



**CITY OF CAMAS  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
February 1, 2010  
4:30 p.m.**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**Excused:** Hogan and Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ashton, Bourquin, Brachmann, Carothers, Durgin, Hodges, Lackey, Leon, Levison, and Tuominen.

**PRESS:** Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record

**PUBLIC:**

Kathryn Scott, 1110 NW 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver:

Scott explained she is a member of a Community Studies class at the Eastern Washington University satellite program in Vancouver. She expressed her thanks to the Mayor, City Council and City Staff for the past and future time and information they have shared to help her class understand the operation of Camas and other communities.

**C-TRAN PRESENTATION ON 2030 PLAN – SCOTT PATTERSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PIO:**

Mayor announced that the presentation has been cancelled due to presenter illness and it will be rescheduled. He added that Fire Chief Leo Leon will present information on the Fire overtime budget instead.

**FIRE:**

Overtime Budget:

Leon distributed a graph depicting the distribution of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) budgets and explained the handout page by page. He clarified that there were unusual circumstances that contributed to the previously estimated overtime usage and explained the circumstances in detail.

Council asked and Leon responded that the money reimbursed by EMS for Camas overtime was deposited into the General Fund, not the overtime fund.

Mayor asked and there were no questions, but added that Leon will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

**POLICE:**

**Camas Washougal Municipal Court discussion:**

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, distributed a handout detailing Battle Ground's budget for their municipal court. He then addressed the hypothetical issue of Camas starting its own municipal court due to Clark County's decision to move the municipal court to Vancouver. Lackey relayed Washougal's direction on this issue and asked Council for their recommended direction.

Council encouraged continued negotiation with Clark County. Council added that if at all possible, and financially feasible, to keep the municipal court local.

**FINANCE:**

**Cemetery Rates:**

Joan Durgin, Finance Director, discussed the proposed cemetery rate increase resolution. She then introduced Eric Levison, Operations Manager, who supervises the cemetery. Levison stated that the rate increase resolution is moving forward, but there has been dissent expressed by a local small business owner regarding the City's current intention to sell cremation urns. Levison explained that the City sale of urns is for the convenience of the citizens. Levison asked Council for direction on this policy and whether or not Camas should compete in this field with private business.

Council asked questions then directed Levison to investigate past services provided by the cemetery before it came under City jurisdiction and bring the results back to the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Council added that they do not want the City to compete with small businesses during tough economic times.

Durgin asked and Council responded that urn costs should be included in the resolution and then, if necessary, the urn costs can be deleted.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Stormwater Ordinance Discussion:**

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director and Interim City Administrator, relayed that the Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the Stormwater Ordinance with minor typographical corrections and the public hearing and adoption is on the February 1<sup>st</sup> Council Agenda. He added that City staff has met with Clark County staff to discuss stormwater ordinances and Clark County staff has agreed to allow Camas to use their studies and documentation on Lacamas Lake and offered their assistance if needed.

Brachmann noted that the Rosemere Neighborhood in Vancouver has filed a lawsuit demanding stronger stormwater controls in Clark County. He added Washougal is addressing the stormwater issue at their February 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting and Battle Ground is addressing the issue on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting at the request of staff from the Department of Ecology Water Quality section. Brachmann informed Council that Washington is currently five years ahead of Oregon in stormwater regulation.

Brachmann responded to questions from Council regarding the design manual standards draft update, regionalization and consistency in regulations between neighboring jurisdictions.

Brachmann added that the Camas Stormwater Ordinance satisfies the Department of Ecology.

Change Order – Washougal River Bridge/Trail Project:

Brachmann explained that there will be a change order on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council's consideration due to a faulty existing sanitary sewer manhole that needs to be repaired. Brachmann added that it currently has the potential to allow leaks into the Camas waste system and that is not acceptable.

Change Order – Well # 14 Project:

Brachmann said there will be a change order on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council's consideration due to site over excavation at the site that was required because of bad soils and to increase the size of the chlorine generation and pumping system. He explained that the same system in Well #13 is barely adequate and the City is making sure when the system is installed in Well #14 it is more than adequate.

Change Order – Goot Park Restroom Project:

Brachmann stated that a change order will be on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council's consideration because the Goot Park irrigation controller needs to be moved to the outside of the existing restroom.

Critical Areas Report Contracts – NW 38<sup>th</sup> Ave Sewer Project:

Brachmann explained the city is asking for contract proposals regarding wetlands, habitat and archeological reports for installation of sewer lines on NW 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to serve the Bybee curves area and future development. Brachmann informed Council that these contracts may be on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council's consideration.

CDBG Contract Amendments – Goot Park and Community Center Projects:

Brachmann explained that a contract amendment is required for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in order to transfer funds not used for the Goot Park Restroom project to the Community Center project which garnered bids over budget. Brachmann added that the amendment will be on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for Council's consideration.

2010 STEP Tank Pumping Award:

Brachmann informed Council that the awarding of this project to the lowest responsible bidder will be on the February 16<sup>th</sup> council agenda for Council's consideration. Brachmann added that the low bidder did not have the required contractor's license.

Dallas Street Bridge Damage – Design & Repair Contracts:

Brachmann informed Council that there will be a proposal on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda from OTAK in the amount of \$16,500 for repair design and specifications of the Dallas Street Bridge damage caused by an uninsured motorist. Brachmann noted that this repair is not in the Street Department budget and is working with Durgin to bring forth a budget adjustment for Council's consideration.

Gerde asked and Brachmann responded that James Carothers, Engineering Manager, is working on the trench cut information and it will be available for either the February 16<sup>th</sup> or the March 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

Anderson inquired and Brachmann answered that Washougal has not submitted the change to the E Street project that Camas requested. Mayor added that he had the impression that the project is moving away from the intersection in question thereby reducing the need for other neighbor's concurrence

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated he received a plat alteration request from Vista Point Subdivision and requested permission to include scheduling a hearing on the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. Higgins asked and Bourquin responded that the alterations should be minor.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Council Meeting Schedules:

Brachmann asked and Council responded that since two members of the council were not present, the discussion on altering the council meeting schedule will be postponed until the March 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Brachmann advised Council that Police Captain Nelson is planning to be out on 15 weeks of maternity leave beginning in April. He said that Chief Lackey is planning on moving a sergeant into the captain position as an interim and this move has been approved by civil service.

Brachmann informed Council that tours of the new co-mingle sorting system are available. He said he will contact Council as to when the tours are available at the West Vancouver site. Dietzman asked and Brachmann responded that the glass recycling should be picked up whenever it is placed on the curb.

Brachmann said that notice was received from the Department of Revenue that the hotel tax ordinance has been approved. He added that the tax will be effective beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Brachmann reminded Council that the next meeting is Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day holiday on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL:**

Higgins said he attended the Legislative Conference and the Highway 14 funding is still in place. He added that there may be additional stimulus funds available and there may also be more funding available for transportation projects.

Mayor noted that this week is First Friday and also that Harwoods has their official grand opening this Wednesday.

**PUBLIC:**

Brent Erickson, 2739 NE Everett Street, Camas WA:

Mr. Erickson presented information on the severe negative impact the Drewf's Farm development is having on Fallen Leaf Lake. He asked what was being done to hold the developer of Drewf's Farm, DR Horton, accountable for the obvious damage and pollution caused by the storm pond failure. Brachmann responded that the City is taking steps to determine accountability and has informed the developer that unless the situation improves, they will be given a civil regulatory order. He added that City inspectors have been on site on a regular basis and plan to meet with the developer weekly.

Brachmann will present a slide show assembled by Erickson during the regular council meeting.

Mayor asked and Bourquin responded that the City issued stop work orders in December until specific issues were repaired. Bourquin added that the developer has recently hired a full time erosion control expert and will meet with the City on a weekly basis to ensure standards are met. Bourquin noted that the Department of Ecology also has an inspector monitoring the site.

Mayor asked and Brachmann responded that the City is watching the site for damage to the City system.

Mayor requested that Brachmann inform Council of the progress at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk