



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
June 21, 2010
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Dietzman.

STAFF PRESENT: Bourquin, Carothers, Copsey, Durgin, Halverson, Hodges, Levison, and Skeens.

PRESS: None present.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

PUBLIC WORKS:

System Development Charges (SDC) Presentation:

Eric Levison, Public Works Director, gave a brief outline of the SDC presentation and introduced Angie Sanchez Virnoche of FCSG.

Virnoche gave a PowerPoint Presentation of the water and sewer SDC analysis. The presentation included an overview of what is paid for by the utility rates and SDC, and how the funding of capital projects fits into the calculations. The presentation also included the proposed sewer and water SDCs, water SDC options for the industrial class and example customer SDC calculations.

Levison and Virnoche responded to questions from Council.

Discussion ensued regarding water SDC options for the industrial class and the effect that the SDC may have on future economic development. The discussion also included various strategic economic development tools that may be used in conjunction with the SDCs.

Hogan asked and Levison summarized his recommendation for the water SDC option for the industrial class.

After further discussion, the majority of Council stated they were considering the water SDC Option 1 for the industrial class, but would like to hold a public hearing to consider all comments prior to making a final decision. Levison responded that staff will prepare an ordinance based upon Council's comments, and then will schedule this matter for a public hearing in July.

SE 7th Avenue Parking:

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, stated that Randy Miller, Camas Fire Marshall, has brought to his attention that there are parking issues along SE 7th Avenue, from Russell to Sumner, due to the width of the street. Carothers briefly explained the problem and noted that staff is working on the issues and intends to bring a resolution to Council for consideration on July 19, 2010. Carothers added that notification has been sent to the residents and owners adjacent to SE 7th Avenue of staff's intent. Discussion ensued.

SE 11th Avenue Street Improvements Covenant:

Carothers gave details regarding a covenant between the City and a couple of the property owners on the east side of Union Street. Carothers explained why the covenant is no longer necessary and stated that a revocation of the covenant is on the consent agenda for Council's consideration.

SE 11th Avenue Grant of Easement:

Carothers reported that property owners on the private street portion of SE 11th Avenue are granting the City an easement for ingress egress and utilities. Carothers gave a brief explanation of the easement and added that this item is on the consent agenda for Council's consideration.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Carothers stated that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is trying to purchase the property under the power lines located between SR-14, Union, and SE 11th Avenue. Carothers added that WSDOT is in the process of condemning the property and that the City was listed as a defendant and served the condemnation notice due to a utility easement and a right of entry agreement. The City does not have utilities within the easement or City sewer tanks on the condemned property. Carothers noted that WSDOT, City staff and legal counsel are working together to produce the paper work that will clear the City's interest to this property.

Carothers stated that a change order for the Washougal River Trail Project will be placed on the July 6, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. Carothers explained the purpose of the change order.

Carothers reported that the Camas School District has a crushed storm pipe that runs across the proposed roadway on Leadbetter Drive. Carothers commented that staff proposes, that a stronger pipe should be installed across the street section area due to the shallow bury of the existing pipe. The total cost to install the new pipe is approximately \$10,800. A change order for Leadbetter Drive will be placed on the July 6, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. Carothers added that staff suggests the City pay approximately \$4,800 of the change order to replace all of the pipe in the proposed roadway with a stronger pipe instead of merely replacing the damaged portion. The school district would pay the remainder of the cost.

Mayor asked and Carothers responded that a public hearing regarding the stormwater manual is scheduled for this evening. Mayor stated that Council would like to have more discussion on this topic prior to the public hearing to address some of the issues that were previously

identified. Mayor suggested opening the public hearing and continuing it until the July 6th Council meeting and to place this topic on the Workshop Agenda for July 6, 2010.

Levison reported that Cascade Radon, Inc. tested City Hall for radon. Levison distributed a copy of the results and noted that the levels in the sub-basement were above normal. Levison stated that staff is working with Cascade Radon, Inc. to form a mitigation plan which he briefly explained. A cost estimate will be forthcoming. Levison added that it is his hope to have the mitigation measures completed by the end of next week and that he believes the cost for the plan will be covered through the central services budget.

Levison gave Council a brief overview of the slurry seal maintenance planned for the year. Levison responded to questions from Council.

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, reported that Jim Peebles, Building Inspector II, has announced his plans to retire. Halverson stated that staff's recommendation is to refill the position as a plans examiner and explained the rationale behind the recommendation. The pay range for both positions is identical. Council had no objections.

Halverson stated that staff recommends moving forward with the hiring of a wastewater treatment plant operator. This position is appropriated for in the budget and is one of the two new hires that were anticipated to occur in 2010. Council had no objections.

Miscellaneous Scheduling:

Halverson provided Council with a brief update of the budget. Halverson added that a thorough review of the budget will take place at the August 2, 2010, Council Workshop. The 2011 budget framework will also be discussed on August 2nd.

Halverson reported that the City received notice from the Washington State Department of Ecology that the City will receive a grant in the amount of \$115,230 as part of the department's new stormwater grant program. Discussion ensued as to what the grant may be used for.

Halverson announced that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will hold their annual conference in Vancouver this week.

Bonneville Power Lines Council Stance:

Halverson briefly gave background regarding the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) I-5 Corridor Project.

Mayor stated that a representative from a group opposing the BPA power lines project has contacted the City and would like to know how to engage Council in the process. Mayor asked Council whether or not they would like to stay neutral in the matter or to take a stance.

After discussion, it was concluded that prior to making any decisions Council would like to review the resolution that was adopted by the City of Vancouver and review the letter the

City sent to BPA in December that identified the City's concerns. This matter will be brought back to Council for further discussion at the July 6, 2010, Council Workshop.

Halverson added that the City received a letter from BPA requesting a right of entry to go onto City owned property. Halverson noted that the letter has been reviewed by staff and the city attorney's office. There are some detailed points of the letter that need to be resolved. This matter will be brought forward to Council in the future. Discussion ensued.

COUNCIL:

Higgins mentioned that he will be out of town on July 6th and will be absent at the Council meetings.

Chaney stated how impressed he was with the Logitech Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that was held last week. He thanked Mayor and staff for their part in helping to bring Logitech to Camas.

Higgins echoed Chaney's comments and noted that he received many positive comments regarding what Camas is doing to promote economic development. Discussion followed.

Hogan gave an update on the Downtown Camas Association (DCA) and noted that at some point in the future a meeting should be held to clarify the expectations and vision of the organization. Mayor responded that he met with two representatives of the DCA to discuss the financial statements that were provided to the City and gave a brief overview of the discussion.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk