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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Darcy Long (arrived later via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Human Resources Manager 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. Councilors McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall, Richardson present; Long 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted the Executive Session was removed from the agenda; and Item #9C a resolution concurring with the Mayor's appointment of Addie Case to the Planning Commission.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report – Jacobs

Public Works Director Anderson introduced Jacobs Manager, Taylor Poynter.

Taylor reviewed the report.

In response to questions Taylor said:

- Methane gas use project is still being worked on
- Dewatering program for biosolids is being discussed

Project Turnkey 2.0, Conversion of the Oregon Motor Motel to Transitional Shelter/Housing – Kenny LaPoint

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council Executive Director Kenny LaPointe reviewed the report.

LaPointe's major points were:

- Hotel being renovated with funds specifically designed for renovation of hotels into transitional housing
 - New roof
 - Pool removal
 - Parking lot clearly marked
 - New heat/air conditioning
 - Paint
 - Water heaters
 - Railing, decking, posts replacements
 - Laundry facility – for residents only
- Two onsite managers
 - Living in apartments
 - 24/7
 - Security at night
 - Issues addressed immediately
- Families, Veterans, Seniors, underserved cultures
 - Set aside for veterans
- Must sign good neighbor agreement

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Long arrived 6:00 p.m.

He said emergency housing was a 12 hour period; transitional housing (such as the Turnkey project) was a six month stay, during which time residents worked on a program with a case manager. He said the goal was to provide resources to help residents find permanent housing, a job, doctor care, etc.

He said on third of the clients at the pallet shelters were senior citizens. He said pallet shelter aren't ideal for transitional housing, they are designed for emergency housing.

In response to questions LaPointe said:

- MCCAC works with landlords, providing cash incentives for them rent to clients
- Some property managers are sympathetic to the issues

Projects upcoming:

- Two multifamily housing units at the Westgate Grocery site
- Project Turnkey/Navigation Center
- Navigation Center annex in Hood River

Chief Tom Worthy said he was less concerned about “issues” at Project Turnkey now that he has seen the plans in place for the facility.

Councilor Runyon said he was concerned about the “look” of the west entrance to the city. LaPointe said there are plans in place to keep garbage picked up, and the significant rehabilitation will contribute to a better look.

Mayor Mays called for 2 minute break

No Smoking/Vaping at Lewis and Clark Park – Neita Cecil, North Central Public Health Department

Neita Cecil, North Central Public Health reviewed the report and letters of support.

She said she was asking the Council to support no smoking/no vaping at the Lewis and Clark Park. She ask Council to adopt an ordinance.

Cecil said North Central Public Health could contribute:

- Signage for the park
- Smoking cessation products
- Advertise the new ordinance

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- Assist with creating the ordinance

City Manger Matthew Klebes said if the Council was interested staff would work on an ordinance/policy to bring back to the Council for action.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to bring back a recommendation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Karen Greb, tenant of Ruth Postema at 817 Floral Court said she was speaking for her landlord, who was in the audience.

She read a letter from Ruth Postema (attached). She said they needed to know who to contact to contest the abatement. She said the family was working on the property and felt there was not adequate communication.

City Attorney Kara said he had emailed Rebecca, Ms. Postema' s daughter informing her of the lien going to Council and giving her information to attend the meeting. He said no one appeared at the meeting to object and the resolution was passed.

Kara suggested that Ms. Postema should hire an attorney and have the attorney contact him.

Eugene Simara, 2035 Ridge Road said he had done some clean up for Ms. Postema and there was no noxious vegetation on the property. He said it wasn't constitutional to take things of value off the property, such as the truck and junk metal.

The following people spoke in favor of Project Turn Key 2.0

- Al Baron, Executive Director Center for Living
- Derrick, representing One Community Health
- Janet Hamada, The Next Door, Inc
- Karen Long, Housing Authority
- Colleen Ballinger – shares the concerns, but need transitional housing
- Bev Eagy, 218 West 4th – very concerned until heard the plans, now is hopeful

Lindsay Giamae, 116 East 2nd Street hopeful for the project. Downtown workers don't feel safe walking to their cars at night.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported:

Hunting for Facilities Manager and Economic Development Officer

Staffing Wicks

New IT manager hired

He said he talks at KODL monthly and was working on a schedule with Radio Tierra.

He said he wouldn't be going on the Community Outreach Team trip to Washington DC this spring. He said he was planning on attending "Gorge "US" night out in Salem.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Randall reported:

- Historic Landmarks Commission
- QLife
- Meeting with City Manager and Mayor

Councilor Runyon reported:

- QLife
- Columbia Gorge Veterans Museum
- Mid-Columbia Memorial Committee

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Meeting with City Manager and Mayor
- Climate Resiliency Committee
- Traffic Safety Committee

Councilor Long reported:

- Urban Renewal Agency meeting cancelled, next meeting next Tuesday
- Meeting with City Manager and Mayor
- Various Project Turnkey 2.0 conversations
- Representing City in Washington D.C. with the Community Outreach Team

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the January 17, 2023 Special City Council Meeting minutes; 2) The minutes of the January 23, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting; 3) Resolution No. 23-008 Concurring with Mayor's appointment to the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 23-007 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures from and within Various Funds of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget

Mayor Mays read the process for the Public Hearing.

Finance Director Angie Wilson reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked for testimony from the audience. Hearing none he closed the hearing.

Councilor Runyon asked where the funds came from.

Public Works Director Anderson said the funds came from projects not completed or started during the last fiscal year that needed to be rolled over to the current year.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to adopt Resolution No. 23-007 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures within Various Funds of The Dalles Adopted Budget. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Richardson, Long, Runyon, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

Close-out of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project No. HA2101, providing Covid-19 Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance

Mayor Mays read the process for the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director Joshua Chandler introduced Karen Long from the Housing Authority, and Mayra Ledezma, translator. Chandler reviewed the staff report.

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Mayor Mays asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. Hearing none he closed the hearing.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Contract No. 2023-003 Annual ADA Sidewalk Upgrades Project

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

In response to a question he said there were approximately 800 ADA improvements needed with walks and another 800 with no sidewalk.

He said if a project with a 50/50 grant included a needed ADA upgrade the City paid for the upgrade in full.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Van Nevel Concrete and Curb for the 2023 ADA Improvement Project, Contract No. 2023-003, in an amount not to exceed \$309,859.04. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, McGlothlin, Long, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Contract No. 23-004 1st Street Project contract with KPFF Engineering Consultants

Community Development Director Joshua Chandler reviewed the staff report.

Chandler said the project was scheduled for 24 months, giving a bit of a buffer to work with the Railroad regarding right of way.

He said he was hoping for construction in the Spring of 2025.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Randall to award Contract No. 23-004 to KPFF Consulting Engineers and authorize the City Manager to execute the Engineering Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$495,162.16, as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, Randall, Runyon, McGlothlin, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Long lost connection at 7:45 p.m.

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Local Contract Review Board Rules – Update

City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the staff report.

After some discussion on City Manager having no spending limit or process for contracting during “extreme necessity” it was the desire of Council to amend the Resolution to include a review of the rules in one year and to add something like “and time does not reasonably permit council contact”.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Randall to adopt Resolution No. 23-006 Updating the City of The Dalles Local Contract Review Board Rules, as amended. The motions carried 4 to 0; Long disconnected; Richardson, Randall, McGlothlin, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Drone Policy Review

Police Chief Tom Worthy reviewed the staff report. He introduced Office Kanyon Reams, Captain Jamie Carrico, and Mike Davis, Drone Expert from Columbia Gorge Community College.

Long rejoined the meeting about 8:05 p.m.

Officer Reams said the drones were regulated by the FAA and couldn’t fly higher than 400 feet, unless going over something, such as a light pole.

In response to a question Chief Worthy said the drones would be used for search and rescue, tactical awareness, missing persons, injured person or animal. He said the night vision was excellent.

Reams added that after incident reconstruction of a scene would also be a use of the drone.


It was the consensus of the Council for staff to proceed with community involvement and return with a final policy for Council approval.

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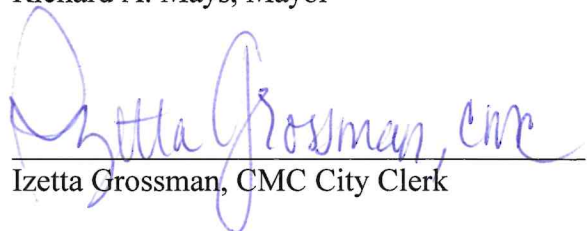
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk


SIGNED: _____

Richard A. Mays, Mayor


ATTEST: _____
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

Hi. My name is Ruth Postema. I am here in person to be heard about an abatement matter regarding 817 Floral Court. The Dalles, OR 97058 because other methods of communication seem to be ineffective

All communication ceased between the city and our family. In the lack of communication, the property was abated. We are requesting that the lines of communication be reopened to get discovery on what led up to abatement

We were under the impression that satisfactory progress was being made because 90% of property was cleaned up prior to abatement. What was left was metal and a truck that was going to be scrapped in Portland. However, the winter prevented a trip to Portland due to dangerous travel conditions.

Who is the person to talk to about challenging the abatement and what is the process of challenging the abatement?

Thank you

Rebekah

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