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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 9, 2024
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Ben Wring, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dan Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Amie Ell, Public Works Director Dale McCabe, Deputy Public Works Director David Mills, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Assistant City Manager / HR Director Brenda Fahey

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. Wring, McGlothlin, Randall, Runyon present. Richardson absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted the addition of an item to the consent agenda adopting Resolution No. 25-027 Declaring the Necessity of Acquiring Easements from Certain Described Real Property Abutting East 1st Street for The Dalles Riverfront Access Project.

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

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Explore The Dalles Annual Report - The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Farquharson

Lisa Farquharson, CEO of The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the annual tourism report per the City's contract. She highlighted marketing efforts including partnerships with KETU, digital advertising using Datify, and expanded geofencing targeting key markets. Campaigns generated 30,000 ad impressions, resulting in an estimated \$7.2 million in visitor spending. Year-to-date data showed over 292,000 tracked visitors, with estimated spending exceeding \$75 million. Visitor services assisted 2,800 walk-ins and distributed over 8,000 brochures. She also described efforts in accessibility, event support, media coverage, and business partnerships. The Chamber awarded 15 event-marketing grants and appeared in over 20 publications. Recruitment for a new Tourism Director had begun. She closed by emphasizing tourism's significant economic impact on the community.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schechtel, resident, expressed concern about FLOCK surveillance systems being marketed nationwide. He described the system's ability to track license plates and share data across agencies without permission. He referenced recent data breaches, such as in Washington, D.C., and expressed concern about potential misuse if such systems were compromised. He urged City leadership to be transparent if approached by sales agents and noted that Skamania County had installed a system and was facing public opposition. He stated his belief that such systems violate privacy rights.

City Manager Klebes reported that the City had been contacted by FLOCK representatives but, after consultation with the Chief of Police, had no intent to pursue the program.

Judy Merrill, resident, thanked the City for the trees, trash cans with murals, murals throughout town, and the landscaped area at Trevitt. She expressed safety concerns about bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and similar devices on downtown sidewalks. She reported discussions with Police Chief Worthy and the Traffic Safety Commission and recommended the City study a potential ordinance to address sidewalk use and improve safety.

Bob Kenyon, resident, thanked the City for its support of the recent Grand Dalles Music Festival, calling it a great success. He noted strong attendance, community involvement, and benefits to local venues like the Granada Theater. He referred to it as the first annual event and expressed

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optimism for future growth.

Chip Wood, resident, expressed concerns about ICE activities nationally and their potential impact on the local agricultural industry and community. He acknowledged assurances from Chief Worthy and Sheriff McGill regarding adherence to Oregon law, but questioned if local officials would support peaceful protesters if ICE operates locally. He emphasized the fear created by ICE detentions without due process and encouraged the City Council to be proactive in peaceful opposition. He suggested using emergency alerts to notify the community of ICE activity.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported;

- Introduced James Sprague, new Transportation Manager from ODOT, replacing David Mills (now Deputy Public Works Director). Thanked Dale McCabe for building a strong team.
- Reminded Council the City has done wastewater testing for COVID-19, RSV, and flu since 2020 to protect public health; North Central Public Health will launch a respiratory risk website this fall, with info included in the September utility bill.
- Met with Columbia Gorge Humane Society, Wasco County, City staff, and veterinarians to discuss updating the dog ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported;

- Nothing to report

Councilor Wring reported;

- Nothing to report

Councilor Randall reported;

- Attended the Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee (LPSCC) meeting, where status updates on several grant applications were provided.

Councilor Runyon reported;

- Attended the Special Council meeting the previous week.
- Invited community to attend the Alaska Airlines-sponsored Fallen Soldiers cart stopping at the Oregon Veterans Home around 2 p.m. on June 18 for a special flag presentation.

Mayor Mays reported;

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- Met two newly elected members of the District 21 School Board.
- Met with Hood River Mayor Paul Blackburn.
- Helped celebrate Yard of the Month for Taylor and Kelsey Alzheimer on Third Street.
- Attended the memorial service for community icon Karl Vercouteren.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on the consent agenda were 1) Resolution 25-025 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to the Traffic Safety Commission; 2) 2025 Wasco County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption; 3) Authorization of Expenditures for 2025 City Street Chip Seal Project; and 4) Resolution No. 25-027 Declaring the Necessity of Acquiring Easements from Certain Described Real Property Abutting East 1st Street for The Dalles Riverfront Access Project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution 25-023 Declaring The City Of The Dalles' Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mayor Mays announced the Public Hearing and read the rules.

The public hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Mays called for the staff report.

City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone in support of, in opposition to, or in any other way directly related to the proposed use of state shared funding wished to testify

There were none.

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 25-023 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The motion carried 4 to 0, Runyon, McGlothlin, Wring, Randall voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

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Resolution 25-024 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget for The City of The Dalles, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes, and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to Carry Out the Adopted Budget

Mayor Mays announced the Public Hearing and read the rules.

The public hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Mays called for the staff report.

City Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone in support of, in opposition to, or in any other way directly related to the approved budget wished to testify

Amy Krol, resident of 805 West 12th Street, The Dalles asked why the Police Budget was the top receiver of the budget. She said the way in which money was spent reflected values. Klebes reported that an Oregon Food Bank application for bird deterrent assistance had been submitted in the grant process but not included in the budget review documents. He apologized for the oversight and affirmed his original recommendation to the Budget Committee.

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

It was moved by Wring and seconded by Runyon to adopt Resolution 25-024 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget for The City of The Dalles, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes, and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to Carry Out the Adopted Budget. The motion carried 4 to 0, Wring, Runyon, McGlothlin, Randall voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

Special Ordinance No. 25-606 Vacating a Portion of Public Right-Of-Way, Rededicating, and Accepting the Rededication of Real Property on Federal Street Between East 1st Street and East 2nd Street for the Federal Street Plaza Project

Mayor Mays announced the Public Hearing and read the rules.

The public hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Mays called for the staff report.

Community Development Director Joshua Chandler reviewed the staff report.

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Mayor Mays asked if anyone in favor of the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone in opposition to the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone not in favor or in opposition to the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk to read the Special Ordinance by title. Ell read the Ordinance by title only.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Randall to adopt Special Ordinance No. 25-606, which approves the Petition for Public Right-of-Way Vacation Application No. 77-25 to vacate a portion of public right-of-way, rededicating, and accepting the rededication of real property on Federal Street between East 1st Street and East 2nd Street for the Federal Street Plaza Project, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Agenda Staff Report, by title only, as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, McGlothlin, Randall, Runyon, Wring voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

Special Ordinance No. 25-607, a special ordinance vacating a portion of public right-of-way near the intersection of Columbia Road and Steelhead Way

Mayor Mays announced the Public Hearing and read the rules.

The public hearing opened at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Mays called for the staff report.

Community Development Director Joshua Chandler reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked if the applicant was present and wished to testify.

Darrin Eckman, AKS Engineering and Forestry, and Prayut Patel, representing Design LLC (Google), spoke in support of the staff report and recommendation. Eckman noted the road serves no additional parcels and Design LLC owns the adjoining properties. The vacation and lot consolidation will improve design development, provide access to the existing structure on Steelhead Way, and help alleviate current traffic congestion. They offered to answer any questions.

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Mayor Mays asked what was located directly west of the Columbia Road right-of-way proposed for vacation

Eckman said a North Wasco County PUD substation was located to the north. He stated that access would be maintained through an easement on the property, along with easements for associated utilities.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone in favor of the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone in opposition to the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none.

Mayor Mays asked if anyone not in favor or in opposition to the proposed vacation wished to testify. There were none

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk to read the Special Ordinance by title. Ell read the Ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Wring to adopt Special Ordinance No. 25-607, which approves the Petition for Public Right-of-Way Vacation Application No. 76-25 to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way near the intersection of Columbia Road and Steelhead Way, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Agenda Staff Report, by title only, as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, Randall, Wring, Runyon, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Ordinance No. 25-608 Accepting Title to Real Property Located Near the Intersection of West 2nd Street and Snipes Street

City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the staff report.

Public Works Director Dale McCabe added McCabe reported that staff, led by Water Distribution Manager Jerry Anderson, had conducted inspections during construction to prepare for City ownership and maintenance. A final walkthrough had been held the previous week with Crestline Construction, MFA, and Google to finalize the punch list. Ownership transfer was anticipated around July 1, which would begin a one-year warranty. The facilities included two wells (one ASR), a booster pump station, surge tank, and two 1.25-million-gallon reservoirs,

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which would be a major addition to the water system. He clarified that the ASR well was an Aquifer Storage and Recovery system, which allowed water to be infused into the aquifer for storage and later recovered at different times of the year.

Runyon said Google had made significant contributions to the community, noting they donated two wells producing more water than they needed, paid for the related infrastructure, and enabled the City to incorporate the system and sell water back to Google. He stated it was a valuable long-term benefit for the community.

Mayor Mays confirmed that the City would be receiving a water main, two wells, two storage tanks, a water pump station, a sewage lift station, a force main, a utility corridor, water rights, and added system redundancy benefiting the entire water system beyond the Port area.

McCabe stated that the system would serve the 310 zone, which included not only the industrial area but extended to the downtown area as well.

Councilor Randall added that Google's contribution of added capacity was timely, noting that two of the City's wells were currently down for maintenance.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk to read the Special Ordinance by title. Ell read the Ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Runyon and seconded by Randall to adopt Special Ordinance No. 25-608 as presented, by title only. The motion carried 4 to 0, Runyon, Randall, Wring, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed; none absent.

Resolution 25-026 Amending the City Fee Schedule (effective June 10, 2025)

City Attorney Jonathan Kara reviewed the staff report.

Wring asked staff when the sewer rate was last adjusted, noting that water rates had recently increased for the first time in 10 years under the Water Master Plan.

McCabe confirmed sewer rates had been that same period of time.

Runyon commended the small increase in sewer fees, noting the inside City limits fee increased by \$1.34 per unit and the outside City limits fee by \$2.36 per unit. He then sought clarification on the livestock feed permit, confirming it increased from \$25 to \$75, applied to livestock (not poultry), and asked if the fee would be charged per animal, such as for multiple horses, cows, or goats.

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Kara explained that the livestock permit fee was charged per species, not per individual animal, so five horses required one permit. He clarified that the new Chapter 5.03, effective July 1, defined livestock to include domesticated goats, sheep, alpacas, llamas, equines, and poultry. Poultry was specifically defined as domesticated chickens, ducks, geese, and quail. He confirmed that, according to the definitions, poultry was included within livestock for permit purposes. Kara clarified poultry was covered under the poultry category within the livestock ordinance. He explained one permit was required per species regardless of quantity—for example, one permit covered any number of chickens. Therefore, if an individual had two horses and 10 chickens, they would have needed two permits: one for horses and one for poultry.

Klebes noted that the City Clerk and Public Information Officer had been conducting public awareness and education over the past weeks and months regarding the new ordinance, its effective date, and compliance requirements.

Kara clarified that if adopted, all fees would take effect the following day except for the sewer fee increase, which was intentionally scheduled to take effect July 1.

It was moved by Wring and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 25-026, a resolution amending the City Fee Schedule (effective June 10, 2025), as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, Wring, McGlothlin, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed; none absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Randall declared a potential conflict of interest and recused himself from the executive session.

Mayor Mays recessed Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 7:43 p.m.

It was moved by Wring and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of The Dalles and The Dalles Police Association, effective July 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2025. The motion carried 3 to 0, Wring, McGlothlin, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed; Richardson absent; Randall abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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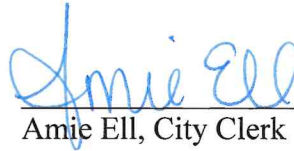
Submitted by/
Amie Ell, City Clerk

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard A. Mays".

Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amie Ell".

Amie Ell, City Clerk