



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
June 15, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Berquist, Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Durgin, Gorsuch, Halverson, Lackey, Leon, and Zavortink.

PRESS: Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

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

Groeneveld brought Elderly Awareness Day to Council's attention. She supplied ribbons and buttons for interested parties.

Mayor and Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, attended an Elderly Awareness Day county-wide program. Lackey stated every police car antennae in the county had a purple ribbon attached.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY ED BARNES, ENTITLED "2009 RESOLUTION ON SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS":

Mayor said this should be a proclamation rather than a resolution. Anderson asked and the other Council members concurred that they would be included in the proclamation. The proclamation with the new wording will be read at the June 15th City Council Regular Meeting.

PHIL BROWN, VICE CHAIRPERSON for the CLARK COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Phillip Brown, 410 SW Park Street, Camas, WA, Vice Chairman of Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee, President of the Portland Wheel and Touring Club:

Brown, a bicycle commuter for 30 years, said that the Clark County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for a formal bicycling plan for Clark County, with an official policy target date of June 2010. Brown discussed several goals and a route for promoting and making bicycling and walking safe within the Camas area. He noted that this type of route could accommodate the safe route gap between the east end of the Washougal River Bridge and the west end of the Lady Island Bridge. Brown explained how this could be accomplished.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will consider the alternate route, previous traffic counts, studies that are underway and report their findings to Council on July 20th.

Chaney asked that law enforcement and the Washington State Department of Transportation be consulted regarding this question.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Ilwaco Subdivision (a.k.a. LaDonna Subdivision) - Final Plat Approval - Scheduled July 6, 2009:
Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, said that the final plat approval for Ilwaco Subdivision is scheduled for the July 6th Council Meeting.

Downtown Vision Coalition (DVC) Discussion of Non-Profit Status and Goals -
Presentation by Caroline Mercury, 102 S. Devine, Vancouver, WA:

Mercury defined the difference between the current DVC and the future 501 (C) 3 Camas Downtown Foundation (CDF) organization. The presentation Mercury gave included subtitles such as, We Will Accomplish this Mission by; Foundation Update; CDF Proposed Activities for 2009-2010, and the Highlights of Community Outreach.

Mercury asked for questions and discussion ensued.

Hogan asked Council to let DVC know what their thoughts were on the structure and path forward of the DVC as it is presented.

Higgins said he supported DVC in finding as many resources as possible to assist the program's direction. He noted that Council is cautious about committing during this time of economic stress. Council concurred.

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, affirmed that staff is supportive of the structure of the CDF but they are being cautious due to the economic climate.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE:

Further Review of the Draft Updated Financial Policies and the General Fund Budget
Amendment Related to the Remodel of the Fire Department Quarters in the Municipal
Building:

Halverson requested comments and suggested revisions from Council for the Revised Financial Policies draft document. Durgin said the edits will be placed on the Camas website this week and if there are no further edits, the resolution will be on the consent agenda for July 6th.

Joan Durgin, Finance Director, said that she will request a budget amendment of \$70,000 for the Fire Station 41 Remodel Bid Award of \$313,000.

Durgin asked Council to consider a new agreement that will be included on the July 6th Consent Agenda regarding the outsourcing of printing and mailing the utility bills. Durgin explained how the change would save money and time.

Durgin responded to the questions that were asked.

Staffing:

Jennifer Gorsuch, Human Resources Manager, said that a pay resolution adjusting the salaries for the firefighters bargaining group will be on the July 6th Agenda. The amount would be consistent with their negotiated bargaining agreement and the firemen's non-rep positions will also be affected.

Scheduling & Miscellaneous:

Halverson said the July 6th Workshop is primarily reserved for the budget update. He added that the state auditors reported "no findings" for the 34th year in a row of audits.

POLICE:

Request to Surplus Vehicles:

Lackey stated that there were two vehicles that need to be replaced and one that needs to be scrapped. Council concurred after hearing the reasons.

Time Limits for Parking Trailers on City Streets:

Lackey explained the history of the Council discussions regarding the time limits for parking trailers on the streets. Chaney spoke in support of maintaining the 72 hour limit and gave reasons why. Dietzman relayed the reason why she supported a 24 hour parking limit for recreational vehicles.

Hogan and Higgins believed and stated why "moving to evade" was the pertinent issue with recreational vehicles on the streets. Hogan suggested 1,000 feet as the required distance between moves.

Discussion continued.

Kevin (and Jennie) Haugen, 322 NW Ilwaco, Camas, WA:

Kevin Haugen said that "moving to evade" was the core issue of their complaint and explained their circumstances.

Lackey stated he will return with a draft ordinance on July 20th for Council to review. He added that the ordinance will maintain the 72 hour time limit, will include regulations for "moving to evade" situations, and with staff's concurrence, 1,000 feet will be considered as the distance a recreational vehicle needs to be moved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Micro Surfacing Bid:

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, said that an improved surfacing choice will be used on the roadways in Camas this year. He explained that before surfacing can be done, NW 6th Avenue and NW Lake Road (Sierra Street to Everett Street) will need to be patched and staff recommends closing NW Lake Road for this work on June 24th, weather permitting. Anderson recommended that three reader boards be set up and that the subdivision outlets be closed. Brachmann added that he will notify the Homeowner Associations (HOA).

Library Book Drop and Parking:

David Zavortink, Library Director, gave a presentation on replacing the library book drop with an island and a new book drop. Zavortink proposed changing Everett Street to a one-

way street for one block, eliminating the planter strip, adding seven parking spaces by converting to angle parking and adding an island with a book drop. The cost of the project would come out of designated library bond proceeds.

Anderson and Gerde asked that the trees that need to be removed be substituted with trees planted at a different location.

Council gave their consent to library staff to move forward with this project.

Stormwater Ordinance:

Brachmann stated that August 16th is the deadline the Department of Ecology (DOE) has given for the Stormwater Ordinance to be adopted. Brachmann asked for Council's direction and related what other jurisdictions in the area are doing.

Council stated they want the standards of our water quality to remain high, so the main focus is the amount of property that will need to be devoted to the stormwater standards with the new ordinance. It was noted a discussion of low impact tools had taken place to diminish the need for requiring large storm ponds.

Council agreed they were not ready to commit to the DOE ordinance.

Mayor asked staff to do a comparison of the subdivisions that have been previously built. The question to ask is, what would the same subdivisions look like today following the DOE ordinance regulations? The second comparison would compare using the low impact tools to with not using the tools. Ultimately, the question is, is it possible to get the same results we have in place now by using the tools in the low impact tool box? Brachmann said that staff will compile and bring this information to the July 20th Council Meeting.

Mike Bomar, Building Industry Association, 103 E 29th Street, Vancouver, WA:

Bomar offered to supply pertinent data from engineers in the area to staff. Brachmann stated that he will get in touch with Bomar.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Brachmann reported that the Port of Camas-Washougal authorized their director to sign the City of Camas water rights application for Steigerwald.

PUBLIC:

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley said that the biking presentation was too brief and incomplete to base any major changes in the community on its findings. Hadley asked that a more specific plan be developed before Council considers making changes.

Mayor assured Hadley that changes would not be made without a public process.

Chaney added that Brown was presenting an idea rather than seeking approval of a complete plan, even though he has a more thorough plan.

Hogan said that First Friday is July 3rd and there will be a car show.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk