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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Amie Ell, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Human Resources Director 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 Ell. Long, McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall, Richardson, Mays present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mays invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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### **PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Local Government Academy Graduate Recognition**

Mayor Mays presented recognition certificates to graduates of the Local Government Academy. He thanked them for their commitment and dedication to the betterment of our community.

#### **Northwest Accreditation Alliance Award of Compliance for The Dalles Police Department**

Scott Hayes, Executive Director of the Oregon Accreditation Alliance, recognized the work and dedication of the police department staff who worked on the accreditation process. See attached.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Donna Lawrence, resident of The City of The Dalles, read her letter about houseless living next to St. Vincent de Paul services center. See attached.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported;

- He recognized work of Library staff on Dia de los Muertos event
- Work on Airport South Apron Project has begun
- Attended Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) housing summit
- Met with MCCAC and Center for Living regarding creation of street outreach team
- David Collins hired to fill city's new IT Director position
- City Council goal setting session will take place on Friday
- Thanked City Clerk for work on Local Government Academy

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

McGlothlin reported;

- He will attend goal setting session and airport board meeting this Friday
- Has participated in several meetings regarding homeless

Long reported;

- Met with City Manager

Runyon reported;

- Met with City Manager, Mayor, and 1 other councilor
- Veteran's Day parade participant, thanked Chamber of Commerce
- Took group to Veteran's home to visit, invited Council and audience to visit

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Richardson reported;

- Attended Columbia Gorge Housing Stabilization Summit
- Met with City manager and Mayor
- Congratulated Police Department on setting high standards with accreditation.
- Will continue efforts to support a new high school

Randall reported;

- Attended QLife board meeting
- Attended a debriefing with Mayor and City Manger
- Attended Sister City Reception at City Hall
- Certified Local Government workshop by State Historic Preservation Office
- Participated in mass care training
- Household hazardous waste work plan sub-committee meeting

Mayor Mays reported;

- Community Outreach Team meeting
- Presentation to Rotary
- Attended multiple Sister City events
- Economic Development Committee meeting
- Beautification Award presentation
- Presented to the Lion's Club
- Presented to the Local Government Academy
- Judged the Veteran's Day parade, winning float was United States Navy
- Looking for council members to join him in the Starlight Parade

### **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, McGlothlin, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed; none absent.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of the October 23, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution No. 23-038 A Resolution Repealing Various Historical Resolutions for Legal Sufficiency

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City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the agenda staff report.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to adopt Resolution No. 23-038 A Resolution Repealing Various Historical Resolutions for Legal Sufficiency. The motion carried 5 to 0: Randall, Long, Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin in favor; none opposed; none absent.

Kara asked council for consensus on whether or not they would like to see future similar resolutions on the consent agenda.

Runyon and McGlothlin both stated they would like these to be on the consent agenda.

Klebes reminded council items can always be pulled from the consent agenda at the start of a meeting.

Runyon said he would like staff to look for instances where the city is more restrictive than state requirements and clean them up to remove things that may be hindering the city.

Police Car Purchase

Police Chief Worthy reviewed the agenda staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to authorize the City Manager to purchase two new Ford Explorer Interceptor Police Package patrol cars from Underriner Ford in an amount not to exceed \$100,220.00. The motion carried 5 to 0: McGlothlin Richardson, Randall, Long, Runyon in favor; none opposed; none absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Amie Ell, City Clerk

SIGNED:



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Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Amie Ell, City Clerk

Donna Lawrence 11/13/2023

I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. FOR YEARS NOW OUR TOWN HAS HAD PEOPLE LIVING NEXT TO ST. VINCENTS WARMING CENTER. NOT ONLY IS IT UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY, IT HAS DEVALUED AND DAMAGED PROPERTY NEARBY; NEIGHBORS DON'T FEEL SAFE IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND YARDS. TOURISM OF THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS HAS BEEN DIVERTED. CITIZENS CAN'T USE THE SIDEWALK OR FEEL SAFE USING THE STREET AND CRIME RATES HAVE RISEN. OUR CITY POLICE HAVE BEEN DOING ALL THEY CAN, THOUGH IN MANY WAYS THEIR HANDS ARE TIED. I REALIZE YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON FIXING THIS PROBLEM. YOU'VE HAD TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE OF OREGON STATUTES AND RULINGS FROM FEDERAL CASE LAW AND SEEMINGLY AN UNWILLINGNESS FROM OUR DA TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE HOUSELESS ISSUE ACCORDING TO A RECENT ARTICLE BY TOM PETERSON. MR. ELLIS ALSO STATED IN NOVEMBER 8THS GORGE NEWS THAT HE "WILL NOT PROSECUTE ANYBODY EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOUSELESSNESS FOR USING A SHOPPING CART TO CARRY THEIR BELONGINGS". I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY STEALING SHOPPING CARTS ISN'T A CRIME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THESE PEOPLE ARE STILL LABELED HOUSELESS. OUR TOWN HAS PROVIDED SHELTER FOR THOSE WHO WANT IT. THESE PEOPLE ON THE STREET HAVE REFUSED THE OFFER. IT'S MY BELIEF THEY REFUSE THE OFFER SO THEY CAN STAY UNDER THE PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA OF THE LABEL "HOMELESSNESS" UNRESTRICTED BY ANY ORDINANCE OR LAW.

THIS IS ALL VERY FRUSTRATING TO SAY THE LEAST. I'VE DONE RESEARCH, AS I'M SURE YOU HAVE, TO SEE WHAT OTHER TOWNS HAVE DONE. ONE THING REALLY STOOD OUT. SOLUTIONS ALWAYS CAME FROM A STRONG, UNITED CITY COUNCIL. YOU ARE THE LINE OF DEFENSE. PLEASE KEEP TRYING.

## **The Dalles Police Department**

**October 2023**

Good evening, Mayor, Councilors, and members of the community. I am Scott Hayes, Executive Director for the Northwest Accreditation Alliance. I appreciate the opportunity to address the Council and present The Dalles Department with its first award of accreditation under the leadership of Chief Tom Worthy.

Law enforcement is experiencing a changing society with increased demands for police accountability and transparency. As in the past, our profession must face these challenges and work with our communities to address their concerns. Accreditation is one step toward building community trust and legitimacy of our profession.

The Northwest Accreditation Alliance was formed under the direction of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials and provides accreditation services for 94 law enforcement and communication centers.

Accreditation goals are straightforward: to support the continued improvement of law enforcement services, establish best practices through professional standards, establish agency accountability and transparency, and enhance management of operations.

For The Dalles Police Department to become accredited, the agency had to adhere to 106 Law Enforcement standards. Compliance is generally in the form of policy, procedures, Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, and City policy.

Our standards are established on best practices nationally and through changes in Oregon law. In addition to each of the 106 standards, the agency must also show proof of compliance that the agency is following policy and best practices. Re-accreditation occurs every three years.

This is a monumental step for any agency to be evaluated by an outside independent organization and have its policies and practices scrutinized.

I know several staff members were involved in the process. Still, I would like to recognize the efforts of Captain Jamie Carrico, Sergeant Eric MacNab, and Sergeant Doug Kramer, who worked diligently in preparing the agency for review.

I would also like to recognize Chief Worthy for his contribution to the Northwest Accreditation Alliance as a sitting Board member of our organization. His involvement provides our member agencies with guidance to meet best practices.

Chief Worthy, on behalf of the Oregon Accreditation Alliance and its Board of Directors, I would like to present you with your first award of accreditation.