



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
July 19, 2010
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Hogan.

STAFF PRESENT: Berquist, Carothers, Durgin, Halverson, Hodges, Lackey, Leon, and Levison.

PRESS: None present.

PUBLIC:

Sue Lanz, 3405 NW 38th Ave., Camas, WA:

Ms. Lanz submitted a letter to Council stating support for Tom Koenninger's article in The Columbian, "It's Time to Silence Personal Fireworks". She told Council that her horse died after breaking his leg due to what she believes was fright caused by this year's fireworks. Mayor requested contact information from Ms. Lanz.

Higgins relayed three more areas of concern that Ms. Lanz brought to his attention before the meeting:

- The heavy mosquito population and what could be done to eliminate the problem, especially in the area around the stormwater retention facilities.
- Tansy and thistles growing on a specific hillside.
- The unappealing look of the Talbitzer fences.

In response to the mosquito problem, Dietzman, who is a member of the Mosquito Control Board, explained what had been done, what was currently happening with the mosquito problem and what was being done to control the mosquito problem.

FINANCE:

Update on Portable Basketball Hoops on City Streets:

In response to Brad Bell's request made during the June 21st City Council Meeting to make an exception for his situation or to rewrite the code regarding placement of basketball hoops, Joan Durgin, Finance Director, said hoops on streets were considered a public nuisance and restrictions are included in the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. Durgin said that the Washington Cities Insurance Agency (WCIA) recommended this and Roger Knapp, City Attorney, confirmed the need to maintain the current ordinance. Durgin and Eric Levison, Public Works Director, gave the reasons why. Discussion followed.

Mayor asked Levison to contact Mr. Bell and let him know Council's response to his request.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Engineering:

Fisher Swale Sewer Pump Station Bid Opening:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, said there will be a bid opening for the Fisher Swale Pump Station on July 27th. The facility will be located adjacent to Fisher Swale and the SE 20th Street extension. The sewer main extending south across the Eiford property will be included in the bid.

Community Center Ramp Change Order:

Carothers relayed the concrete footings for the Community Center's handicap ramp were not included in the bid and to include the footings constitutes a change order for just under \$20,000. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allowed the transfer of excess CDBG grant funds from the Goot Park project to the ramp project which will cover the cost of the change order for the footings. The change order will also include additional work days and a change to the railing for the ramp.

Lease Agreements for Heritage Trail Mobile Home Park:

Levison said there are three tenants remaining at the mobile park; two are newer tenants who will be receiving one year nonrenewable space leases. The third space is occupied by an existing tenant and she will receive a lease letter that says there are no transferrable lease rights for her space. Anderson inquired and Levison responded that staff will contact Knapp about extinguishing rights to all remaining spaces.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Carothers reported a bid opening is scheduled for July 20th for the removal of a house. If there are no bids received on this house, it will be demolished.

Carothers said the purchase and sale agreement for the Fisher Swale Pump Station property is scheduled to be on the consent agenda in August.

Carothers said the right of entry agreement to install a sewer main across the Eiford property will be on the August 2nd Consent Agenda.

POLICE:

Special Events Committee Recommendation on Downtown Street Closures:

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, gave the history and current status of the Special Events Committee formed to review the number and scope of the street closures in the core of downtown Camas. Lackey said that Sarah Fox, Planner II, is assembling a packet to give to everyone who is interested in having a special event in the downtown core area. The main focus of the committee is to decide whether or not there should be a limit to the number of street closures for special events in the downtown area. The committee's recommendation is to limit closures to one full and one partial street closure a month. Lackey asked Council for a policy direction.

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, suggested and Council confirmed that a draft policy be created by the committee and submitted to Council for review in August as a workshop and a

consent item. The draft will include wording to clarify a priority for long standing events, time limits, exceptions, etc.

Lackey noted that there is an event in process that is not consistent with the draft policy, but since the policy is not in place at this time, staff's recommendation is to allow the event, then pursue a policy that would give staff the ability to reject events that were beyond the policy range.

ADMINISTRATION:

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Halverson said he is pleased that County Commissioners approved \$300,000 in funding for the City of Camas Fallen Leaf Lake acquisition request.

Halverson brought back "hellos" from a variety of Camas' sister city friends in Poland. He referred to a newsletter he shared with Council created by Polish students who recently hosted Camas middle school students for ten days.

COUNCIL:

Dietzman said there is an area with the noxious weed, garlic mustard in the vicinity of the Lacamas trail head at McEnry Bridge and 3rd Street. Levison responded he would have the area investigated.

Smith encouraged participation and circulating information about the Camas Cemetery Self-Guided Tour organized by Virginia Warren and Eunice Abrahamsen, on Saturday, July 24th, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Chaney asked that the tour information be gathered and placed on the City's web site as public information along with a map of the individual grave sites.

Smith said that she attended the Clark County Blue Ribbon Commission meeting with Jerry Acheson, Parks and Recreation Manager. Smith said the intent of the Commission is to form a Municipal Parks District (MPD) which would include Clark County and the cities within the County. A form was distributed to each jurisdiction to gather information to be submitted to the Blue Ribbon Commission. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to inquire how an MPD would benefit the citizens of Camas. Discussion followed. It was decided that Mayor will contact Mayor Leavitt from the City of Vancouver, Smith will communicate with the commission leads, and Halverson will discuss with Pete Mayer how the MPD will benefit the residents in the City of Camas. The goal is to obtain all pertinent information before the next meeting of the Commission on August 5th.

Gerde asked Levison about the signs needed at the new Washougal River trail and Levison responded.

Dietzman asked about doggie bags needed at the new trail and Levison answered that bags will be made available at the trail location.

Higgins said the amount of construction being accomplished on Camas streets is encouraging and complimented staff for their interagency cooperation.

Mayor said that he would see everyone at Camas Days.

PUBLIC:

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley asked if staff from the Mosquito Control Board will go onto private property and spray mosquito habitat. Dietzman responded that anyone can call and make a request to the Mosquito Control Board and they would respond to each request appropriately.

Hadley asked and Council responded that an MPD is set up as a board.

Hadley asked if recycling bins and garbage cans could possibly be considered a public nuisance since they are often left on the street and sidewalk. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk