

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young
Councilor Josh Fromm
Councilor Nell Harrison
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Gordon Thistle

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder
Lisa Smith, City Planner

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

No report.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1 Parks Committee: Chair Marson said the Boy Scouts were out working on a project in Phase II of the Veterans Park on Monday, and the Columbia County Corrections Crew did some maintenance work in the park today.

4.2 Water and Sewer Committee: Chair Fromm said a meeting has been scheduled. Leahnette and the City Attorney will participate in a conference call with legal counsel for the Guarantee Company to discuss the proposed Takeover Agreement associated with the NW Kodiak Construction contract.

4.3 Street Committee: Chair Marson said a meeting has been scheduled. The Public Works crew has been working on storm drainage projects.

4.4 Audit Committee: Secretary Harrison said the Audit Committee recently met and welcomed their two new members.

4.5 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: The Group met last month and they are preparing to participate in a large Cascadia quake exercise scheduled in 2016.

4.6 Other Reports: None.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 15, 2015.

5.2 Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2015.

5.3 Investment and Cash Balance Summary for the quarter ending December 31, 2014.

5.4 Bills paid with check numbers 18496 through 18546 during the month of January, 2015.

5.5 OLCC liquor license renewal application for Columbia City Groceries & Gas as applied for by Sahjanand Investments LLC.

5.6 Activities report for the month of January, 2015 from the Public Works Superintendent.

Item 5.6 was not available and was removed from the consent agenda.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AGENDA ITEM 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Legalization and Regulation of Marijuana: Staff seeks direction from Council regarding the legalization and regulation of marijuana.

Following a lengthy staff and Council discussion, it was the consensus that the City take no action at this point in time because the current development code and business license ordinances specify that all activities must meet federal laws and regulations.

7.2 2014-15 Policy Goals and Objectives Progress Review: Review progress made on 2014-15 Policy Goals and Objectives and schedule an annual Goal Setting Session for 2015-16 fiscal year.

The Council and staff completed a review of progress made towards the implementation of the current year goals, and scheduled a Goal Setting Workshop following the adjournment of the March 5, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 8

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vacation rentals: Staff briefly discussed the concept of vacation rentals with Council. In general, Council Members were not too fond of the concept of an entire home being rented as a vacation rental, but felt the rental of a room or several rooms within a home while it is still owner occupied might be acceptable. The matter will be discussed at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Public Works report: Micah said he can practically hear the grass growing, and Kenny Thomas will return for the season in March.

Words of wisdom: In the absence of Harold Olsen, Councilor Marson offered the following words of wisdom, "The only reason they say women and children first is to check the strength of the life boats."

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AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder