



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
June 1, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Hogan (arrived at 6:20 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Ashton, Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Copsey, Durgin, Glover, Gorsuch, Halverson, Hochhalter, Hodges, Lackey, Leon, and Zavortink.

PRESS: Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

CAMAS VS WASHOUGAL – WELLNESS ACTIVITY:

Mayor Stacey Sellers along with representatives from the City of Washougal's Wellness Committee presented a plaque to Mayor Dennis for winning the Annual Walk Your Way competition between Camas and Washougal. Sellers commented that this year's competition has begun and that they are geared up to win.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

MARSHALL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM:

Jennifer Kampsula, a past award recipient, gave a brief overview of the Marshall Public Leadership Award Program. Kampsula explained the eligibility requirements and encouraged Council and the audience to nominate a qualified Camas resident for the award. The nomination deadline is August 20, 2009. Kampsula distributed information regarding the program.

POLICE:

Residential Parking Permit Program:

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, explained the history regarding the residential parking permit program that is currently in place by the old Camas High School. Lackey discussed the following items:

1. That the program be repealed as no longer necessary (residential permits).
2. That the change would eliminate the need for two hour parking limits on these streets (those are the signs that would be removed).
3. That the change would not affect the sections of the street marked *No Parking*. The residential permits only exempted the residents from the two hour time limit.

Lackey stated that during the past 5 years there has not been a request for residential parking permits and staff recommends dissolving the program and removing the signs.

Lackey responded to questions from Council.

Lackey stated that a public hearing will be scheduled in the future to consider changes to this ordinance.

Accreditation Update:

Lackey proudly announced that the Camas Police Department was awarded with an accreditation plaque at the Washington Association for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Convention. The accreditation of the Camas Police Department was first awarded in 2001. Camas was also recognized for the third cycle of being an accredited agency. Lackey explained the accreditation process and commended his staff for earning this award. Camas is one of only 63 agencies in the State of Washington to have gained this accreditation status Lackey noted.

Lackey responded to questions from Council.

Lackey stated that he has an add-on item to the agenda.

Parking Recreational Vehicles on City Streets:

Lackey explained the history regarding the restrictions for parking recreational vehicles on the street and why staff is tasked to review the current ordinance.

Lackey distributed a draft ordinance and noted that the time limitation was lowered from 72 hours to 24. Lackey asked Council for direction.

After discussion it was decided that this matter will be brought back for further discussion at the June 15th Council Workshop.

Lackey asked and Council responded that they would like to review the records showing the complaints logged. Lackey responded that he would disseminate the information requested.

Mayor congratulated Lackey and his department for earning accreditation status.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

Financial Policies Update – Committee Draft:

Lloyd Halverson, Administrator, gave background regarding the financial policies and the purpose for creating a committee to review the policies. A draft of the financial policies that was developed by the committee was distributed. Halverson noted that a critical item within the policy is the General Fund Reserve expectations.

Joan Durgin, Finance Director, explained the provisions of each policy and noted the proposed changes.

Questions were asked and clarifications and suggestions were made.

Halverson suggested that Council review the proposed draft and forward any comments and suggestions to staff by June 15th to be discussed at the workshop. The adoption of the resolution could occur at the July 6th Council Meeting. Council concurred with the path forward suggested by Halverson. Discussion ensued.

Mayor inquired and Halverson responded that he will contact Nabel Shawa, City of Washougal Administrator, to inquire whether or not Washougal plans to support running the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy this year as stated in the agreement.

Durgin reported that the annual exit conference with the Washington State Auditors will be held Friday, June 12, 2009, at City Hall. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Initial Draft Schedule of North Urban Growth Area (NUGA) Planning Process:

In response to a request at the May 18, 2009, Council Workshop, Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, distributed a general timeline for development of the NUGA. Bourquin noted that Randy Printz has since sent an email with ideas that deviate from the path that is outlined and that he is present if Council has any questions for him.

Bourquin summarized the general timeline and responded to questions from Council.

Randy Printz, 805 Broadway, Vancouver, WA – representing Green Mountain Village:

Printz stated that he is seeking authorization to move forward with the planning process which would implement zoning and allow submittal of the application to develop some of the Green Mountain area at the same time the City is finalizing the Sewer Development Charges (SDC) and the Traffic Impact Fees (TIF). Printz noted that there could be an agreement with the City where the date that the developer can vest in the water/sewer rates and the TIF is the same day they can apply for the building permit.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council.

Mayor reiterated that his understanding is that the water and sewer study is close to being completed and that the transportation study is the negotiating point as far as how much transportation is really needed in this area. Mayor noted that one of the groups voiced concern that the planned transportation capacity is sufficient for all developments, development beginning now and at a later date.

Leanne Bremer, 500 Broadway, Ste., 400, Vancouver, WA – representing CJ Denz:

Bremer asked for clarification regarding the timeline that was prepared by Bourquin for Green Mountain and whether or not they are able to proceed with submitting a limited development agreement for vesting purposes with the City as discussed at the May 18th Council Workshop. Council showed agreement by head nods.

Bourquin confirmed that his understanding of their path forward is correct and that they agreed that no development will occur until such time that the necessary studies are completed. Bourquin noted that Bremer's primary issue is with vesting in stormwater and that timing was important.

Mayor stated that his understanding of the timeline, for the CJ Denz group, was to establish a sense of the process involved.

Bremer stated that she received the email from Printz and she is not opposed to his proposal.

James Howsley, 500 E. Broadway, Ste., 400, Vancouver, WA – representing the North Shore homeowners:

Howsley stated they have been working with staff on some transportation issues and that there may be a need to amend the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) based on new information that has been received. Howsley wanted to maintain their ability to make amendments and voiced concern in allowing one development agreement to move forward ahead of the rest. Howsley commented that he hopes to arrive at a solution by discussing this matter with Printz and staff.

Printz stated that his proposal is not to change the CFP or to hinder the City's ability to do so, but to give the developer the ability to go through the development review process in a timely manner. Discussion ensued.

Bourquin asked Council for their direction. Mayor replied that the direction is for the three parties to work out the issues. Mayor said there was a suggestion about applying now so that they can start to vest but they need to realize that they are not going to be able to develop until the City has recognized a fully adopted sewer, water and transportation plan with all the TIF and SDC established for that area including zoning, streetscaping, etc. Mayor said the attorneys can figure out the proper language for how all that gets crafted but he wants to make sure that when this area develops, it develops correctly. Mayor said that first, there has to be some vision for the area, second that everyone is playing by the same rules and three that it is paying for itself.

Gerde suggested that the development agreements be submitted by the July 20th Council Meeting. Mayor asked Bourquin to aim for July 20th with August 3rd as the fallback date.

Bourquin stated that he has an add-on item to the agenda.

Short Plat Refund:

Bourquin reported that a short plat submitted last year was not finalized because the party requesting the short plat decided not to move forward after they received a letter of incompleteness. The economy, together with the costs associated with additional studies played a role in the withdrawal request.

Bourquin stated that the City does not have a policy, ordinance or resolution addressing refunds for these types of applications. Bourquin explained the established process for subdivision application refunds and recommended following the same policy for short plat refunds.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council.

Council did not have any objections to Bourquin's recommendation.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Stormwater Ordinance – Short Presentation on Low Impact Development Options:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, briefly explained the purpose for the presentation and introduced Anita Ashton, Engineer III.

Ashton gave a PowerPoint Presentation outlining low impact development (LID) options to on-site stormwater control.

Ashton asked Council to let her know if they would like a copy of the presentation. Mayor suggested that the presentation be placed on the City's website.

Ashton responded to questions from Council.

Leadbetter Drive Professional Services Contract Amendment:

Carothers reported that a contract amendment with MacKay & Sposito for Leadbetter Drive will be forthcoming for Council's consideration. Carothers explained the purpose of the amendment.

Carothers responded to questions from Council.

Carothers commented that he has an add-on item to the agenda.

No Parking Resolution:

Carothers stated that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) approached staff last year regarding a trail that they wanted to build on Everett Street from the Lacamas Lake Bridge north up to NE 35th Avenue. Staff was tasked to design the trail, but the actual work is to be done by WSDOT. Carothers reported that the City will need to designate the stretch of roadway as "no parking" and that a resolution will be forthcoming for Council's consideration.

Station 41 Remodel Recommendation Project:

Greg Hochhalter, Battalion Chief, gave a PowerPoint Presentation illustrating the progress on the Station 41 Remodel Project. The presentation included bid results, additive alternates and staff's recommendation.

Halverson elaborated on funding sources for this project. Discussion ensued.

One Bin Recycling Update:

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, stated that he wanted to address questions that arose during the Council Workshop on May 18, 2009.

Brachmann explained what the contract lengths are for other jurisdictions and stated that the commodity buy down clause can be eliminated and explained why.

Brachmann stated that the formula in the contract is set up so that the cost of living will adjust up or down with the fuel prices. The fuel portion of the equation is 12% of the cost of living adjustment.

Interlocal Agreements with Clark County:

Brachmann reported that the Decant Facility Interlocal Agreement 2009 rate extension with Clark County will be placed on the June 15th Council Consent Agenda. Brachmann explained the purpose of the agreement.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Brachmann stated that he would address his miscellaneous items during the regular Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

Halverson stated that a resolution for the finalization of the code compliance officer position is on the regular agenda for Council's consideration.

Jennifer Gorsuch, Human Resources Director, stated that two library pages have resigned and therefore there are two vacant positions. Gorsuch explained the recruitment process and stated that staff recommends that these positions be refilled. Council concurred.

Gorsuch responded to questions from Council.

State Legislative Session Summary – “Scorecard on Camas’s Legislative Shortlist”:

Halverson stated that due to time constraints he would do a follow up memorandum on the 2009 Legislative Short List that was approved by Council. Halverson briefly summarized some of the highlights of the scorecard. Halverson stated that the truest highlight is the inclusion in the transportation budget of 58 million dollars for the construction of SR-14, with the exception of the West Camas Slough Bridge in this biennium.

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Halverson announced that a Sammy Awards Presentation will be held at the Water Resource Education Center on June 11, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The presentation is to recognize projects, organizations and individuals for their contributions for salmon recovery in the county.

COUNCIL:

Mayor stated that he attended the Ward Meeting on May 28th and it was a very positive experience with a free flow of information.

PUBLIC:

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

Mayor responded to Groeneveld's inquiries regarding the NUGA annexation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk