



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
February 2, 2009
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: Acheson, Berquist, Brachmann, Carothers, Dillon, Durgin, Halverson, Hodges, Lackey, Levison, Millholin, O'Brien, and Zavortink.

PRESS: Heather Acheson, C-W Post Record.

PUBLIC:

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

Kralik asked that the PA System be improved before next year's Council Planning Conference. Kralik also thanked Council for listening to the issues that he and his neighbor had with NW Fargo in the Prune Hill area.

Mayor responded that they will definitely work on improving the sound for the Planning Conference.

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

Groeneveld asked for authorization to provide a blood pressure check at the Senior Luncheon which takes place on the second Friday of each month. Mayor said that someone can attend the luncheon to offer blood pressure checks.

Brachmann responded to Kralik's request and said that the library staff is working on purchasing a new sound system for the Council Planning Conference meeting room this year.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Utility Rate Study Presentation – Angie Sanchez, Financial Consulting Solutions Group:

Brachmann introduced Angie Sanchez and Sergey Tarasov. Sanchez presented the *City of Camas Presentation of the Sanitation, Water, Sewer, and Storm Utility Rate Forecast for February 2, 2009* and reported the findings of the study for Council and answered their questions.

Reimbursable Services Contract – Clark Regional Waste Water District:

Clark Regional Waste Water District, formerly Hazel Dell Sewer District has the capacity to perform sewer line TV inspection of sewers and cleaning the sewer lines for the City. Their rate is less expensive than contractor rates and a reimbursable services contract will be brought forward for your consideration and approval in the near future. This will enable the City to utilize this service as needed.

NW 16th, 18th, and Hood Street Speed Limit – Follow up:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, reviewed the executive summary of the updated information for the following information:

- the speed survey for NW 16th Avenue (west of Klickitat St.)
- the collision history report
- the origin of the area's existing 35 m.p.h. speed limit
- the comparison of the closest 25 m.p.h. zone

Carothers distributed this information to Council and the other interested parties the last week in January. Based on the information that was presented last month and the updated information, Carothers recommended that the speed limit stay at 35 m.p.h. and responded to questions from Council.

Higgins, Smith, Dietzman, Chaney, Gerde and Anderson supported staff's decision based on the scientific data with the comment that they empathized with the citizen's concerns. Hogan abstained from making a decision.

Library Sign Design Contract Amendment #1:

There will be an amendment to the Library design contract on the agenda for Council's consideration on the February 17th agenda. The amount is for a little over \$1,000 and is for changes that needed to be made on the design of the sign.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Brachmann contacted Safeway and the Lion's Club regarding the recycling station. Their station manager was injured and has not been able to keep up lately but it should be back to the regular maintenance schedule shortly. A clean-up of the area was done by the work crew last week.

The Household Travel Behavior Survey Intergovernmental Agreement with RTC that Phil discussed at the last workshop will not be on the agenda for Council's consideration until February 17th.

FINANCE:

Electric Lightwave Franchise Renewal:

Durgin explained the reason the non-exclusive telecommunications franchise with Electric Lightwave (now Integra Telecom) needs to be renewed and that with the city attorney's direction, the public hearing will be on the March 2nd Agenda.

PARKS:

Lacamas Lake Canoe and Kayak Proposal:

Acheson described a concept previously presented to the Parks Commission by Don Barron, from River Trails, Troutdale, Oregon for a proposed use for a portion of the Lacamas Lake Boat Launch to operate a concession. Acheson asked Council for their direction before the Parks Commission responded to this request. There is a pad with electricity at the location and he is looking at obtaining and setting up two construction trailers.

Chaney encouraged the Parks Commission to get input from the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) regarding insurance and the city's liability for this endeavor.

Acheson responded to Council's questions regarding the concession and Council expressed their support.

ADMINISTRATION:

Scheduling and Miscellaneous:

Lloyd Halverson, Administrator, said that a review needs to be completed for the appraisal the City received for the Fallen Leaf Lake area. Mr. Duncan has completed appraisal reviews for the City in the past and is a likely candidate for reviewing the Fallen Leaf appraisal. Paperwork will be included for the appraisal review at the February 17th Council Meeting.

Halverson said the state's stimulus package is moving rapidly and Council has previously given the green light to pursue funding from this package. The funding applies to our recognized Capital Improvement Plan along with various other plans. The Department of Health sent the City an acknowledgment and an invitation to make application for an appropriate proposal. The deadline is Feb. 13th. The most appropriate project at this time is Well 14. Halverson continued to relay details of this opportunity. Halverson said that two applications were also filed with the Economic Development Association (EDA).

Anderson said that the East County Advisory Board is reconvening on February 12th and asked about when a reappointment could be made. Mayor said that a reappointment to fill the Council position on this Board could be made at the regular Council meeting. Anderson explained the history and purpose of the Board and his position on being reappointed. It was decided that Council Member Chaney would fill the position.

COUNCIL:

Hogan thanked the public for their good comments during the 2009 Council Planning Conference and said the PA system would be improved. He reminded the audience that First Friday is coming up on February 6th.

Gerde commented that this year's planning conference was productive and asked about the progress of the Finance Policy Committee.

Mayor said there was positive dialog at the conference this year. Mayor asked Council for their input on the conference, comments about what was good or what could be improved. Comments should be directed to Halverson.

Mayor asked which Council members were interested in being on the Finance Policy Committee. Anderson, Gerde, and Dietzman volunteered. These appointments will be made at the regular council meeting.

PUBLIC:

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley asked questions pertaining to the suggested rate increases mentioned in the rate study.

Mayor noted that at this point, Council is not recommending these rates but they will have a discussion about the rates in March. There will be more work done before March to give Council more strategy choices for their future discussions.

Hadley requested that a rate total be presented to the public, especially if there is an article in the paper. He also supported a rate increase if it is justified.

Hadley confirmed with Brachmann that the dryer was for the sewer system.

Hadley asked where the balance of the storm water budget comes from. Brachmann responded that the current budget is not covered by the storm water fees the City receives so the needed funds will come from the Fisher Basin fund. Hadley asked and Brachmann responded that the money is allocated toward employees whose work is dedicated to storm water, i.e., required inspections of the storm water ponds, wetland mitigation sites, cleaning and maintaining storm water lines and catch basins, etc. Brachmann will supply this budget detail to Hadley.

Groeneveld asked that the fee and time of operations for the transfer station in Washougal be displayed on the City of Camas website. Eric Levison, Operations Manager, said that there will be a link to this information on the City of Camas site when the information is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk