



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
October 20, 2008
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Present: Anderson, Chaney, Dietzman, Gerde, Higgins, Hogan and Smith.

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT: Berquist, Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Durgin, Halverson, Hodges, Lackey, Leon and Levison.

PRESS: Heather Acheson – Camas Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

P.D. Groeneveld, PO Box 604, Camas, WA

Groeneveld thanked City staff for putting up the cemetery signs on 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenues Northeast.

SR-14 Update -WSDOT STAFF

City Administrator Lloyd Halverson introduced Bart Gernhart, Southwest Region Engineer, who attended this evening's Workshop to convey the latest impacts to the Highway 14 Corridor Project and the changes that WSDOT staff has made to the project to address these impacts.

Gernhart stated that the scope of the project has changed by eliminating the two additional lanes (the biggest cost) for 1,000 feet on the West Slough Bridge, and instead, widening the bridge to allow room for a center median and wider shoulders.

The scope now includes a full interchange of four lanes in the new design at Union Street SE and Second Street, thus eliminating the intersections where most of the accidents occur. Median barriers will be placed throughout the entire project. There will be an undercrossing at Union Street SE and Second Street and no access at Sixth Street. Sixth will connect to the frontage roads. Traffic models projecting growth to the year 2030 support this plan when the stoplights at Union, 2nd, and 6th are eliminated.

Gernhart responded to questions by Council, staff, and the public.

Mayor asked and Gernhart responded that the original plan for the West Slough Bridge would continue to be on the list of future projects that would need to be funded.

Mayor recessed the meeting for a five minute break at 5:37 p.m.

Moose Lodge Lease Agreement

Public Works Director Monte Brachmann distributed a letter to Council outlining the contents of the lease agreement for Council's consideration. Council concurred that the content was correct and approved moving ahead with the agreement. The lease agreement will be for 30 months duration beginning from the time the agreement is signed. The amount per month for the lease of the site is \$1,350.00 per month. This amount takes into account the improvements that have been done. Brachmann displayed the lease area on a map.

Brachmann responded to questions.

Gerde asked what was expected at the end of 30 months and Brachmann answered that the Moose would be expected to vacate at that time. Smith confirmed that there will be an opt-out clause included in the agreement for both parties. A letter from the City of Camas will be sent to the Moose members stating that there will be no further extensions granted after the 30 months is up.

Halverson commended the Moose leadership and the City team for how this matter was handled. Mayor said that they appreciated the professional manner in which it was handled.

The lease agreement will be brought forward at the November 3rd meeting.

POLICE:

Take Home Vehicle Policy

Police Chief Mitch Lackey distributed the department policy which has been updated and received Council's approval for distribution. Chaney confirmed that this policy may be used by other departments that find themselves in a similar situation.

FINANCE:

Ambulance Write Offs

Finance Director Joan Durgin distributed a copy of the internal control recommendation report that was received from the State Auditors and explained what was being done to comply with the recommendations for the internal controls. Durgin also said the routine write-offs for accounts receivable will be written off at the time the Medicare or insurance payments are received from the patient. A monthly report will be run and will be submitted to Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Residential Home Construction Noise Ordinance

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, said the Police Captain, the Police Chief, the Public Works Director, and the City Attorney met and evaluated the issue, then discussed a potential option outlined in a memo. The proposed language is on the second page of the memo that Bourquin distributed to Council. Council discussed the memo and made suggestions. Bourquin confirmed that Staff would prepare an option for consideration that included summer/winter work hours, holidays and consistency between all noise related codes.

Staff would bring this option back to a workshop and provide notice to the Building Industry Association prior to any hearing.

Lackey added that this new language was not being recommended by staff; instead it was more of an option that could likely be made to work to address the problem.

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal

Hadley encouraged Council to include only holidays that will prohibit construction noise on the holidays that are recognized by businesses throughout the County, not just government and bank holidays.

Robert Berg, 3945 NE Franklin, Camas

Burke clarified that his concerns were about allowing the excessive noise and dirt on Sundays and holidays. He would like peace and quiet on Sundays and holidays.

A suggestion by Gerde and the consensus of the Council is to research all of the City ordinances referring to excessive noise and their time limits, with the goal of bringing uniformity throughout the code regarding this subject. Some holidays and every Sunday will be excluded as excessive noise work days.

Bourquin will bring these suggestions to Council and send a response to WBIA.

PUBLIC WORKS:

2009 Safety Consortium Contract

Brachmann said that the safety training contract with the NW Regional Training Center is up for renewal for the 2009 calendar year. This is for the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) required safety training contract and it will be on the November 3rd Agenda for Council's consideration.

Utility Bridge Change Order

There will be a change order on the November 3rd Agenda for fitting and piping changes needed on the utility bridge. This will bolster the bridge piping to make it more flexible during an earthquake. Specialized fittings on each end of the bridge need to be installed so that the piping can move more than initially designed. The change order amount will be charged to the water-sewer account in the range of \$47,000.

Contract Amendment - Prune Hill Sports Park Design

There will be a contract amendment with OTAK on the November 3rd Agenda for Council's consideration. This is for the design of additional structural supports for the backstop because of a building code change put into effect after the backstop's initial design.

Stormwater Pond Upsize Professional Services Contract

There will be a contract for professional services by MacKay and Sposito for evaluation and design of the Lacamas Meadows Stormwater Pond upsize on the November 3rd Agenda. The project will take care of the additional stormwater being added to the pond from Leadbetter Drive.

Janitorial Contract Amendment

There will be a contract amendment for S&S Janitorial services for services at the Police Station on the November 3rd Agenda for your consideration. The work at the Police facility has been separated out from the regular janitorial services contract and will continue to be done by S&S Janitorial through a contract amendment.

Water Efficiency Program Presentation

Levison presented a short program and distributed a handout entitled, *City of Camas Water Use Efficiency Program* to Council to inform them about the City's current water conservation and water use efficiency requirements, to provide an evaluation of the City's past conservation efforts and to describe the current water use efficiency program.

Levison responded to questions from Council.

ADMINISTRATION:

Miscellaneous and Scheduling

Halverson reminded Council members that the Regional AWC meetings will be taking place towards the end of October and that the office contact for registering is Leisha Copey.

Halverson said that Dietzman is going to Japan on October 21st as part of the Sister City Program.

The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) pre-application deadline is approaching. Halverson described the potential projects and asked Council if pre-applications could be filed for both of these projects. They are both infrastructure projects. The first project is the addition of a parking area, a play structure and the replacement of a restroom in Goot Park. The amount of the application would be approximately \$250,000. The second project is for suggested mobility improvements to the Community Center. It includes the replacement of the main stairs to make them ADA compliant and an additional entrance. This project application would be in the range of \$50,000.

Mayor asked and Council's priority CDBG project is improvements to Goot Park. Council agreed to the submittal of both project applications.

COUNCIL:

Higgins said that the Youth Forum went very well. It was interesting to hear the questions that the youth were asking Representative Baird about the bail-out. Higgins thanked Casey O'Dell for his leadership.

Higgins excused himself from the Regular Council meeting.

Hogan mentioned that the Boo Bash is coming up next Wednesday, October 29th, in downtown Camas from 3 to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk