

AGENDA**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING****MARCH 11, 2024****5:30 p.m.****CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER****313 COURT STREET****and****LIVE STREAMED****[https://www.thedalles.org/Live Streaming](https://www.thedalles.org/Live_Streaming)**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
 - A. The Dalles Booster Club Project Proposal
 - B. The Dalles Police Department Drone Policy Update
 - C. Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

During this portion of the meeting, anyone may speak on any subject which does not later appear on the agenda. Up to three minutes per person will be allowed. Citizens are encouraged to ask questions with the understanding that the City can either answer the question tonight or refer that question to the appropriate staff member who will get back to you within a reasonable amount of time. If a response by the City is requested, the speaker will be referred to the City Manager for further action. The issue may appear on a future meeting agenda for City Council consideration.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Items of a routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the Consent Agenda to allow the City Council to spend its time and energy on the important items and issues. Any Councilor may request an item be "pulled" from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda will be placed on the Agenda at the end of the "Action Items" section.

- A. Approval of the February 26, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Resolution No. 24-008 A Resolution Concurring with The Mayor's Appointment to The Historic Landmarks Commission

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Fireworks Regulations

11. 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.

- A. Recess Open Session
- B. Reconvene Open Session
- C. Decision, if any

12. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted VIA Zoom

Prepared by/
Amie Ell
City Clerk

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PRESENTATION

AGENDA LOCATION: Item #5A

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

PRESENTOR: Anthony Pereira, The Dalles Booster Club

TOPIC: The Dalles Booster Club Project Proposal

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. The Dalles Booster Club Presentation Slides



The Dalles Booster Club

The mission of The Dalles School Booster Club is to encourage excellence for all students involved in athletic activities, stimulate a positive community image, promote student health and a healthy competitive spirit at **The Dalles High & Middle School** by providing resources, ***Promoting parent and community involvement*** in a strategic partnership designed to enhance the development of all athletic activities.

Pride & Partnership in The Dalles, renewing tradition

The Dalles Boosters is looking to grow our community partnership in alignment with our mission.

We wish to return a long-loved tradition to The Dalles that is a daily reminder of the mission of community over self.

RESTORE THE “TD” on the hillside in The Dalles

The proposal: with volunteers from the 2024 graduating Senior Class, members of various athletic and other activity groups and the student body of TDHS we restore the letters on the Hillside before the end of the school year (pre-graduation date) Materials will be provided by The Dalles Booster Club with in-kind donations from local sponsors

What we need: Your permission to use city property in the location where the letter has been previously overlooking Thompson Track. We also would love your enthusiastic support and public recognition of this joint effort between the boosters, city, its students and community members.

Why & why now?

TDBC is growing and has a dedicated board ready to take big ideas and turn them into big returns for the community. In 2022 & 2023 we raised thousands of dollars and distributed funds to several clubs and sports teams.

Projects included: Re-painting of 16th Street ballpark and started re-painting Quinton Street ballpark; new scoreboard for the football field at Wahtonka, payment for specialized storage for robotics team, pitching /hitting speed and form evaluation equipment and software for the baseball team and swim team software/equipment.

TDHS has had a run of wins and playoff appearances which have produced an upswing in pride and re-engagement post pandemic. This in turn has generated an increase in community involvement.

Letters have traditionally been a sign to the world saying “We’re here, look at us” we, together as The Dalles, are ready for the world to see us again.

This renewal is a call to action, to all of us, to show our pride, and support for one another, despite recent challenges.

#TDEVERYDAY

These monograms, usually of respectable antiquity, are part of community and landscape history. To some extent they reflect the spirit of the time when most were constructed, before environmental preservation and esthetics became concerns in our culture. Of the nearly 250 letters mapped, virtually all have been produced by student groups and represent their institutions. The letters remain a conspicuous and durable part of the identity of many communities, fortifying institutional allegiances and the sense of place.— *Hillside Letters in the Western Landscape* by James J. Parsons

Monogram	Town	Description	Location
A	Adrian		43.737°N 117.0934°W﻿ / ﻿43.737°N 117.0934°W﻿ / 43.737; -117.0934
A	Arlington		46.72167°N 120.1983°W﻿ / ﻿46.72167°N 120.1983°W﻿ / 46.72167; -120.1983
B	Baker		44.779°N 117.6896°W﻿ / ﻿44.779°N 117.6896°W﻿ / 44.779; -117.6896
B	Burnt River	Burnt River School	44.4567°N 118.298°W﻿ / ﻿44.4567°N 118.298°W﻿ / 44.4567; -118.298
C	Crane		43.42227°N 118.5149°W﻿ / ﻿43.42227°N 118.5149°W﻿ / 43.42227; -118.5149
C	Culver		44.46337°N 121.2234°W﻿ / ﻿44.46337°N 121.2234°W﻿ / 44.46337; -121.2234
CC	Prineville	Crook County High School	44.2828°N 120.8332°W﻿ / ﻿44.2828°N 120.8332°W﻿ / 44.2828; -120.8332
D (uncertain existence)	The Dalles	The Dalles High School	45.0057°N 121.1875°W﻿ / ﻿45.0057°N 121.1875°W﻿ / 45.0057; -121.1875 (uncertain location)
D	Dayville		44.4759°N 119.5105°W﻿ / ﻿44.4759°N 119.5105°W﻿ / 44.4759; -119.5105
D	Dufur		45.459°N 121.1387°W﻿ / ﻿45.459°N 121.1387°W﻿ / 45.459; -121.1387
E	Elgin		48.96967°N 117.9087°W﻿ / ﻿48.96967°N 117.9087°W﻿ / 48.96967; -117.9087
F	Fugene	Fugene High School (Now South Fugene High School)	44.0878°N 123.09478°W﻿ / ﻿44.0878°N 123.09478°W﻿ / 44.0878; -123.09478
G	Garibaldi		45.58237°N 123.9291°W﻿ / ﻿45.58237°N 123.9291°W﻿ / 45.58237; -123.9291

According to Wikipedia, there are at least 39 hillside letters, acronyms and messages in the state, possibly more!



Our neighbors Lyle to the west of us and Arlington to the east, have continued their tradition for many years as not only a source of pride for the senior class, but the entire community. It says, we are here, come check us out!



Report:

By: Chief Tom M. Worthy
Officer John Caminiti
To: The Dalles City Council
Date: March 11, 2024, 5:30pm
Subject: TDPD Drone Policy and activity/Use Report

Background:

In 2022 The Dalles Police Department (TDPD) sought to begin using a small Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV), more commonly referred to as a drone to assist in policing operations and community safety. Many communities and police Departments are capitalizing on this technology which is growing in popularity and acceptance. TDPD reviewed model policies and researched best practice. TDPD briefed the city council and provided the draft policy and conducted a community outreach meeting so that all community members could give input on the program (See Image 1). The policy (Police Policy Book Chapter 26) was adopted in February 2023 and the Police Department agreed to return to the City Council in a year to report on progress. This is that progress report.

Image 1, Community Input and Transparency:



Drone Use Statistics:

The TDPD drone was deployed 41 times between March 09, 2023 and February 05, 2024.

- 17 attempts to locate (ATL) suspects for various cases
 - Notable Case - Apprehension / de-escalation of suspect, Drone allowed officers to keep the suspect at distance who was on I-84. The suspect had a history of suicide attempts. 23-1588 / 23-1599
- 8 ATL Missing Subject
 - 3 Missing subjects (Adults)

- 2 Missing child
- 1 Missing woman with medical concerns
- 1 Missing Boater/WCSO - BUI D23-0978
- 1 Missing suicidal woman involving a young child
- 3 Crime Scene Retention Missions
 - Crime scene preservation using 3D mapping County Case
 - Crime scene photos of D23-1280
 - Crime scene Preservation of Plane crash D23-2069, Assisting FAA.
- 2 Assisting local Agencies
 - MCFR (Tie Plant Fire)
 - WCSO an ATL Suspect (See Image 2,3)

Image 2, Thermal Search for Suspect:

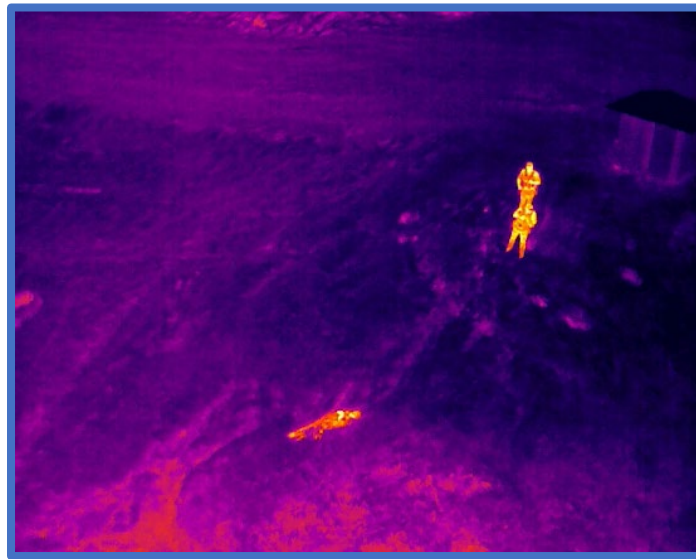


Image 3, Suspect Arrested with aid of Drone:



- 2 Barricaded Subjects
 - D23-0789 - Barricaded subject / SERT Callout
 - D23-1139 - Vehicular barricaded subject
- 1 Cougar Sighting / Safety of the community / Animal
- Deployed the drone at a public event, National Night Out
- 7 total Drone Deployments in 2024
 - 5 ATL Suspect
 - 1 ATL missing juvenile with a weapon
 - 1 Crime scene preservation

Licensing:

TDPD has four Part 107 Licensed drone pilots:

1. CPT Jamie Carrico
2. SGT Joshua Jones
3. DET Charles Parsons
4. OFC John Caminiti

Equipment:

DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advance Capabilities-

The DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced (M2EA) is a highly versatile yet compact drone designed for commercial use. Here are some key features:

1. Dual Imaging Capability: The M2EA is equipped with both thermal and visual sensors, allowing it to capture detailed imagery in various conditions.
2. 32x Digital Zoom: With its advanced imaging system, the M2EA supports an impressive 32x digital zoom, enabling close examination of distant objects.
3. Centimeter-Level Positioning Accuracy: The M2EA features an RTK (Real-Time Kinematic) module, which provides centimeter-level positioning accuracy. This precision is crucial for tasks such as mapping, inspections, and search and rescue missions.
4. Compact Design: Despite its powerful capabilities, the M2EA remains compact and portable, making it easy to transport and deploy in the field.

M2EA Key Limitations-

1. Limited ability to fly in adverse weather.
2. Limited flight time, approximately 25 minutes
3. No airdrop attachment for remote delivery of objects (water, lifejacket etc.)

Image 4, Drone Deployment Vehicle Equipment



Image 5, Drone Precision Flight Training



Policy Consideration:

Policy Chapter 26, Section 5 only allows the use of the drone for assessing environmental damage pursuant to a Governor’s Disaster Declaration. On several occasions TDPD would have deployed the drone to locate and identify environmental damage due to unregulated outdoor camping along the riverfront trail, and other undeveloped areas had this been permissible under the policy. This policy prohibition caused the surveys of this activity to occur on foot, potentially placing officers and other city employees and contractors at risk. Additionally, the survey quality was less by conducting the work on foot, and took longer. TDPD proposes a minor modification of the policy to allow this specific use of the drone, which can be accomplished by an amendment and later full incorporation into the policy manual at the next regular update.

Summary/Conclusion:

The use of the TDPD drone adds value to the Department and community safety. There have been no associated policy violations, privacy concerns or citizen complaints. The TDPD Drone policy is functioning as intended and provides a sufficient framework to ensure safe and reasonable operations that are within the law.



CITY OF THE DALLES PROCLAMATION

2024 Parkinson's Awareness Month

Whereas Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States;

Whereas an estimated more than one million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease, with an additional 90,000 individuals diagnosed annually;

Whereas there is no known cure for Parkinson's disease and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time;

Whereas increased research, education and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

Therefore, I, Richard Mays, Mayor of the City of The Dalles, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in 2024.

Richard A. Mays, Mayor

Attest:

Amie Ell, City Clerk



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA LOCATION: Item #9AB

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Amie Ell, City Clerk

ISSUE: Approving items on the Consent Agenda and authorizing City staff to sign contract documents.

- A. **ITEM:** Approval of the February 26, 2024 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None.

SYNOPSIS: The minutes of the February 26, 2024 Regular City Council meeting have been prepared and are submitted for review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council review and approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

- B. **ITEM:** A Resolution Concurring with The Mayor's Appointment to The Historic Landmarks Commission.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None.

SYNOPSIS: The Mayor has met with the applicant and recommends appointment.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council concurs with the Mayor's appointment to the Historic Landmarks Commission; and approves Resolution No. 24-008.

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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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-008

**A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE
MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO THE
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, there is a vacant position on The Historic Landmarks Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has elected to appoint Karl Vercouteren to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council concurs with the appointment of:

Karl Vercouteren to The Historic Landmarks Commission; with term expiring May 31, 2028.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective March 11, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Voting Yes, Councilors: _____
Voting No, Councilors: _____
Absent, Councilors: _____
Abstaining, Councilors: _____

AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

SIGNED: _____
Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Ell, City Clerk



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA LOCATION: Item #10A

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Matthew Klebes, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of Fireworks Regulations

BACKGROUND: The City has long been committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents; part of that ongoing effort gaining prominence in recent years involves the desired extent of fireworks regulations. The community has raised concerns on fireworks—traditionally associated with celebrations—due to their potential to pose risks to public safety, property, and the environment.

Given those increasing concerns regarding fireworks-related incidents, Staff asks Council for direction on how it would like the City to process potential regulations and bans for both the upcoming year and as a standing regulation for the future. Specifically, Staff seeks Council direction on whether (1) the matter should be brought annually as an emergency ordinance or (2) if a general ordinance should be established. This direction will help ensure a proactive and consistent approach to fireworks regulations addressing fire danger concerns and commercial activity related to fireworks purchasing, sale, and community use.

Staff recommends thoughtful consideration be given to various approaches regarding potential firework regulations. Some identified options include:

- restricting the personal use of fireworks within City limits;
- prohibiting the commercial use of fireworks within City limits; and
- prohibiting the sale of fireworks within City limits.

Note: Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue (**MCFR**) typically begins issuing permits for the sale of fireworks annually in March. Additionally, the timing of the City's prior fireworks ban regulations have historically aligned with burn and firework bans from MCFR and

Wasco County and has been associated with State-declared emergency drought conditions. In recent years, those decisions have been brought to Council and made in June. The timing of such decisions impacts commercial and personal decisions regarding the purchase and use fireworks and the purpose of this discussion item is to take a more proactive approach on this issue to mitigate those impacts.

Of particular note is the impact a commercial ban could have on the Fort Dalles Fireworks Display event. Considering the event's significance to the community and the City's annual financial contributions to the event, the Council's decision on a commercial ban would play a pivotal role in shaping the experience for residents and visitors alike. Council should also consider commercial displays involve professional and trained facilitators along with associated insurance and experience in conducting such displays.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct City budget implications associated with fireworks regulations but there could be financial impacts on the commercial sale of fireworks and their use as fundraisers for various community entities.

COUNCIL ALTERNATIVES:

This is a discussion item and, depending on Council direction, Staff intends to bring any identified action items back to Council for consideration in April. Specifically, Staff has identified two primary questions:

1. What is Council's direction on Staff's development of proposed regulations on the personal use of fireworks, commercial use of fireworks, and commercial sale of fireworks?
2. Would Council prefer such regulations be made on an ad hoc annual basis or to establish a general ordinance?