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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 26, 2023
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Dan Richardson
Scott Randall (via Zoom)

COUNCIL ABSENT: Rod Runyon

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Executive Assistant to City Manager Amie Ell

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 Amie Ell; Long, McGlothlin, Richardson present; Randall present via zoom; Runyon absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted the addition of Action Item 10C Resolution No. 23-021 Restricting Fire Works.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition The Dalles High School Girls Softball Team

Mayor Mays ad Head Coach Lindy Macnab presented The Dalles High School Softball Team with certificates and City Medallions.

Coach Macnab thanked everyone for the support the team received all season. She said it was an honor to coach the team.

The follow are the 2023 Tri-Valley Conference Champions, 2023 OSAA 4A State Champions, 2023 OSAA Academic All State Softball Team with a combined Team GPA of 3.72. This season, we also just broke the All-time record across all classifications in Oregon High School Softball accruing 70 Homeruns in a single season. The previous record was 53 homeruns in a single season held in 2017.

Jeilane Stewart - Junior - Catcher/Outfield

Zoe LeBreton- Junior- Shortstop/Catcher

Keiliani Crichton-Tunai- Junior- Third Baseman

Despina Seufalemua- Sophomore- Designated Player (Power Hitter)/Pitcher

Madalynn Sagapolutele-Freshman- Catcher/Outfield

Kaleyah Crichton-Tunai-Junior- Leftfielder

Madison Brock- Sophomore- Second Baseman

Kennedy Abbas- Senior- Pitcher

Ella Smith-Senior-Centerfielder

Sydney Newby- Sophomore- First baseman

Substitutes:

Ava Graves-Freshman- Outfielder

Lillian Schatz- Senior- Outfielder

Laci Hoylman-Sophomore- Outfielder

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Aizlynn Rubio-Freshman- Infielder
Hailey Johnston-Freshman- Catcher
Farrah Cardona-Junior- Outfielder
Abril Rincon-Freshman- Outfielder

Led by Coaches : Varsity Head Coach: Lindy Macnab, Varsity Assistant Coaches Jayme Scherrer and Brooke Smith. Volunteer Coaches: Ryan LeBreton and Dave McBride. JV Head Coach/Assistant Varsity Coach Duane Witter.

Police Promotion

Chief of Police Tom Worthy introduced Officer Tyler Caldwell, saying he had been with the department since August of 2015. Chief Worthy announced Caldwell was recently promoted to Sargent. Worthy said there were 5 candidates interviewed, and any of the candidates could do the job. He said that spoke to the quality officers of The Dalles Police Department. He said he was proud to work with the team.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Janet Hamada, The Next Door read a letter (see attached) from the Gorge Health Equity Collaborative, supporting Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, the Mid- Columbia Houseless Collaborative and the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority in their work to expand affordable housing options.

The letter commended the City of The Dalles for highlighting the need for attainable, affordable housing options.

She said the letter was signed by 24 individuals and businesses.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes updated the Council on ordinance review progress.

He identified the following:

- City Attorney reviewed existing ordinances confirming they met the matrix for HB 3115
- Discussion coming before Council in July
 - Staff resources
 - Partners – information sharing
 - Website page for resources
 - Wasco County Houselessness Taskforce – next meeting July
 - Mid-Columbia Community Action Council strategic plan

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Klebes also noted:

- Attended Household Hazardous Waste meeting
- QLife Strategic Plan/Business model updates being worked on
- Police recruitment
 - 1 active reserve; 1 new hire; 2 in background check stage
- RARE interviews – will start in September
- Community Outreach Team 6/27/23
 - September Washington DC trip
 - Actively engaging with State Representative

Klebes said he would send the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) Strategic Plan to councilors.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Richardson asked Klebes to send him the MCCAC Strategic Plan. He said he was supportive of a stronger relationship with State representatives.

He reported:

- KODL with the Mayor
- Inaugural meeting with the new Wasco County Houselessness Collaborative Committee
- Urban Renewal Agency Board meeting
- City Manager meeting

Councilor Long reported:

- Urban Renewal Agency Board Meeting
 - contract for demolition of Tony's Building on Federal and 2nd Street
 - Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation on Segment 1 of Mill Creek Greenway (\$190,000)
 - Learned about how Urban Renewal works – available on city's website
- State Representatives coming to see projects underway on July 11th

Long said Mark Gibson, photographer and editor of The Dalles Chronicle passed away. She said he was a valuable member of the community.

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Urban Renewal Agency Board
- Drove around Scenic area with Chief of Police
- Meeting with City Manager

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- Meeting with Scenic Dr residents
- Meeting with Air BNB property owner
- Attended services for Theron Keller, long time resident of The Dalles

Mayor Mays reported:

- District 21 School Board meeting
- Spring Nursing Home annual visit
- KODL

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: The minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting; Resolution No. 23-019 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to the Beautification Committee; Resolution No. 23-018 Assessing the Real Property Located at 2105 West 10th Street for the costs of Nuisance Abatement.

ACTION ITEMS

Watershed Land Purchase

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

In response to a question Anderson said the purpose of owning the land was to control water quality for The City of The Dalles. He said it would be a long time before there would be a timber harvest, as much of the timber was burned, or recently logged. He said the City historically had not clear cut.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to authorize the execution of an Option Agreement with Lupine Forest LLC for the purchase of approximately 3,445 acres of real property located within and near the drainage of The Dalles Municipal Watershed. The motion carried 4 to 0; McGlothlin, Richardson, Randall, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

City Insurance Renewals

Human Resources/Risk Manager Daniel Hunter reviewed the staff report.

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Breanna Wimmer, agent of record said this year workers comp rating is trending toward less than the 1.0 level.

She said the deep review that she did with staff was on cyber security. She said she recommended increasing from \$5million/\$15million aggregate to \$10million/30million aggregate. Wimmer said the increased coverage was worth the additional cost.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the City insurance renewal with CIS for General Liability, Property and Auto in amount not to exceed \$576,701.86 and; renew the City workers compensation insurance with SAIF for an amount not to exceed \$94,801.30 for FY23-24 and continue the City's partnership with Stratton Insurance as our Agent of Record. The motion carried 4 to 0; Richardson, McGlothlin, Randall, Long voting in favor; none opposed.

City Manager Klebes thanked Ms. Wimmer and managers for the efforts working on the insurance renewals.

Resolution No. 23-021 Declaring State of Emergency and Restricting Fireworks

City Manager Matthew Klebes said staff had looked at drought, recent fires and information from Emergency Operations when developing the resolution.

He said Wasco County had enacted a fireworks ban as well.

Klebes said the resolution was for this year only, and he would like direction from Council if they would like staff to bring back a more permanent Ordinance. He reminded Council that the City had enacted an emergency ban for the last three years.

City Attorney Kara said that since the resolution includes a provision for issuing a fine, it would be prudent to ask for comment from the audience.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone had any comments.

Councilor Richardson said over the last 10 years weather has become more erratic and fires more frequent. He asked if there was any past note about enforcement.

Chief Worthy said the Police Department starts with education and voluntary compliance. He said compliance had been pretty good in the past. He said no fines needed to be issued.

Rodger Nichols said it seemed hypercritical to ban fireworks, except the City could have

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fireworks.

City Attorney Kara said the commercial display was overseen by the State Fire Marshall. He said the display was on the river was different than personal fireworks. He said sales were still allowed.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Long to approve the fireworks ban.

Long asked if the motion should include the Resolution number and title.

Richardson withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Long to approve Resolution No. 23-021 Declaring a State of Emergency and Restricting Fireworks. The motion carried 4 to 0; Richardson, Long, McGlothlin, Randall voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by/

Izetta Grossman, CMC

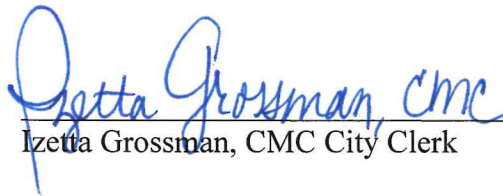
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

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To The Dalles City Council,

As members of the Gorge Health Equity Collaborative, we are reaching out to express our support for Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative, and the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority in their work to expand affordable housing options for the community.

The Gorge Health Equity Collaborative is a group of community partners representing local health and social service organizations, along with additional agencies and organizations from other sectors. We meet monthly to work toward our mission which is “to convene partners, develop and share resources, and lead organizations toward equity.”

We recognize that housing is a foundational building block that all people need to live healthy and productive lives. Housing is also a critical social determinant of health. We are all aware of the affordable housing crisis in our region, and we understand that we need more housing of all types to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe and stable place to live. Issues of housing are issues of equity because everyone deserves a safe place to call home, and because the housing crisis has created disproportionate barriers for communities of color and for other traditionally under-resourced communities.

We commend The City of The Dalles for highlighting the need for Attainable, Affordable Housing Options as a watershed opportunity in your 2040 Vision Action Plan. We encourage the City Council to support the projects and actions of Mid-Columbia Community Action, the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative, and the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority because these agencies are working hard to expand attainable, affordable housing options that are so needed by our community and that the City of The Dalles has identified as a top priority.

We want you to know that there are many individuals and organizations in The Dalles, in Wasco County, and throughout the region that stand in strong support of Mid-Columbia Community Action, the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative, and Mid-Columbia Housing Authority, and we the members of the Gorge Health Equity Collaborative are among them.

In gratitude for your service to the community,

Members of the Gorge Health Equity Collaborative

List of names and organizations who agree to sign on

1. The Next Door, Inc.
2. Columbia Gorge Health Council - Jenny Anglin
3. Gorge Grown Food Network
4. Mid-Columbia Medical Center
5. One Community Health

6. Mid-Columbia Center for Living
7. Columbia Gorge Community College
8. Small Business Development Center, Columbia Gorge Community College
9. CultureSeed – Yesenia Castro
10. Columbia Gorge Education Service District – Pat Sublette
11. North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) - Shellie Campbell
12. Hood River County Health Department
13. Klickitat Valley Health
14. Washington Gorge Action Programs – Jennifer Pauletto, Leslie Naramore
15. Columbia River Gorge Commission
16. Oregon State University Extension Hood River & Waco County – Lauren Kraemer
17. Energy Trust of Oregon
18. Saldivar Insurance
19. People for People
20. Lorena Sprager and Associates, LLC – Lorena Sprager
21. Support Cultivation LLC – Suzanne Cross
22. Healthy Gorge Initiative - Paul Lindberg
23. Colibri Consulting - Jody Sturdy O'Connor, MEd, MSc
24. Dr. Robert Gobbo - Providence Hood River, Family Medicine Residency
25. CPR in the Gorge LLC – Rena George
26. Pastor Tyler Beane Kelly of Zion Lutheran Church – ELCA
27. Patricia Cooper
28. Steve White