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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 26, 2024
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, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, 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 present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted there were three amendments to the agenda;

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Item #10A would be changed from a Public Hearing to an Action Item.

Item #9B Modification of Contract Amount for SCADA System Upgrade Phase 1 Project would be added to the Consent Agenda.

Executive Session Supplemental Agenda Item would be removed from the agenda; Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the performance of an officer, employee or staff member if the person does not request an open meeting.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Oscar Ferris presented the report.

Mayor Mays asked about the set-back Ferris had mentioned in the report.

Ferris said a new employee had experienced a lifting injury. He said new procedures were put in place and new tools had been created to improve safety for employees. In addition, safety tailgate meetings now occur daily.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Mays called for audience participation. There was none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported;

- Regional City Manager meetings continued to be productive and participation increased.
- License agreement for the use of a greenspace in the Orchard Hills neighborhood had been completed.
- Leadership Team recently completed Executive Forum Advanced Leadership Challenge & training.
- Update on shopping cart ordinance. City still functioning in an education and outreach

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- mode, working with Police Department on planning enforcement of code.
- American Queen Voyages (AQV) announced bankruptcy and discontinuation of all cruises.
 - AQV docked approximately 20-25 times in the 2023 season.
 - The City entered a lease agreement in the spring of 2023 with American Cruise Lines (ACL) not AQV.
 - Outreach with The Dalles Mainstreet and The Dalles Chamber of Commerce to communicate on how to mitigate impacts and strengthen relationships with ACL.
 - ACL confirmed they will be docking as scheduled and running bus loops in The Dalles to visit local museums and attractions. They will use and are seeking local guides for some of their tours.
 - ACL affirmed commitment to previously scheduled upcoming season and anticipated growth. Five new ships being built specifically for Columbia and Mississippi River cruises.
- Met with The Dalles Police Chief and Union Pacific Railroad Police to discuss issues and dangers of people encroaching on railroad tracks.
- Dirt Huggers site visit with City Clerk. Constituent concerns of odors were main topic. Complaints have been greater in winter, related to weather inversions and wind shifts. Dirt Huggers reported implementing new procedures and facility improvements to address issues. They are installing a weather station on site to monitor winds and adjust operations when possible, installing a new aeration filtration system and adding additional paving.
- Met with Pacific Coast Producers, formally Oregon Cherry growers, to discuss odor issues and beautification of site.
- Met with Fire Chief Palmer and discussed firework sales permits which will be issued in March. Adding discussion item to next agenda for Council to give staff direction on possible fireworks regulations.

Runyon asked if there was an idea of the impact the loss of AQV vessels would have on the City for the dock fees.

Klebes said ACL will still pay the full lease and water bill for the dock, AQV did not pay docking fees directly to the City. ACL charges other cruise ship companies a fee to dock, they may see their own financial loss. He said staff had information ACL is picking up additional passengers as those who were booked with AQV seek alternative options.

Richardson asked what the total number of cruise ships visits to the City was in one season.

Klebes said between 100 and 120 visits. He said in the lease agreement with ACL, a provision had been included to allow AQV at least one dock per week.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported;

- Airport Commission meeting
- Urban Development meeting
- Met with Police Chief
- Briefing session with Mayor, City Manager
- Will be out of town for month of March
- Attended Black History Month signing by Governor in Salem, met with congressmen, senators and legislators

Councilor Long reported;

- Briefing session with Mayor, City Manager and Councilor Randall
- Met with City Manager
- Gateway Urban Renewal Agency (UR) meeting
 - Long Re-elected as Chair, Marcus Swift Co-Chair
 - Addition of Mainstreet liaison for future UR meetings
 - Annual financial report and audit
 - Approved incentive plan request for 201/203 Washington St. building
- Met with Councilor Richardson

Councilor Randall reported;

- Briefing session with Mayor, City Manager and Councilor Long

Councilor Richardson reported;

- Mid-Columbia Community Action Council and Columbia Gorge Housing Collaborative meeting
- Latinx advisory committee meeting at Columbia Gorge Community College
- History After Hours event at the National Neon Sign Museum, presentation of Jantzen Beach Carousel
- Attended and presented at Scouts meeting on Local Government
- Urban Renewal meeting
- The Dalles trail public meeting
- Traffic Safety Commission meeting
- Met with Economic Development Officer Dan Spatz

Councilor Runyon reported;

- Historical Society celebration of Oregon's 165th birthday. Spoke as president of Mid-Columbia Veteran's Memorial Committee and founding board member of Columbia

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- Gorge Veteran's Museum
- Veteran's Museum Board meeting

Mayor Mays reported;

- The time to conduct evaluations for the City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge was approaching. Council organized a date and time to meet in Executive Session to begin the evaluation process

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. 2) Resolution No. 24-005 Assessing the Real Property Located at 2221 West 8th Street the Cost of Nuisance Abatement 3) Resolution No. 24-006 A Resolution Concurring with The Mayor's Appointment to The Urban Renewal Budget Committee 4) Modification of Contract Amount for SCADA System Upgrade Phase 1 Project

ACTION ITEM

Resolution No. 24-007 A Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts Between Categories of Various Funds of The City of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Finance Director Angie Wilson presented the staff report.

Runyon asked if Klickitat County as a partner of the airport would also paying.

Wilson said this was from the airport contingency fund not did not impact the City's general fund.

Long noted that part of the transfer was due to the cost of vandalism repairs for downtown public bathrooms. She noted these funds could have instead gone toward the purchase of an indestructible public bathroom.

Richardson asked if the funds were being used to install a lock that could remotely manage the bathroom locks to remove the need to staff to work overtime hours for the task of opening and

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locking doors outside of regular work hours.

Klebes said a locking device was being explored by the new Facilities Supervisor and Community Development Director to reduce conflicts with staff schedules and the need for overtime pay to maintain the opening of these public restrooms during daylight hours.

McGlothlin asked if there were security cameras on the exterior of the bathrooms.

Klebes said he did not believe there were. He said the IT department was working to create a security plan that included a camera and door security upgrade. The intention is to create a strong holistic approach for this type of security. He is hesitant to purchase individual campus by campus pieces and prefers to wait so it is not done piecemeal.

Runyon asked who would have the button for the restrooms.

Klebes clarified it would be on a timer and not require someone to do this at each open and close.

Joshua Chandler Community development Director said the goal was to cut down on the amount of overtime pay for those who were currently tasked with locking and unlocking after work hours.

Richardson expressed appreciation to Police Chief Worthy the work done to recruit and hire new officers. He thanked current police staff for working overtime to cover shifts while short staffed.

McGlothlin said every cent in the City is accounted for and thanked Wilson for the work she does.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Long to adopt Resolution No. 24-007 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts between Categories of Various Funds of the City of The Dalles Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. The motion carried 5 to 0, Richardson, Long, McGlothlin, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed; none absent.

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 6:18 pm

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Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 6:28 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by/
Amie Ell, City Clerk



SIGNED:

Richard A. Mays, Mayor



ATTEST:

Amie Ell, City Clerk