



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

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Anderson, Chaney, Dietzman, Gerde, Higgins, Hogan (arrived 4:54 p.m.), and Smith.

**Excused:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourquin, Brachmann, Copsy, Durgin, Halverson, Lackey, and MacPherson.

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

**PUBLIC:**

There were no comments.

**POLICE:**

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, awarded Officer Ralph Meuler with a 25 year service pin. Lackey highlighted Meuler's statistics and thanked him for his years of service to the community.

**Pursuit Policy Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):**

Lackey explained the history behind the MOU and distributed copies of the existing countywide pursuit policy MOU. Lackey added that the proposed changes to the MOU are shown in red.

Lackey gave an overview regarding the 11 vehicular pursuits the Camas Police Department has been involved in since 2005 and distributed copies of this information.

Lackey asked Council to provide feedback to him regarding the proposed changes to the MOU by the end of the week. This matter will come back to Council for consideration at either the March 15<sup>th</sup> or April 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Special Events Update:**

Lackey gave background regarding past street closures for special events and noted that a committee was formed to examine whether or not the City should limit the number of special events downtown.

Lackey distributed a report from the committee and highlighted the suggestions that were made that should improve the process. The committee is proposing that the City allow one

full street closure once per month, and one partial street closure once per month. Lackey gave further explanation as to which events would count towards these street closures and added the committee believes that the limitation on the number of events per month should be flexible in case a fantastic economic opportunity presents itself. Discussion ensued regarding the comments and suggestions that were included in the report.

**C-TRAN PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 2030 PLAN:**

Jeff Hamm, Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding C-TRAN's proposed 2030 Plan. The presentation included background and evolution of the plan, potential new routes, increased local route frequency and service hours, new park and ride lots, a high capacity transit system, a new Columbia River Crossing (CRC) light rail system, funding for the 2030 Plan, and the timelines involved. Hamm explained how C-TRAN's proposed 2030 Plan interlinks with the CRC light rail system project.

Hamm responded to questions from Council.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Camas Municipal Code (CMC) 18.55 Procedures – Set Hearing Date of March 15, 2010:**

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated that CMC 18.55 regarding procedures that specifically deal with appeals will be set for a hearing on March 15, 2010. Bourquin added that the City Attorney provided language for amendments to the CMC and that this matter has gone through a public hearing with the Planning Commission. Bourquin noted that documentation will be provided to Council for their review prior to the hearing.

Bourquin commented that he has an item to add to the agenda.

**Shilo Heights Re-vegetation Plan:**

Bourquin gave background regarding the Shilo Heights Development Plan and stated that modifications to the openspace area will require Council's approval. The proposal to revise the vegetation plan supports tree preservation. Bourquin gave examples of the type of modifications that could be included in the new plan. This matter will be placed on the March 15, 2010, Council Workshop for further discussion. Detailed information will be given to Council for review.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Pre-Annexation Development Agreement Amendment:**

Shawn MacPherson, Assistant City Attorney, stated that negotiations regarding amendments to the Pre-Annexation Development Agreement that the City has with Fisher, Eiford and Grass Valley Holdings, LLC are progressing. This matter will be set for a hearing on March 15, 2010. MacPherson added that the draft agreement will be forwarded to Council by early next week and that any comments or questions should be directed to him.

**Washougal River Trail Change Order:**

Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director, stated that a change order for the Washougal River Trail Project will be coming before Council for consideration on March 15, 2010. Brachmann explained the purpose of the change order.

Lake Road & Parker Street Plantings and Maintenance Retainage Release:

Brachmann reported that this item is not ready to move forward at this time and will be brought back to Council at a later date.

Inter-Agency Agreement – Stormwater Grant, Department of Ecology (DOE):

Brachmann commented that an inter-local agreement between Camas, Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Clark County will be on the March 15, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration. Brachmann noted the DOE grant that was received by Clark County and the cities within Clark County requires that an inter-local agreement be created between the agencies who want to participate in the program. The funds will be used to develop and implement stormwater training and education.

HVAC Contracts:

Brachmann informed Council that there will be three heating, ventilation & air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance contracts on the March 15, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. These contracts will replace existing or expired contracts for the operations center, library and police station.

System Development Charges (SDC):

A chart illustrating a county comparison of SDC's was distributed by Brachmann. The chart included Camas' proposed SDC's according to the study that was completed by FCSG. Brachmann explained the data outlined in the chart and how the SDC's would be assessed. The proposed SDC's for Camas include charges for the North Urban Growth Area (NUGA), for the sewer (post wastewater treatment plant bid) as well as one for Stormwater, which are not noted on the chart within the other jurisdictions. Brachmann stated staff's recommendation is to not use the proposed SDC option for sewer that incorporates the lower bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) since funding will be needed in the future for improvements to the current aging systems.

Anderson inquired whether or not a future homeowner that has already vested in a stormwater pond when they purchased their lot would need to pay an additional SDC for stormwater. Brachmann responded that he would need to look into that question further. Discussion ensued.

Mayor suggested that stormwater capital should be incorporated into the rates and not be done as an SDC and explained why.

Brachmann responded to questions from Council.

Brachmann stated that the FCSG Study will be placed on the internet this week. Brachmann added that there are also options for industrial SDC's that the City can adopt, however, the information that he has received is hard to understand. Staff recommends that Angie Sanchez from FCSG attend a Council Workshop to explain the industrial SDC options.

Council confirmed that they would like FCSG to give a presentation at a Council Workshop that is easy to follow and understand.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Brachmann stated that a contract with the Resource Company for wetland mitigation work at Grass Valley Park will be on the agenda for Council's consideration on March 15, 2010.

Brachmann commented that a bid award for Grass Valley Park plantings and maintenance is on the agenda tonight for Council's consideration. Brachmann added that the bids were opened Friday and were not included in the agenda packet. The bid tab sheet for this project was distributed. Discussion ensued regarding the low bid that was received.

Brachmann reported that the City is required to adopt updated Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) standards each year. A resolution adopting the latest WSDOT Standard Specifications Book will be on the March 15, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration.

It was reported by Brachmann, that the City of Vancouver is receiving a grant to add an employee to perform energy conservation work. The grant was structured to share the employee with Camas and Washougal. Brachmann added that an inter-local agreement will be required to tap into that resource and will be on the March 15, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. It is expected that each agency should save 2% on their energy bills the first year and 5-8% in the second year.

Brachmann stated the Cemetery Master Plan is being scheduled for a public hearing on March 15, 2010.

Pictures of the Lacamas Lake water line pier project were shown by Brachmann. The pictures illustrated what the piers looked like before and after the work was completed.

Brachmann reported there is a workshop on the county wide shoreline update at the Camas Public Library on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Brachmann added that if Council plans to attend, and they did not get the postcard, that he can provide them with more information.

Brachmann confirmed that he has scheduled a co-mingle sort line tour of the West Vancouver Transfer Station. The tour will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010. The plan is to leave City Hall at 8:30 a.m. and to return around 11:30 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, stated the City received approval to amend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract for the Camas Community Center Mobility Improvements Project. Halverson explained the purpose of the amendment and added that this item will be on the March 15, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

Halverson reported that the City of Camas has applied for partial funding of the WWTP through the Department of Ecology's (DOE) State Revolving Fund (SRF). The application was for a low interest loan of 2.8% and included the possibility that certain elements of the project would qualify for forgiven principal if the DOE deems the elements to be "green

infrastructure”. Halverson added that the results of the applications have been postponed until the DOE receives further clarification from the state regarding the funding involved and from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the rules that will apply to this program. The results are expected in mid-April.

Halverson expressed his appreciation to Mayor, Council and the full Camas team for providing him the opportunity to assist the City of Washougal for the past seven weeks. Halverson gave special acknowledgement to Brachmann for filling in for him.

Anderson inquired whether or not there will be Town Hall Meetings (Ward Meetings) scheduled in 2010. Halverson responded with Council’s confirmation that he will work on scheduling meetings in April and May similar to last year. Council concurred.

Mayor asked and Lackey confirmed that a merchant that arrived late would like to speak regarding the special events topic that was discussed earlier.

Debbie Runyan-Parker, 327 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Camas, WA:

Runyan voiced her concerns regarding the closure of City streets during special events and gave her suggestions for improvements.

After further discussion, Mayor suggested that the committee meet again to discuss items that were brought up this evening and report back to Council at the April 5, 2010, Council Workshop.

**COUNCIL:**

Hogan stated that First Friday is this week and encouraged everyone to attend.

Hogan spoke briefly regarding an article that was in the New York Times about a Supreme Court ruling on the Clean Water Act that dealt with navigable waters. Council and staff confirmed that they had not heard or read anything about this.

Dietzman commented that she attended a Community Arts and History Committee Meeting and gave a brief recap of the meeting. Another meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Dietzman noted that if anyone is interested in attending they can contact Karen at the Camas Hotel for further details.

Anderson stated that he attended the Fire Department Awards Banquet. It was a good recognition of citizen volunteers and citizen emergency responders. He added that it was encouraging to see people being recognized for helping to save lives.

Smith reported that she also attended the awards banquet and enjoyed the event.

Mayor distributed a draft letter that he would like to send to the Post Office. This letter requests that the Post Office address the issues that were identified in the first letter that was sent by the City of Camas related to the potential closure of the Camas Post Office.

Mayor gave a brief update regarding a call he received asking that the City continue to pursue the potential closure of the Camas Post Office.

Council agreed that a subsequent letter should be sent and will review the letter during the break.

**PUBLIC:**

Ken Hadley, 4011 F Circle, Washougal, WA:

Hadley asked for clarification regarding the proposed rate structure for water and sewer in the NUGA. Brachmann responded to Hadley's inquiry.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk