

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

AGENDA ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

CONVENED:

Mayor Young called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Young delivered the invocation and led the flag salute.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons
Councilor Josh Fromm (by phone)
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Casey Wheeler

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa Smith (departed 6:18 p.m.)
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent (arrived 6:45 p.m.)
Josh Harper, Police Sergeant (arrived 6:10 p.m.; departed 6:55 p.m.)
Michael McGlothlin, Chief of Police
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

2.1 Public Hearing: To receive public comments on proposed amendments to the Columbia City Development Code.

Public Hearing opened.

Lisa asked if anyone has a conflict or bias related to these amendments. None were heard.

Lisa said Oregon law requires that any issues or concerns be raised at this hearing, or they are waived. She said the failure to raise an issue accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the City Council and the parties with an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue.

Referring to the staff report, Lisa addressed each of the proposed changes to the Development Code as follows:

- ⇒ Add the use of a Community Hall to the outright uses listed under the Public Lands Zone.
- ⇒ Replace the language requiring approval by the Building Official and City Administrator for all sign applications with approval by the City because not all signs require a building permit.
- ⇒ Correct a reference to a section number.
- ⇒ Replace an incorrect word with the correct word.
- ⇒ Add a missing word to a sentence.
- ⇒ Change the property line adjustment section to permit an adjustment so long as a non-conforming use is not increased - currently the non-conforming use must be brought into full compliance.

No comments were heard from the public.

Public Hearing closed.

AGENDA ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS:

7.2 Council Bill No. 11-597: Ordinance No. 11-666-O: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 03-586-O, the Columbia City Development Code (CCDC); declaring an emergency.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 11-597 WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

AGENDA ITEM 3

CITIZEN INPUT:

Due to a recent complaint about a household's recent acquisition of four goats, Lisa Smith inquired about the Council's wishes pertaining to the regulation of livestock within the City. After discussion between staff and Council, it was determined that Lisa will visit with the Planning Commission on the subject.

Ken Gates of Columbia City thanked Chief McGlothlin and his staff for the vacation checks they performed while he was recently away on vacation. He said it is a great benefit that he is very appreciative of.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Ken said the Chamber Board of Directors has been discussing the redistricting proposals that will split south county from the rest of the County and put them in a district with Portland. He said the Board of Directors has adopted a Resolution opposing the redistricting proposals, and the cities of Scappoose and St. Helens and the Port of St. Helens have written letters opposing the current redistricting proposals, and he encouraged Columbia City to follow suit. He said the messages are having an impact on the State Legislature.

The Council discussed this topic with Ken at length.

AGENDA ITEM 4

COUNCIL REPORTS:

4.1 Parks Committee: Chair Fitzgibbons said the Committee met recently. She said Jim Bundy Memorial Park looks great thanks to the help of several volunteers, and especially Thomas Nash. She said Mark Ebert has volunteered to pull weeds and replant the wall area behind the Public Works Shop. She said she will meet with Stan Hopkins to look at the McBride Creek area to discuss the development of walking trails, and perhaps

an Eagle Scout might want to build a bridge across the creek. She said Jonathan Harrel will complete his Eagle Scout project in Ruth Rose Richardson Park on June 18.

Leahnette said Heather Ebert and her group of Boy Scouts recently spent some time removing blackberry bushes from Pixie Park. She said Stan Hopkins has also put in many hours doing the same.

4.2 Water Source and Development Committee: No report.

4.3 Street Committee: No report.

4.4 Sewer Committee: No report.

4.5 Audit Committee: Secretary Wheeler said the Audit Committee will meet in June 2011.

4.6 Library Report: Leahnette said three donations totaling \$1600 for the Library have come to the City, and those have been passed through to the Friends of the Library - \$1000 from West Oregon Wood Products, \$500 from the Johnson Foundation, and \$100 from the Columbia River PUD. She said the Friends will hold a fund raising meeting on Monday, and they plan to put on the breakfast during the Celebration. She said a local restaurant will be helping them with the breakfast.

4.7 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: Leahnette said the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group met today and reviewed the final three chapters of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, and they will review the list of acronyms and appendices during their next meeting on June 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. She said they also reviewed photos of the 1996 flood.

4.8 Other Reports: None.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 5, 2011.

5.2 Bills paid during the month of May 2011 with check numbers 15768 through 15831.

5.3 Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2011.

5.4 Written report from the Chief of Police.

5.5 Written report from the City Administrator/Recorder.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AGENDA ITEM 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

7.1 Cooperative Assistance Agreement for Non-Public Works/Non-Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Assistance: Cooperative Assistance Agreement for Non-Public Works/Non-Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Assistance by and between Columbia County and other municipal corporations and special districts within Columbia County.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE TO THE AGREEMENT.

AGENDA ITEM 8

OTHER BUSINESS:

Redistricting Opposition: MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE CITY GO ON RECORD WITH A LETTER OPPOSING THE REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE US TO INCLUDE SOUTHERN COUNTY WITH THE METROPOLITAN PORTLAND AREA THAT WOULD MOVE US FROM LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1 TO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3.

Community Hall rental refund: The Council reviewed a request from Janel Weilert to receive a rental credit for a Community Hall reservation. It was determined that more information was needed in order to make a decision, so this matter was continued until the next meeting.

Community Hall rental rates: The Council confirmed that the new rental rates, which take effect July 1, 2011, shall apply to all rentals booked for the affected period after the rates were adopted. All rentals that were booked and paid for prior to the new rates being adopted would not be subject to the new rates.

City Prosecutor selection: The Council reviewed letters for interest submitted for the position of City Prosecutor. It was the consensus of the Council that Chief McGlothlin review the information received, check with references, and get back to the Council with his input.

DAR park maintenance: Leahnette questioned whether or not the Council would support the City assisting the DAR with park maintenance activities under the City's volunteer program. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the City Administrator/Recorder be authorized to recruit and manage volunteers to maintain the DAR parks.

Public Works: Micah said he just returned from fixing a broken sewer pipe. He said the roots of a tree had grown through the pipe.

Election outcome: Mayor Young and Chief McGlothlin thanked everyone for their efforts with the recent levy proposal. The Council discussed the outcome of the election with staff at length. Chief McGlothlin noted that the recent outcome of the election reflected significant progress since the election last November, going from a 2-1 vote against the levy last November to a loss by just 67 votes. He said the Department will continue to provide the same level and quality of police services to the citizens. He encouraged the City Council to put the measure back on the ballot during the General Election in November 2011.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LEVY IN NOVEMBER 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 9

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned to a Workshop at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder