

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

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 6:00 p.m. Mayor Young delivered the invocation and led the flag salute.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Casey Wheeler

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Josh Fromm

ALSO PRESENT:

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
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:**

None

AGENDA ITEM 4 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1 Parks Committee: Chair Fitzgibbons said the meeting was cancelled this week due to the weather. She said the Datis Park plaque has been mounted on a rock and is very nice.

4.2 Water Source and Development Committee: No report.

4.3 Street Committee: Chair Wheeler said the streets were plowed, and sanded, and plowed again. Mayor Young said she's heard many positive comments about the City's well-maintained streets throughout the week, and she's very proud of the crew's work. Leahnette also commended the Public Works crew for their outstanding efforts in street and storm maintenance this past week.

4.4 Sewer Committee: No report.

4.5 Audit Committee: Secretary Wheeler said the Audit Committee met last Friday, and they did not find anything out of the ordinary. He said they will have a written report for the Council's next meeting.

4.6 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: In Team Leader's Fromm's absence, Leahnette said the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be held during the first part of March.

4.7 Other Reports:

Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Councilor Marson said the meeting was postponed due to the weather.

Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac) Meeting: Councilor Wheeler said he recently attended a Col-Pac meeting, and the State of Oregon has passed legislation to create up to 15 regionally significant industrial within the state. He said Col-Pac has put together a plan that covers the whole corridor from Scappoose up to Astoria, and they are looking for resolutions of support from each of the cities involved. He said if the area receives the designation, the application process for prospective businesses be expedited in an effort to advance job creation and economic development within the region. He said it would also open the door for potential financial support from the state.

Columbia City Community Library: Councilor Marson said she attended a recent Friends of the Library Meeting, and they are still reviewing the pros and cons associated with relocating the Library. She said they hope to renegotiate the rental rate with the owner.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 15, 2011.

5.2 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 5, 2012.

5.3 Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2011.

5.4 Bills paid with check number 16279 through 16350 during the month of December 2011.

5.5 Monthly written report from the Chief of Police.

5.6 Written report from the City Administrator/Recorder.

5.7 Reappointment of Lyle Bluhm to the Budget Committee.

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

AGENDA ITEM 3

CITIZEN INPUT:

Susan (Sue) Ziglinski of Columbia City spoke about a recent article that appeared in the Columbia City Newsletter. She said she is full-blooded American Indian, and she was shocked and hurt by the publication of the recent Flash from the Past article, which contained misleading information about the American Indians. She discussed the matter at length with Council and staff, and requested a formal apology be published in the next issue of the Columbia City Newsletter. She said the article was filled with misinformation and offered the following clarifications:

- George Simpson is mentioned who lived in Canada, despite his affiliation with Great Britain and being over the Northwest Territories.
- The Caples are mentioned, and their goal was to bring the Ben Holladay's Willamette Railroad to Columbia City, although it never made it past Portland.
- Dr. John McLoughlin worked for the Hudson's Bay Company and tried to keep settlers out of the territory because he did not want to lose the fur trade.
- American Indians believe that the drumming is healing and the drum is the heartbeat of our people.
- Warring tribes did not exist in the northwest. The government wanted the Indians to be contained, but the sentiment in the west was to try to eradicate them. Several tribes

were eradicated, such as the Multnomah tribe who were killed by white man's diseases.

- The Chinook and Klickitat Indians and the Yamhill tribes were known for their peaceful ways. American Indians believed the land belonged to Grandfather Spirit and could not be owned. Therefore, they were more than willing to share.
- Pow Wow's are a gathering of medicine and spiritual leaders in healing ceremonies, organized inter tribal gatherings where American Indians share cultural traditions, and are used for wedding celebrations, give-aways for deceased members, during a solstice, and during the harvest season to thank the Grandfather Spirit. Pow Wows are a peaceful celebration, and at no time in American Indian history would a war council be convened at a Pow Wow.

Council Fitzgibbons thanked Sue for her input, and apologized for any errors she may have made in the article. She said she will include an apology in the next issue of the newsletter.

Leahnette thanked Sue for her comments, and apologized for allowing anything that was considered to be offensive to be published in the newsletter.

AGENDA ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Council Gill No. 12-623; Resolution No. 12-1035-R: A Resolution appointing additional members to the Steering Committee for the Columbia City Visioning Process.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-623.

7.2 Council Bill No. 12-624; Resolution No. 12-1036-R: A Resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations within the General Fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (FITZGIBBONS) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-624.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

Adjourn to a Workshop: The Council Meeting adjourned to a Goal Setting Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m. Leahnette will prepare draft 2012-13 Policy Goals and Objectives for review at the next meeting based upon the workshop discussions.

Reinstatement of City Administrator Salary: MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE 10% VOLUNTARY SALARY REDUCTION IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012, AND RESTORE THE SALARY TO ITS ORIGINAL AMOUNT.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder