



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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Smith presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Chaney, Higgins, and Mayor Dennis.

STAFF PRESENT: Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Copsey, and Lackey.

PRESS: Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

Jennie Haugen, 322 NW Ilwaco Street, Camas, WA:

Haugen expressed her frustration with the current code, which allows a recreational vehicle to be parked on the city streets for up to 72 hours. Haugen encouraged Council to consider a revised code that is more restrictive similar to what has been adopted by the cities of Vancouver and Washougal.

Council discussed this issue and spoke of safety concerns and vision obstructions.

Police Chief Mitch Lackey advised Council about the number of on the street parking complaints received and some of the difficulties of enforcement.

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated that staff could review the code and develop stronger language if Council desired.

After further discussion, Council directed staff to do some research and come back with a recreational vehicle ordinance that is more restrictive than the current code.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Interlocal Agreement – Shoreline Master Program:

Bourquin distributed a draft interlocal agreement regarding a cooperative Shoreline Master Program update. Bourquin explained the intent of the agreement and the entities that are involved. Bourquin stated that he is fairly confident that a grant will be obtained from the Department of Ecology (DOE) in July. The funding from the grant will be used to comply with the mandate to update the Shoreline Master Program by December of 2011.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council.

Bourquin asked Council to review the information and provide feedback to him by the end of the week. The agreement will be reviewed by the City attorney and placed on the consent agenda of May 18th for Council's consideration.

TENURE RECOGNITIONS:

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, recognized Ole Helland, Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, for his 20 years of service to the City of Camas. Brachmann also acknowledged Terry Holtcamp, Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, for his 30 years of service to the City of Camas.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Dorothy Fox School Zone Change Request:

Brachmann reported that the Camas School District is requesting that the school zone for Dorothy Fox School be moved to the north to include the four way stop at NW 28th Avenue and Sierra Street. This request will be processed with a school zone request for Grass Valley School.

Anderson inquired and Brachmann responded that the school district will be paying the cost for any additional work that needs to be completed regarding the school zone request.

Interlocal Agreements:

Brachmann stated that staff is processing two interlocal agreements. One agreement is with Clark County and is for the purchase of oil to be used for the roadway surfacing projects this summer. The other agreement is with the City of Vancouver to piggy back onto their bid for pavement surface treatments. These agreements will be coming before Council in the future for consideration.

Station 41 Remodel Bid Opening:

Brachmann reported that the remodel of Fire Station 41 is out to bid. The bids will be opened on May 12th and will possibly be ready for Council to consider the bid award at the May 18, 2009, Council Meeting.

Prune Hill Sports Park Change Order:

Brachmann stated that a change order for Prune Hill Sports Park will be placed on the May 18, 2009, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. Brachmann explained the purpose of the change order.

Gerde asked and Brachmann responded that the City of Washougal would not be giving a presentation this evening regarding their "E" Street improvements project. Brachmann stated that Washougal made the decision to delay the presentation after staff expressed that they do not totally agree with the work that they are proposing to perform at the intersection of Lechner and NE 3rd Avenue.

Brachmann gave a brief overview regarding the fire that occurred at the bowling alley site.

Anderson commented that he noticed that bike route signs have been placed in the Lacamas Lake Road area and asked whether or not the City could incur any liability since there are no

bike lanes along this road. Brachmann responded that the signs were not installed by the City of Camas and staff would look into the matter.

ADMINISTRATION:

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Brachmann reminded Council of the upcoming ward meetings. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Camas Police Department Community Room on Wednesday, May 13th and at the Grass Valley Fire Department on Thursday, May 28th.

Brachmann asked Council if they have specific topics, other than utility rates, that they would like to see discussed at the ward meetings.

Hogan and Anderson suggested discussing one-bin recycling. Hogan stated that an update on the annexations could also be a potential topic.

PUBLIC:

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

Groeneveld reported that NE 6th Avenue, entering Camas from the west, is in poor shape and is concerned about the road coating work that was completed in that area.

Groeneveld suggested that the City of Camas require bicyclists to obtain a license plate and provide proof of insurance if they want to ride their bicycles on city streets.

COUNCIL:

Gerde stated that she would be unable to attend the Youth Achievement Celebration and had an extra invitation if anyone was interested.

Dietzman noted that the Washington State Legislature passed a new law allowing a sub-district to be formed for C-Tran. Dietzman gave a brief overview of the law and stated that she would bring more information to Council as it developed.

Hogan reported that Community Trade and Economic Development hosted a forum in Vancouver regarding main street project issues. Hogan stated that many of the Downtown Vision Coalition (DVC) members attended the forum and found it to be very informative and worthwhile. Hogan noted that the DVC has published a new investment guide for Camas and it is nicely done.

Hogan stated that he attended First Friday and enjoyed the event and the artwork at the library.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk