



**CITY OF CAMAS
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
May 3, 2010
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Excused:

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

PRESS: Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post Record.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Downtown Camas Association (DCA) Update:

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated that Carolyn Mercury from the DCA is present to provide Council with an update.

Mercury reported the DCA had a fabulous first quarter and gave a PowerPoint Presentation which provided details about the DCA's mission, organization, and marketing and promotions. The presentation also included design and infrastructure goals, economic restructuring, and future goals and events for the downtown area. Mercury stated that in the future, the DCA would like to discuss with Council the possibility of creating an ordinance that would require unoccupied businesses to have some type of window display set up in their store front. Mercury asked Council to provide feedback regarding the DCA's vision and proposed goals.

Mercury responded to questions from Council. Discussion ensued.

Northshore Development Agreement:

Mayor noted that this topic is being postponed until the May 17, 2010, Council Workshop.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Washougal:

Bourquin stated that in anticipation of spikes in building inspections and the upturn in residential permits, he has been exploring ways to ensure the City has adequate staff to handle the workload. Bourquin noted that the building department has had a reduction of staff in the past two years.

Bourquin reported that he has discussed the idea of creating an intergovernmental reciprocal agreement with Joann Boys, the Community Development Director for the City of Washougal. Bourquin explained the concept of the agreement.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council.

Bourquin asked Council if he should continue to explore this concept. Council concurred.

Osprey Landing – Civil Regulatory Order and Fine – Appeal Hearing Set for May 17, 2010:
Bourquin briefly summarized the background of the Osprey Landing Civil Regulatory Order and the accompanying fine, and noted that this matter will be scheduled for an appeal hearing on May 17, 2010. Bourquin commented that he anticipates that the attorneys will present a process for resolution at the hearing.

School District Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) – Set Hearing for May 17, 2010:
Bourquin stated that school districts are required to update their CFP every few years. A hearing will be set for May 17, 2010, to consider the Camas School District's CFP. Bourquin added that a staff report and the school district's CFP were placed in Council's mailboxes.

Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment – Set Hearing for May 17, 2010:
Bourquin reported that proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map were identified at a 2009 Council meeting. Bourquin briefly described the amendment and added that this matter will be set for a hearing on May 17, 2010.

10% Annexation Petition – Wittler Property (SE 283rd Avenue) – Set Date for June 7, 2010:
Bourquin gave a brief explanation of the annexation petition that was received by the City and noted that this matter will come back before Council for discussion on June 7, 2010.

Bourquin responded to questions from Council.

PUBLIC WORKS:

System Development Charges (SDC):

Eric Levison, Public Works Operations Manager, gave a brief outline of the SDC presentation and introduced Angie Sanchez Virnoche of FCSG. Levison noted that the presentation will also address questions that were asked by Council at the April 19th Council Workshop.

Virnoche gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding SDC which included their background, a comparison of the proposed SDC to other jurisdictions, how a reduction of the proposed SDC will impact utility rates, and an overview of the proposed SDC rates for new customers.

Virnoche and Levison responded to questions from Council.

Levison reported the capital facility plans for water and sewer have been updated and explained that the new data is reflected in the proposed water and sewer SDCs. Levison stated that the City will need to review the facility plans to identify capacity issues, replacement, rehab and new growth percentages and determine how allocations between the

North Urban Growth Area (NUGA) and the City will be made. He added that this analysis will be incorporated into the final proposal that will be brought back to Council for discussion.

Levison explained the factors that were taken into account when the water capital plan was updated.

Virnoche explained the proposed water SDC, excluding industrial customers, and how some of the figures changed due to the analysis that was completed on capital projects. Levison responded to questions from Council.

The presentation also included the existing water SDC as well as two options for water SDCs for the industrial class for Council to consider. Virnoche explained the options and gave examples of what the fees would look like if adopted. Virnoche stated that her preference is option two as it allows opportunity for discussion and flexibility.

After lengthy discussion, Mayor stated that it would be helpful to see what the industrial water SDC would look like for large users with the potential credits added in, and that he would work with staff to compile this information. Anderson added that a mechanism also needs to be in place to deal with industrial customers that understate their usage when the SDC is being negotiated and then end up using more.

Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

Levison summarized that staff will perform more analysis on the two industrial water SDC options and will verify that the capital plans that are driving the base numbers are correct. This matter is tentatively scheduled to come back to Council for further discussion at the June 21, 2010, Council Workshop, followed by a public hearing.

Revision of On-Street Angle Parking Regulations:

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, explained the history regarding the issue that was brought up by the owner of Camas Bike and Sport related to angle parking.

James Carothers, Acting Public Works Director, reported that language can be added to the Camas Municipal Code to allow back-in parking in angled spaces when signed accordingly. A resolution would need to be adopted to identify the parking spaces that would allow back-in parking. Carothers noted that signage will need to be installed. Discussion ensued.

Anderson asked and Carothers responded that staff will check into whether or not curb stops will need to be installed.

Lackey stated that staff has discussed this issue with legal counsel and the proposed resolution should resolve the problem. Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

Lackey affirmed this matter will be placed on the May 17, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration.

Carothers stated that he would like to discuss one of his miscellaneous items at this time.

Carothers reported that he relayed Council's request to the Camas School District requesting that the school speed zone on NE 43rd Avenue be enforced when the lights are flashing and when children are present. The school district deferred the request to their traffic consultant engineer. Carothers added that he and the consultant searched the traffic manual for the regulation and found that there is not a provision to combine the two situations together. The consultant recommended using flashing lights due to the potential confusion by the motorist.

Lackey explained the difficulty of enforcement issues and stated that staff agrees with the consultant's recommendation. Discussion ensued.

Smith asked staff to drive by the Little League Park during a game to witness and educate the citizens about the parking issues in this area. Smith described her observations.

Leadbetter Drive Wetland Mitigation:

Carothers stated that a protective covenant over the Leadbetter Drive wetland mitigation site that is required by the US Army Corps of Engineers will be placed on the May 17, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

Six-Year Street Plan:

Carothers reported that the Six-Year Street Plan will be placed on the May 17, 2010, Consent Agenda to set a public hearing date for June 7, 2010. A resolution to adopt the Six-Year Street Plan will be placed on the June 21, 2010, Agenda for Council's consideration.

Miscellaneous and Updates:

Carothers stated there will be two change orders placed on the May 17, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. One change order will be for the Washougal River Trail and one for Well #14. Carothers explained the purpose of both change orders.

Carothers noted that there will be a general materials testing and special inspections contract with Carlson Testing placed on the May 17, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration. Carothers added that this contract is necessary to cover testing for several projects.

ADMINISTRATION:

Project Updates:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, distributed a letter from the Department of Ecology (DOE) and excerpts from the DOE's *State Fiscal Year 2011 Draft Water Quality Funding Offer List and Intended Use Plan* that is related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Halverson added that the City of Camas is included in the offer list and explained the excerpts distributed. Halverson thanked the team for their hard work on this major project. This matter will come back to Council for conforming action at a later date.

Halverson stated that a contract from the County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be placed on the May 17, 2010, Consent Agenda, for Council's consideration. The contract will be for the ADA ramps project in the amount of \$276,000.

Halverson reported that the City of Camas currently has approximately 20 million dollars of infrastructure investment that is in the construction phase.

Highway Sign Update:

Halverson stated he has spoken to all three businesses listed on the Motorist Information Sign (MIS) regarding moving the sign 400 feet east of its current location. Halverson asked and Council confirmed that it is still their wish to have the MIS relocated as noted.

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Halverson commented that there was an article in the Columbian regarding legislative action involving products used to manufacture methamphetamines. Halverson noted that this topic was on the City's Legislative Short List.

Halverson reported that there is a part-time library page position vacant at the library due to an employee's resignation. Halverson stated that staff recommends filling the position. Council had no objections.

Halverson informed Council that the Bonneville Power Administration will be giving an update on the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project at the May 17, 2010, Council Workshop. He added that this topic could draw a large audience.

It was noted by Halverson that the topic of E-Verify previously brought to Council by advocate Chuck Miller, will be placed on the May 17, 2010, Council Workshop Agenda.

Halverson reported that he attended a Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation meeting regarding local and regional parks and recreation visioning. Halverson distributed a copy of the agenda and related documents to Council. He noted that a letter was received in January asking if the City was interested in joining a partnership to explore whether there may be regional approaches that will be more efficient and effective in providing parks, openspace and recreation facilities and services throughout the County. Halverson stated that he informed the group that the City of Camas briefly discussed this matter and are cautiously open to discussion. He added that the group would like to form a Blue Ribbon Commission to study this concept and would like representatives from each jurisdiction.

After discussion, Smith stated she would approach Parks Board Chairman Brent Erickson to see if he is willing to serve on the committee. Mayor responded that he will check with the other jurisdictions to find out what their plans are for representation.

Halverson mentioned that he has been appointed to the 2010 Conservation Futures Evaluation Committee.

Halverson informed Council that after much discussion and reflection, it was decided that none of the finalists for the Public Works Director recruitment were the right person for the position. He added that Mayor and staff will need to collaborate to reassess the situation and determine a path forward.

Halverson responded to questions from Council.

COUNCIL:

Anderson commented that he attended the April 27th Ward meeting and that the meeting and turnout was good.

Hogan mentioned that First Friday will be featuring Poker Night and encouraged everyone to attend. He added that the Plant Fair is also this weekend.

Dietzman stated that she represented Camas as the Iron Chef Judge in the event that was sponsored by the Camas Education Foundation. Dietzman gave an overview of the event.

Mayor thanked Higgins for presiding over the Ward meeting in his absence.

PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk