



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
March 15, 2010
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 5:32 p.m.).
- STAFF PRESENT:** Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Copsey, Durgin, Fox, Halverson, Hodges, Levison, Leon, Nelson and Skeens.
- PRESS:** Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Shiloh Heights Revised Vegetation Plan:

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated that information regarding Shiloh Heights Vegetation Plan was previously distributed to Council for review. Bourquin added that representatives from Shiloh Heights were present to give a presentation to Council and to answer questions.

Gary Fuquay, 2055 NW Fargo Loop, Camas, WA:

Fuquay stated that he represents Shiloh Heights Homeowner's Association (HOA). Fuquay introduced Rob Cummins, President of Shiloh Heights HOA, Lois Settlemyer, Vegetation Management Plan Chairperson, and Arborist Craig Smith.

Fuquay read a statement from the HOA. The statement contained background information about the HOA and described problems they have had regarding tree management. The statement also outlined their proposed new vegetation plan. Fuquay noted that the primary problem is managing the deciduous trees on the hillside.

Craig Smith - Arborsmith Tree Care, 2317 NE 292nd Ave., Camas, WA:

Smith stated the main reason that a new plan was developed was because the old plan was not sustainable. Smith gave an overview of the proposed plan and commented that the plan addresses the mismanagement and improper pruning of the trees, removing the damaged trees and replacing them with trees that are more suitable to the area.

Bourquin and Smith responded to questions from Council.

Anderson inquired and Bourquin responded that the City has not had an independent geotechnical review of the new plan.

Mayor suggested that the proposed plan be reviewed by the City's geotechnical engineer and that an update be provided to Council at the April 5, 2010, Council Workshop. This matter can then be placed on the April 19, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration.

FIRE/EMS:

Ambulance Transport Rate Increase Recommendation:

Leo Leon, Fire Chief, distributed a handout regarding his recommendation to increase the ambulance transport rate from \$585.00 to \$635.00. Leon explained why he believes the increase is necessary and explained data outlined in the handout that supports his recommendation.

Mayor asked and Leon responded that a resolution for the rate increase will be placed on the April 5, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration.

East County Fire & Rescue (ECF&R) Contract Update:

Leon informed Council that ECF&R sent him an email confirming their decision to terminate the Joint Staffing Agreement effective December 3, 2010.

Leon stated that he will need to develop a plan to deal with the impacts created by the termination of the agreement and briefly explained the issues.

Mayor stated that he received an email from ECF&R with the same information and that the email stated that there is some confusion with the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Agreement. The email from ECF&R clarified that they would not be cancelling the EMS Agreement. Mayor commented that to his knowledge the EMS Agreement cannot be cancelled by either entity as the terms of the contract run with the EMS Levy. Leon confirmed that was correct and that he is uncertain as to why there is confusion as the EMS agreement was not discussed.

Mayor responded that he will send a letter to ECF&R reiterating the contract language to avoid any potential confusion regarding the EMS Agreement. Discussion ensued regarding staffing levels and potential options for dealing with the impacts due to the termination of the Joint Staffing Agreement.

Leon reported that the new ambulance should arrive in April. Mayor inquired and Leon responded that ECF&R funded \$100,000 of the \$175,000 to purchase the ambulance. Mayor suggested that ECF&R be invited to see the ambulance once it arrives and that a letter should be drafted to thank them.

Leon commented that a quarterly East County Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting will be held Thursday evening at fire station 42 and that discussion will take place regarding these events.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Forest Home Park/Logan Street Safety Improvements:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the proposed plan for safety improvements to Logan Street. The presentation included an overview of the safety issues, project objectives and the project plan.

Carothers responded to questions from Council. Discussion ensued regarding specific details of the proposed project.

Council confirmed that they would like staff to move forward with the proposed plan.

Mayor stated that after the project is complete he would like staff to monitor the traffic and provide feedback to Council regarding the outcome of the project.

System Development Charges (SDC) Update:

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, distributed a memorandum from the FCS Group regarding industrial water system development charge options. Brachmann stated that Angie Sanchez Virnoche of the FCS Group will be present at the April 5, 2010, Council Workshop to discuss industrial water system development charge options and to answer any questions Council may have.

A map was distributed by Brachmann indicating the area referred to as the North Urban Growth Area (NUGA) as it relates to the system development charges. Brachmann gave further explanation of the map and stated that the Green Mountain, Green Mountain South, Lacamas Northshore, and CJ Dens annexations are included in the NUGA. The map also includes the Urban Growth Area (UGA) that is not annexed north and east of the recently annexed areas.

Brachmann responded to questions from Council.

Brachmann stated that further questions regarding this matter should be directed to Eric Levison, Public Works Operations Manager.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

It was noted by Brachmann, that the documents received from the County for item "g" on the consent agenda are numbered incorrectly and that there are not any pages missing.

Brachmann stated that a professional services contract for fire system testing will be on the April 5, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. This is for the annual testing of fire alarm systems and related equipment at the police station, library, fire station 42, city hall and the little league concession stand.

Brachmann reported that no bids were received for the surplus equipment that Council authorized on March 1, 2010. Staff intends to post the equipment for bid with a minimum bid of the current scrap price. The hope is to have the equipment recycled and put to use rather than shredding it for scrap. Brachmann added that he has conferred with Joan Durgin,

Finance Director, and Levison who believe the proposed process is appropriate. Brachmann asked Council if they had any objections. There were no objections.

Brachmann stated that the Leadbetter Drive Improvements Project is out to bid and that the bid award will be placed on the April 5, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration if approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers is received in time. If this approval is not received in time, this matter will be placed on the April 19, 2010, Consent Agenda.

Brachmann reported that the co-mingle sort line tour of the West Vancouver Transfer Station scheduled for Friday, March 12th was canceled due to an equipment breakdown. Brachmann added he is trying to reschedule the tour for Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The plan is to leave city hall at 8:30 a.m. and to return around 11:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

Ward Meeting Schedule:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, gave Council some potential Ward Meeting dates to consider. After brief discussion, it was decided to schedule the Ward Meetings on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, and Thursday, May 13, 2010. The meetings will be held at two different locations on the east and west side of town. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Halverson gave a brief overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process. Halverson noted that Camas has two ADA accessibility projects that ranked high.

Halverson reported that the City continues to seek the most favorable funding for the balance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

COUNCIL:

Dietzman stated that she attended a C-TRAN meeting and she is on a sub-committee for the CEO Salary Policy. Dietzman added that information on public meetings regarding possible fare increases can be obtained from their website www.C-Tran.com.

Dietzman reported that she also visited the Two Rivers Museum and encouraged others to visit it as well.

Mayor gave a brief overview of Brachmann's career at the City and thanked him for his 37 years of service. Mayor presented Brachmann with a framed letter of recognition.

PUBLIC:

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley commented on the Logan Street Project and expressed concerns regarding traffic flow on Ivy Street. Hadley asked Council to consider improvements to this area to help with the traffic flow.

Hadley stated that he has questions regarding SDC's in the UGA and would be referring his questions to Levison.

Hadley expressed his appreciation to Brachmann for his years of service to the City and wished him a happy retirement.

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

Kralik asked and Mayor confirmed that the cost to remove the trees in the Shiloh Heights Subdivision will be paid for by the HOA. Mayor clarified that Shiloh Heights is requesting approval from Council to modify their vegetation management plan.

Kralik stated that the City is losing a great public works director and that Brachmann has been an invaluable asset to the City. Kralik thanked Brachmann for his assistance over the years.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk