you have any questions and/or need a local contact referral to assist, please contact my office.

Regards,

Nikki Lesich, CEP
Codes Enforcement Officer
Police Department

cc: Community Development Department