



**CITY OF CAMAS  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
Monday, March 2, 2009  
4:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**Excused:** Higgins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Berquist, Bourquin, Brachmann, Durgin, Lackey, and Levison,

**PRESS:** Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.  
Howard Buck, The Columbian

**PUBLIC:**

**Chris Kralik, 631 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Loop:**

Kralik asked for more commitment from the City regarding traffic calming (speed reduction) need on NW Fargo. Mayor responded that low cost tools for traffic calming will be included on the April 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop Agenda.

**P.D. Groeneveld, P.O. Box 604, Camas, WA:**

Groeneveld reminded council members that First Friday is March 6<sup>th</sup> and provided Mayor with an article mentioning Camas in the November 9, 2008 *USA Today*. Groeneveld said there is a weed at Benton Park that is a concern to area residents.

**FINANCE:**

**Interfund Loan to Water/Sewer fund:**

Durgin explained the need of a transfer of \$750,000 from the Firemen's Pension Fund to the Water/Sewer fund, which should be paid back this fall. Council agreed with Durgin's request to bring a resolution for a short term loan at the rate of 1% forward on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Surplus Property:**

Durgin explained that the 1979 Fire Pumper truck and the Tadiron phone system is on the consent agenda tonight for the purpose of declaring these items surplus.

**Electric Lightwave Franchise:**

Durgin scheduled a public hearing for the regular meeting of March 2, 2009. The hearing is for the purpose of considering a five year renewal/extension to ELI Telecommunications Franchise dba Integra, allowing non-exclusive telecommunications in a portion of the city's right-of-way. Durgin responded to Council's questions.

Ambulance Billing Policy:

Durgin distributed the *Ambulance Billing and Collection Policy Draft* and explained the reasons to Council for the updates recommended by the auditors. Durgin asked Council to respond no later than April 6th and requested that Council's recommendation for the reviewing board be included. Durgin answered Council's questions.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Vesting of Stormwater Regulations:

Bourquin distributed a Stormwater Vesting memo to Council members and gave background information. Bourquin asked for policy direction regarding whether or not vesting in current storm water regulations would be supported through a developer agreement for those areas currently under a moratorium.

Bourquin provided a non-exhaustive list of possible discussion topics and options. The memo also included a comparison of stormwater changes.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council. Council directed staff in the following direction.

- Work toward development agreements with developers that would include vesting in the current storm water regulations. Council was comfortable with Staff revising individual pre-annexation development agreements to include a flex code/master plan, street scape standards, and transportation funding. Any issues of concern relating to these topics should be identified during the April 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop.
- Be prepared to present a discussion to Council at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop about the Dept. of Ecology storm water updates that are to be adopted by August. The discussion/presentation should include what is being mandated, what the difference is between what is mandated and what is currently in place, and what other jurisdictions have decided regarding this subject.
- A regional system approach is preferred over smaller systems.

Shoreline Limited Amendments:

Bourquin requested that a public hearing be scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss a shoreline limited amendment pertaining to trails near the area of the Washougal River and the skate park property.

NW 44<sup>th</sup> Road Closure:

Bourquin referred to the City of Camas Staff Report dated February 24, 2009, regarding the request for a change in the original conditions of approval for Lake Ridge North. The conditions of approval required barricades on 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue until 70% of Phase I was completed. Development included just one phase and the purpose of the barricades was to eliminate construction traffic issues. Staff listed three options in the staff report for consideration at the public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor requested that Public Hearing Notices be sent to the residents within the notice boundary as well as the property owners in the adjoining subdivision and residents who have expressed interest in the determination.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Utility Rate Study Discussion:

*Projects Included in the Study* handout for years 2009 to 2013 was distributed to Council by Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director. The sums in the study include only what the City is responsible for; the developer's portions are not included in the study chart. Brachmann summarized the projects and their cost, modifying whatever could be modified to reach the final goal of decreasing the need to increase utility rates.

Brachmann explained the reason why the City collected separate storm water fees for the occupants of Fisher Basin and for what these funds have been used. Staff recommends merging the fees for Fisher Basin and Camas residents into one fee and eliminating the Fisher Basin Drainage fee and the possibility of earning capital credits. Brachmann responded to questions from Mayor and Council.

Brachmann assured Chaney that Camas has submitted applications for stimulus funds for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Well #14, 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Water and Sewer lines. In the event that Camas does receive grant money for any of these projects, the result will be that rate increases will be deferred the year after the stimulus money is received.

Chaney asked that a comparative be provided showing fee increases for comparable jurisdictions with the recommendations for fee increases from Camas Staff.

Brachmann said that the rates will increase by 1% for each month delayed. Brachmann recommended that there would be a public hearing on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting Agenda which would facilitate the possibility of new rates becoming effective on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Council directed that an ordinance be drafted for inclusion on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting Agenda. Mayor and Dietzman will not be attending the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bio-solids Dryer Bid Discussion:

Brachmann said the award of the bio-solids dryer is on the regular agenda and that the City is required to award the bid for the dryer design within 60 days of the bid award date of January 28, 2009. The design portion will cost \$12,000 and it will provide for the design of how the new dryer system connects to our current system.

Staff's recommendation is to award the bid for the design phase of the project. Brachmann responded to Council's questions.

Lacamas Meadows Pond Design – Contract Amendment:

Brachmann said that MacKay and Sposito are working on a design to upsize the pond that will facilitate Leadbetter Drive. There will be an amendment to contract in the amount of \$4,000.00 for engineering services on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

Lake and Parker Wetland Maintenance and Planting Project:

Brachmann explained why there will be an opportunity to award the bid for the Lake Road and Parker Street Wetland Maintenance project on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

Miscellaneous Public Works Items:

Brachmann said that a \$342.00 change order, omitted from the original specifications for the restroom, will be included on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda for heater wiring in the restroom at Prune Hill Sports Park.

A memo from Public Works Operations Manager Eric Levison was distributed to Council regarding two requests from Virginia Warren and Eunice Abrahamsen for the Camas Cemetery. The requests included staff designing a sign at the cemetery office giving operation hours and contact information, and a proposal for a self guided tour of the cemetery during Camas Days to generate interest in the cemetery. Other suggestions included making information available on the City website and/or the City newsletter.

**PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

**FIRE:**

Fire Station Remodel Presentation:

This presentation is held over to a future meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Legislative Agenda Update/Report:

This item was moved to the regular meeting of City Council beginning at 7 p.m.

Stimulus Projects Update:

This item was moved to the regular meeting of City Council beginning at 7 p.m.

Ward Boundary Redistricting Update:

This item was moved to the regular meeting of City Council beginning at 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous & Scheduling:

This item was moved to the regular meeting of City Council beginning at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk