



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
July 20, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Paul Dennis presided.
- COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
- Present:** Anderson, Chaney, Dietzman, Gerde, and Smith.
- Excused:** Higgins and Hogan.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Ashton, Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Copsey, Durgin, Halverson, Hodges, and Lackey.
- PRESS:** Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

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

Groeneveld thanked the Senior and Law Enforcement, Together (S.A.L.T.) organization for hosting a picnic for seniors.

Groeneveld announced that the Camas-Washougal Aviation Association will be having a fundraising dinner on Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Groeneveld gave information regarding the specific events and distributed a flyer.

Groeneveld stated that the County is considering adopting a bicycle licensing fee and encouraged Council to join the County's efforts. Mayor responded that the City will monitor the County's progress on this program and once a decision is reached this item can be brought back to a Council workshop for further discussion.

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Ave., Camas, WA:

Bergstrom stated that the flyer distributed by Groeneveld regarding the Grove Field fly-in also includes the East County Fire & Rescue (ECF&R) open house on Sunday morning.

Bergstrom declared that he is the president of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2444. Bergstrom commented that he is aware that there has been discussion regarding 2010 budget concerns and wanted to inform Council that the union is willing to open dialogue. The union is looking for a demonstration of how their group will receive a prioritization of departmental resources and needs within the City.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SR 14 Bicycle By-Pass Route Report:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the bicycle by-pass route proposal made by Phil Brown at a prior Council workshop. The presentation included the proposal summary and the considerations involved. Carothers stated that the overview is preliminary and that additional studies would be required if Council decides to pursue this matter.

Carothers responded to questions from Council. Discussion ensued regarding the potential cost, possible alternatives, projected capacity and safety and traffic concerns of the proposal.

Council concluded that there is a need, but given the current economic circumstances the decision was made not to pursue the proposal as set forth. Council will consider the addition of bike lanes while planning for future growth.

NW Leadbetter Drive Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition:

Carothers reported that the Leadbetter Drive extension requires the acquisition of more ROW and the .4 acres that is needed is owned by the City. Carothers explained to Council that the City has the right to an appraisal of the property and to receive just compensation there for. Carothers asked Council if they were willing to approve the donation of this property to this project for the ROW.

Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

Council stated that they would waive the right to an appraisal and will approve the donation of the land needed for the ROW.

Carothers responded that a resolution and deed of dedication will be drafted by the city attorney and a letter of donation will be prepared for the Mayor to sign. This matter will come back to Council for consideration at the August 3rd or 17th Council Meeting.

Stormwater Ordinance Discussion:

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, introduced Eric Golemo, Director of Engineering at Sturtevant, Golemo, and Associates. Brachmann commented that Golemo has worked closely with the County in developing their code and is present this evening to answer any questions.

Brachmann gave a PowerPoint Presentation with examples from a presentation that was made to the Clark County Commissioners. The presentation also included an illustration of how the new regulations the Department of Ecology wants implemented will affect a current subdivision in Camas.

Brachmann and Golemo responded to questions from Council.

Mayor asked whether or not Lacamas Lake could be used to discharge stormwater. Golemo responded that Lacamas Lake is currently not considered an exempt body of water, but the City may want to explore this further.

Gerde suggested setting up a sub-committee comprised of Council members, staff, and someone from the building industry to study this ordinance.

Brachmann responded that he will bring back a suggested sub-committee to the August 3rd Workshop. Council can then decide who should be on the committee.

Stormwater Illicit Discharge Ordinance:

Brachmann reported that the deferral of the stormwater ordinance does not include the illicit discharge ordinance that the City is required to adopt by the middle of August. Brachmann stated that the city attorney has reviewed the proposed ordinance language. Brachmann referred Council to page 9 of the illicit discharge ordinance draft, which outlines the different penalty options for violators that Council will need to decide upon. Brachmann commented that the city attorney recommends going with the misdemeanor option.

Chaney encouraged Council to move towards adopting the ordinance with the civil penalty option and gave reasons why.

Discussion ensued how the determination would be made as to who the violator is and who would be obligated to pay the fine. Chaney suggested that language be added to stipulate who would be responsible to pay the fine. Chaney also inquired whether or not an assessment could be placed against the property if code enforcement is unable to determine who is responsible.

Mayor stated that he believed the fine should be more severe for repeat offenders. Mayor confirmed with Council that the civil penalty option is the option they would like incorporated into the ordinance.

Small Works Roster Ordinance:

Brachmann explained the small works roster process for bidding projects and stated that there have been some recent changes to the bidding laws. Cities can now use the small works roster for projects up to \$300,000. Brachmann stated that staff will be reviewing the City's small works roster with the idea of increasing it to \$300,000. Brachmann noted that staff will be working on a draft ordinance and will be working with finance to look at possible changes to the City's purchasing guidelines.

Brachmann asked Council to provide him with any feed back they have regarding the maximum project size for the small works roster.

Co-Mingled Recycling Container Review:

The new recycle containers were on display for Council's review. Brachmann confirmed with Council that the colors and size recommended by staff were fine. Brachmann stated that the City will need to go out to bid to purchase the containers after the contract with Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., is signed.

Discussion ensued regarding how staff will determine what sizes should be ordered.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Brachmann reported that the City will be receiving a small energy credit on the lighting that was selected for the remodel of Fire Station 41. The approximate amount of the credit will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

ADMINISTRATION:

Capital Projects Update:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, highlighted the capital projects that are underway and noted that this illustrates that the City is continuing to invest in the future, particularly in the infrastructure. Halverson gave a brief update on each project and how they will be funded.

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

In response to an inquiry regarding cost saving efforts on the City Vision Newsletter, Halverson stated that the City has decreased the number of editions by two and has brought the composition of the newsletter in-house in an effort to reduce cost. There will be additional cost savings when the finance department starts using the new firm that will be mailing the utility bills along with the newsletter. Halverson noted that the City is using a local business to print the newsletters. In a related item, Halverson stated that the website is designed and developed within the information technology department and that additional staff assist in posting updates to the website.

Halverson stated that the Clark County Health Department has approached the City concerning a proposed resolution regarding comprehensive health reform that includes a prevention trust/investment fund. Halverson distributed a handout which captures the purpose of the request and resolution. Halverson commented that a representative from the health department is willing to give a presentation at a Council meeting.

Halverson stated that it is his understanding that this proposed resolution relates to the national discussion and legislative debate on the mega issue of medical and health insurance in the United States. Halverson noted that he is cautious about recommending that a local group take a strong advocacy position on a narrow element of something that is a broad national discussion.

Council decided to review the documents and discuss this matter again at the August 3, 2009, Council Workshop. Gerde suggested that if Council entertains moving forward with this request, she would prefer that it be done by proclamation rather than by resolution. Mayor concurred.

COUNCIL:

Anderson gave an update on the recent fire authority meeting. Anderson commented that the goal is to have an administrative functional consolidation between Camas and East County Fire & Rescue in place by October 5th. Anderson and Gerde commented that this matter will not be pushed through without adequate time to review and process all the components just because October 5th is set as the goal for implementation.

Anderson announced that there will be another United Camas Association of Neighborhoods (UCAN) forming meeting held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at the Camas Police Department Community Room. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Anderson voiced disappointment in reference to an article in the Columbian newspaper regarding Washington State Patrol stopping the enforcement of out-of-state license plates. Anderson inquired how this would impact the City's Police Department and revenues the City receives. Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, responded that if a ticket is issued by a Camas Police Officer, then a small amount of revenue will be seen.

Anderson asked Council whether or not this should be an issue brought up to local legislators. Mayor suggested that Council contemplate this issue and, if necessary, place this item on the Camas Legislative Agenda.

Smith stated that she is still working on obtaining information regarding the dog park and she hopes to bring the information to the Parks Commission in the future.

Dietzman stated that she attended the C-TRAN monthly meeting and spoke briefly regarding a potential change that is being considered for advanced scheduling on C-VAN. Dietzman also gave a brief update on C-TRAN's budget concerns. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Gerde announced that Camas Days is this weekend and asked if the fire engine is going to be in the parade. Smith responded that she had received an email from Battalion Chief Greg Hochhalter and that Gerde should contact him.

Gerde mentioned that an adult entertainment business committee meeting, which is now known as the Sexual Orientated Business's Committee, will be meeting this week.

PUBLIC:

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

Groeneveld asked and Mayor responded that the stormwater ordinance is not retroactive. Therefore, only new development or substantial redevelopments will have to comply with the new regulations.

Groeneveld commented on the new recycle containers.

Groeneveld asked if the Camas School District plans to have the band play at the Camas Days parade. Anderson replied that it is his understanding that they will.

Kris Kralik, 631 NW 18th Loop, Camas, WA:

Kralik inquired about stormwater discharges from the ponds and asked who regulates what is being put into the stormwater ponds. Council and Brachmann responded to Kralik's inquiries.

Kralik commented that he hopes the fire department will be on alert this weekend at Camas Days as hot weather is forecasted.

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley asked and Mayor clarified the penalty options listed on page 9 of the Stormwater Illicit Discharge draft ordinance.

Hadley stated that the draft ordinance seems vague and that it may be difficult for citizens to know whether or not they are violating the code. Hadley suggested that the language be clear and concise and that who decides the penalty should be stated in the ordinance.

Mayor responded that once all the questions are addressed the ordinance will have more detailed information.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk