

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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 Nell Harrison
Councilor Josh Fromm (by telephone)
Councilor Sally Ann Marson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Gordon Thistle

ALSO PRESENT:

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Michael S. 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 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

Douglas Calkins request for Structure in Unimproved Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit:
Douglas Calkins of 555 K Street, Columbia City, said he would like to add a stairway within an unimproved section of the Sixth Street ROW near K Street to improve safety. He said the area is very steep, and the staircase would lead up to the existing sidewalk along Sixth Street. He provided a map showing the proposed location of the stairway.

Micah said he had no objections to the request, but he will call for locates to find out what other utilities, if any, are located within the ROW area.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST PROVIDED THEIR ARE NO CONFLICTS WITH UTILITIES.

3.1 Brian Gray presentation of Knife River Foundation Grant: This item was postponed until next the next City Council meeting.

3.2 Chuck Daughtry discussion of proposed changes to Enterprise Zone: Chuck Daughtry, Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET), discussed proposed changes to the recommended criteria for companies applying for extended exemption under the South Columbia Enterprise Zone and the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone as recommended by the CCET Board.

He explained that companies that receive the extended exemption are currently required to remit 10% of the total abatement to CCET. He said it has been CCET's practice to share that remittance with the local City in which the applicant company is investing, or the County if there is no City involved. In addition, companies must agree to pay 150% of the County's most current average wage rate, and agree to give hiring preference to Columbia County residents. He said the CCET Board is recommending the zone participants approve and adopt these requirements.

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS:

7.2 Council Bill No. 16-794; Resolution No. 16-1174-R: A Resolution of the City of Columbia City approving local criteria for companies applying for South Columbia County Enterprise Zone and Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone extended property tax exemptions.

MOVED (HARRISON), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-794.

AGENDA ITEM 4 COUNCIL REPORTS:

4.1 Parks Committee: Councilor Harrison said the Garden Club recently worked on removing morning glory at the Veteran's Park, and the Public Works crew will be spraying the morning glory along the bank behind the picnic tables.

4.2 Water and Sewer Committee: Micah said the pothole on Ninth Street will be temporarily repaired until the next time we complete some patch work.

4.3 Street Committee: No report.

4.4 Audit Committee: No report.

4.5 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: Leahnette said the Prepare Fair will be held this Saturday.

4.6 Other Reports: None.

AGENDA ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Bills paid with check numbers 19663 through 19731 during the month of August 2016.

5.2 Financial Report for the month ending August 31, 2016.

5.3 Activities Report from the Chief of Police.

5.4 Activities Report from the Public Works Superintendent.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUISNESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS (continued):

7.1 Council Bill No. 16-794; Resolution No. 16-1175-R: A Resolution assessing unpaid water and sewer utility charges, fees and accrued interest as a lien against property described as Tax Account No. 5128-AD-05500, located at 100 K Street, Columbia City, Oregon, currently under the ownership of Jeffrey L. Clement, Jr.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FROMM) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-794.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

City Celebration: Councilor Marson said she distributed flyers during the Wings & Wheels event, and nearly everyone she met said they would be here Saturday if it doesn't rain. Leahnette said the Community Hall is being readied for the breakfast.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder