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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JANUARY 9, 2023
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, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Executive Assistant Nubia Sanchez, Associate Planner Kaitlyn Cook, Assistant Public Works Director Eric Hanson

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, Richardson, Runyon present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Izetta Grossman performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Richard A. Mays; Councilor Position #1 Timothy McGlothlin; Councilor Position #3 Scott Randall.

She said they had been elected to another term in November.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Fiscal Year 2021-22 City Audit Presentation; Airport Audit – TKW, LLP

Finance Director Angie Wilson introduced Tim Gillette representing TKW, LLP.

Mr. Gillette presented a clean opinion and reviewed the report.

Mayor Mays asked the term of the contract with TKW. Finance Director Wilson said there was one year left on the contract with a six month termination notice requirement.

SafeSpace Children’s Advocacy Center – Beatriz Lynch

Ms. Lynch presented a flyer on the child abuse assessment program (attached).

She reported that 60% of the caseload comes from Wasco County/The Dalles. She said total cases in 2021 was 134; 2022 total cases increased to 180.

She said the facility SafeSpace leases was sold last year. She said it was decided to find a new location to purchase and renovate to avoid the risk of having to move again.

Ms. Lynch said they had started a capital campaign to raise funds. She said they found a building, and had secured \$2 million. She said the Center was located behind Walmart in Hood River on Wasco Loop. She said she would like to have a satellite office in The Dalles.

She asked the City to invest in the center. In response to a question she said they were asking the City to contribute \$500,000. She said they were a little over half way to their goal.

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Long asked how operations were funded. Lynch said through contracts with Hood River County, Wasco County, Sherman County and Klickitat County. She said the State Department of Justice provided grant funding to the counties. She said Wasco County paid \$40,000 annually.

In response to a question, she said she was asking other cities for contribution, and that Fossil had contributed.

She said there was no charge for the services to the victim or their family.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Corliss Marsh, 1401 East 21st handed out a flyer on Wasco Cultural Trust Coalition (attached). She encouraged people to apply.

She said the grant cycle was open and the deadline was February 17, 2023, with award announcements February 24, 2023.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported he met with Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation Director Scott Baker.

He said they had interviews for the Economic Development Officer and Facilities Director.

Klebes said historically use of the "Safety Funds" came before Council for approval. He said the City had criteria and purchasing policies in place that he would be using to determine purchase of smaller value items.

Klebes said \$3,100 was being allocated to Front Desk Safety Training at City Hall and Public Works.

Klebes said the City had received first allotment of Opioid Funds from the State. He said the City would be using part of those funds for a Drug Testing Device for the Police Department that would help officers quickly identify if a substance was present. He said the cost of the device was \$7,000.

He said Mid-Columbia Housing had asked for \$7,000 in funding to contesting data in the State survey that reported rental costs in The Dalles had gone down. He said the City was using the guidelines on how the Opioid Funds could be spent.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Meeting with Mayor and City Manager
- Climate Change Taskforce
- Witnessed Public Works in action in his neighborhood – fast and efficient

Councilor Long reported:

- Meeting with City Manager; Community Development Director Josh Chandler
- Traffic Safety Commission

Councilor McGlothlin:

- Would like to see opioid funds used for safety and revitalization of the MINT team

Mayor Mays:

- Public Works did a great job with the snow and ice removal
- Council committee assignments at next Council Meeting, please let Mayor know if you want to change
- Evaluations of City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge generally in May, asked Council to contact him with suggestions to improve the process

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting; 2) Resolution No. 2022-001 Assessing the Real Property Located at 1724 East 17th for the Costs of Nuisance Abatement.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Contract No. 2022-007 Dog River Fish Screening and Passage Improvements Construction

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Richardson asked how much of the stream was affected. Anderson said 4 to 6 miles.

Anderson said the engineer's estimate was \$2.1 million. He said they do their best at estimating;

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however, everything has gone up in price substantially.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Runyon to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Tapani Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,464,430 for Contract No. 2022-007, the Dog River Fish Screening and Passage Improvements contract. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Runyon, Long, Randall, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Provide Sanitary Sewer Services to Property Outside the City Limits

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

In response to a question, Associate Planner Kaitlyn Cook said the property could not be annexed into the City as it was in the National Scenic Area. She said she was waiting on the easements.

Anderson said the sewer line is there, City would not be extending the service main.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Richardson to authorize the provision of City sanitary sewer service to the property at 1420 West 13th Street contingent upon approvals from Wasco County Planning and the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area as applicable, and the acquisition and recording of related easements by the owner of real property located at 1420 West 13th Street. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, Richardson, Runyon, Randall, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

Anderson said he just received notice that Wasco County Planning and National Scenic Area approved the sewer line construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney; and ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

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

Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 7:35 p.m.


There was no decision made after the executive session.

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk


SIGNED: _____
Richard A. Mays, Mayor


ATTEST: _____
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk



SERVING HOOD RIVER, WASCO, GILLIAM, WHEELER and KLICKITAT COUNTIES



In the Columbia Gorge region, approximately **1,500 children per year** will likely experience child abuse.

When a child experiences abuse, there must be a **safe place to go** — a place where they can feel secure and supported. A place where they can begin to hope again. For any child in the five-County Columbia River Gorge region, **SafeSpace is that place.**



Investments in the SafeSpace Capital Campaign will help ensure SafeSpace will always be here for child victims of abuse, neglect and maltreatment.

Objectives

- Create the first permanent Columbia Gorge location for a child advocacy center
- Establish the SafeSpace Hope Fund to improve and expand access to support for children who experience abuse
- Add space for children’s mental health providers on-site
- Serve as collaborative location for regional children’s programs



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Dillon Borton, VP Key Bank
SafeSpace Capital Campaign Chair

Beatriz Lynch
Executive Director SafeSpace

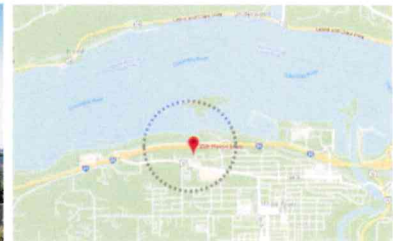
Carrie Rasmussen, Hood River
District Attorney
SafeSpace Board Co-Chair

FACILITY TEAM

Jeff Dellis, Jeff Dellis Architecture

Tanner Hall, Windemere

Anne Medenbach, Copper West



Vision

The SafeSpace Campaign aims to purchase and renovate 8,400 sf at 206 Wasco Loop, easy regional access near I-84.



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SafeSpace Children's Advocacy
Center of the Gorge

1625 Woods Court, Suite 102
Hood River, OR 97031

541.436.2960

Impact

- Increase SafeSpace case capacity from 160 to 320 per year
- Eliminate wait lists, improving response time for concerns of child abuse
- Add in-house bilingual Pediatric Mental Health Provider
- Provide outreach, planning and training center for regional child abuse response with law enforcement and child services partners
- Add satellite location in The Dalles to enhance access to SafeSpace support



Campaign Goal

\$5,000,000 Acquire and renovate 8,400 sf
Invest in program growth and satellite location

Status

\$2,700,000 Funded As of November 1, 2022

Funding Plan

\$1,200,000 Capital Campaign Fundraising [Gifts and pledges, room dedications](#)
\$ 1,100,000 Foundation Grants [In progress](#)

Timeline

By Spring 2023: Begin renovation with 80% of funds raised
By End of 2023: Complete renovation with 100% funding committed

Joining the SafeSpace Capital Campaign Team means delivering a huge win for the children of the Columbia Gorge region.

Together, we are giving children who have been abused a fresh start and new hope.



For more information please contact Beatriz Lynch:
blynch@safespacecac.org, 541.436.2960



WASCO CULTURAL TRUST COALITION



2023 Grant Application Available

The mission of the Wasco Cultural Trust is to encourage projects and activities in the arts, heritage and humanities that relate to the priorities of the Wasco County Cultural plan.

**Wasco County CTC is now seeking applications
for grant funding for projects occurring
February - December 2023.**

**Grant awards will generally range from \$200.00 to
\$2,000.00 depending on number of grants awarded
and funds available. The most competitive applications
will provide some matching resources, either in
contributed goods and services or cash funding. First
time applicants may receive greater consideration than
repeat applicants.**

Grant Cycle:

**Applications available - December 1, 2022
Applications due back to committee - February 17, 2023
Grant awards announced by - February 24, 2023
Grant cycle for project or activity - February 28, 2023 -
December 31, 2023**

**Funds for Wasco County CTC grants come from the
Oregon Cultural Trust. Applications for Wasco County
CTC grants do not disqualify an application to the
Oregon Cultural Trust or other organizations.**

**Application links are available on the Wasco County
Cultural Trust website: www.wascoculturaltrust.org**