

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

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 Karli Ebert
Councilor Nell Harrison
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Gordon Thistle

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

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:**

AGENDA ITEM 4 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1 **Parks Committee:** No report.

4.2 **Water and Sewer Committee:** No report.

4.3 **Street Committee:** No report.

4.4 **Audit Committee:** No report.

4.5 **Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** Member Ebert said the Group will meet on March 27th.

4.6 **Other Reports:**

AGENDA ITEM 5 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 5.1 **Activities Report from the Chief of Police.**
- 5.2 **Activities Report from the Public Works Superintendent.**

Item 5.2 was removed from the Consent Agenda because it was not available.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 6.1 **System Development Charge (SDC) Exemption/Credit Request: Columbia Harbour LLC request for Water SDC exemption and Storm Drainage SDC credit for Sommarstrom Subdivision.**

The Mayor and Council reviewed a memo dated February 22, 2017 from the City Administrator recommending Al Peterson's February 16, 2017 request for a water SDC exemption be denied, and explaining that the development of the subdivision will be exempt from Storm Drainage SDCs, so no credit would be needed. The Mayor and Council discussed the matter at length with Al Peterson and staff. It was noted that there are a lot of unknowns associated with the site and whether or not it was actually served by City water, but there are also buildings on the site.

After a very lengthy discussion with Al Peterson and staff, it was MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT IN WATER SDC'S FOR THE SOMMASTROM SUDVISION DEVELOPMENT.

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

Community Hall rental reservation change request: The Council reviewed a request from Linda Tryner to move an all-day rental reservation from May 21, 2017 to June 4, 2017. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the change.

Datis Park tree concerns: The Council reviewed email correspondence dated March 1, 2017 from the City Administrator regarding three trees in Datis Park. In the memo, she outlined concerns about the trees that were raised by a PUD contractor and a private property owner, written opinions from two certified arborists, and a recommendation from the Parks Committee about the matter. After careful review and consideration, it was MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE TO TAKE NO ACTION WITH REGARD TO TRIMMING OR REMOVING THE TREES AT THIS TIME, BUT TO CONTINUE TO PERIODICALLY INSPECT AND REASSESS THE CONDITION OF THE TREES

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

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ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder