



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes City Commission

Doug Neeley, Mayor
Kathy Roth, Commission President
Betty Mumm, Carol Pauli, Rocky Smith, Jr.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and take Roll Call

Mayor Neeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 5 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli and Commissioner Kathy Roth

Staffers: 10 - City Manager David Frasher, City Attorney William Kabeiseman, Community Development Director Tony Konkol, Community Services Director Scott Archer, City Recorder Nancy Ide, Human Resources Director Jim Loeffler, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Library Director Maureen Cole, Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood and Project Engineer Erik Wahrgren

2. Flag Salute

3. Ceremonies, Proclamations, Presentations

4. Citizen Comments

Byron Boyce, resident of Oregon City, announced Metro agreed to include Waterboard Park in their invasive plants project in the Canemah neighborhood. PGE was supporting the project.

James Nicita, resident of Oregon City, suggested an implementing ordinance for Measure 3-407 to alleviate the concern that the measure would cause uncertainty by requiring developers to make investment but the bond could be turned down by the voters. He read the exchange from the January 31, 2011, Urban Renewal meeting between Commissioner Yates and City Attorney Ed Sullivan regarding how to have a more global approval of the bonds in advance through an implementing ordinance.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented with Item 7c pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

6. Public Hearings

6a. 13-069 Legislative File 12-01: Proposed amendments to the Land Use Appeal Process

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, explained the option of using a Hearings Officer was removed from the amendments per Commission direction. He

requested the public hearing be continued to February 20, 2013, to allow the Planning Commission time to review the amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mumm, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to continue the public hearing for Legislative File 12-01 to February 20, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli and Commissioner Kathy Roth

7. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Mumm, seconded by Commissioner Pauli, to approve Consent Agenda items 7a and 7b. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli and Commissioner Kathy Roth

7a. 13-066 Minutes of the December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

7b. 13-072 Minutes of the January 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

7c. 13-068 South End Concept Plan: Construction Excise Tax Grant Intergovernmental Agreement
Mr. Konkol stated the City was awarded funds from Metro's Construction Excise Tax program for the South End Concept Plan. This was the agreement to receive the funding with similar parameters as the agreement done for the Beavercreek and Park Place Concept Plans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roth, seconded by Commissioner Mumm, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the South End Concept Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli and Commissioner Kathy Roth

8. Communications

a. City Manager

David Frasher, City Manager, stated Commissioners Roth and Smith would have the opportunity to discuss the Willamette Falls Legacy Project with Oregon's congressional delegates.

There was Commission consensus for staff to prepare talking points for the Commissioners.

Mr. Frasher explained the conduct rules that had been developed by the Commission during their Retreat. He thanked Wyatt Parno, Finance Director, for producing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report would be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association competition for an award.

Eric Wahrgren, Project Engineer, discussed a recent complaint received regarding

the lack of stability of the Railroad Bridge. He gave a history of the bridge which was owned by Union Pacific. Union Pacific had no plans to work on the bridge structure or perform erosion measures near the abutments. They were not concerned about the stability after performing their inspections.

Mr. Frasher said Oregon City did not have jurisdiction over the bridge, but the State did and complaints could be directed there.

Mayor Neeley suggested something be sent to the State from the Commission.

Bryon Boyce, resident of Oregon City, gave further background on the situation. Several years ago the State had to get involved to do repairs on the bridge and billed Union Pacific. Those repairs had been undermined at this point, and he thought it was a problem. He was concerned if there was a flood the bridge would collapse.

There was consensus for the City Manager to write a letter to the State from the Commission and to include the story about the State intervening before.

Nancy Ide, City Recorder, discussed a revised policy for annual reports by boards and commissions which would be distributed to the staff of the committees to implement.

Maureen Cole, Library Director, announced the William Stafford birthday celebration on January 17. The next First Friday film would be held on February 1.

b. Mayor

Mayor Neeley discussed a Metro sponsored levy for open space maintenance that would be on the May ballot.

c. Commission

Commissioner Roth reported on the Commission Retreat.

Commissioner Mumm attended the State Transportation Improvement Plan meeting where two projects for Oregon City were put forward for grant funding. If the City received the funding, it would not be available until 2015. She announced the City's JPAC representatives and that Providence Milwaukie Hospital will no longer have a maternity ward after June 30.

Commissioner Pauli reported on the great services provided by the Pioneer Community Center. There were new members on the Main Street Board and a new employee of Main Street who would be working on communication with businesses.

Commissioner Smith announced the Chair for the South Fork Water Board was the Mayor of West Linn and Vice Chair was the Mayor of Oregon City.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Neeley adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Ide, City Recorder