



**CITY OF CAMAS  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
August 16, 2010  
4:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Paul Dennis presided.  
Mayor for the Day Emily Carson.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**Excused:** Higgins.

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

**PRESS:** Heather Acheson, C-W Post Record.

Mayor introduced Emily Carson, Mayor for the Day, and gave a brief recap of her day's events.

**PUBLIC:**

There were no comments.

Mayor stated that he is moving the HUD Grant topic to the first item on the agenda.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Clark County Community Development Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant:**

Gary Albrecht, Clark County Community Planning, stated that Clark County is applying for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and would like a letter of support from the City of Camas. The grant will assist with the 2014 Clark County Comprehensive Plan update.

Chaney asked if the City will be obligated to commit any staff time if Council decides to move forward with a letter of support. Albrecht responded that the grant is asking for a 20% match and stated that the cities of Washougal and Ridgefield have each committed to donating 80 hours of staff time.

Chaney asked Community Development Director Phil Bourquin to respond to the request.

Bourquin commented that he has reviewed the documentation and stated the grant would require additional studies, polices and processes beyond those required for Growth Management Act (GMA) compliance. He expressed concern for any future unknown costs

and staffing time necessary long after adoption and implementation of the additional plans and policies. Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

After discussion, Council concluded that they did not have any opposition to staff drafting a letter of support for application to the grant, but they would need more information prior to making any other commitments. Mayor clarified that a letter of support would not obligate the City to commit any staff time at this point.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Hwy-14 Construction Update:  
Bart Gernhart, Acting Regional Administrator, briefly introduced himself and Project Engineer Chris Tams. Gernhart and Tams gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Council. The presentation included an overview of the Hwy-14 project, how the project will be staged, the timelines involved and potential impacts to the community. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of 2012. Gernhart added that several open houses will be scheduled in the fall.

Gernhart and Tams responded to questions from Council.

**COUNCIL/FIRE/EMS:**

Update on Discussions with the City of Washougal:

Lloyd Halverson, City Administrator, introduced Washougal City Administrator David Scott and Washougal Fire Chief Ron Schumacher.

Halverson stated that if after discussion Council decides to move forward with a potential consolidation, it would be prudent for the committee members from both communities to meet to discuss a possible scope of work for a consultation to be performed to look at both the fire operational elements and financial impacts of the various options.

Leo Leon, Fire Chief, stated that he and Schumacher developed a proposal for an organizational plan in the event that Camas and Washougal decide to consolidate into either a fire authority or a functional consolidation. Leon noted that the proposal was placed in Council mailboxes and elaborated briefly on the proposal. He also clarified that there would be no new positions hired.

Halverson gave a brief summary of the fire committee meetings and reported that a similar presentation has been given to the Washougal City Council and they have authorized their staff to continue to move forward in exploring this concept. Discussion ensued.

Gerde stated that she would like the consultation to include financial analysis for short term plans, and for creating a functional consolidation, and a fire authority. Hogan concurred.

After discussion, Council had no objections to staff moving forward with exploring the proposal.

Halverson stated that he will have information available for Council by September 7<sup>th</sup> regarding internal staffing levels within the Camas proposed budget.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

### **Engineering:**

#### **Memorandum Items:**

A memorandum was previously distributed to Council with Community Development's Engineering Workshop items. The topics addressed in the memorandum are noted below and were not discussed individually at the meeting. There were no questions about the items in the memorandum.

#### **Dallas Street Bridge Repair Bid Award:**

This project will remediate damage to the structure due to a traffic collision. The bid opening is August 31<sup>st</sup>. The engineer's estimate for construction is \$48,980.00. This matter will be placed on the September 7, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Order:**

This change order includes the installation of a roof access hatch for a new vertical turbine pump in the U.V. Building and installation of additional isolation valves on the aeration basin air piping. This matter will likely be placed on the September 7, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

#### **Leadbetter Drive Change Order:**

The ground table water in the roadway subgrade is higher and more abundant than anticipated. This change order will pay for installation of an underdrain system which has been designed to collect this unexpected groundwater. This matter may be placed on the September 7, 2010, Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

#### **Fisher Swale Pump Station Property:**

On the August 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda is the purchase and sale agreement for the pump station property west of Bybee Street and adjacent north of the SE 20<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way. Staff was unable to determine whether this time-sensitive item had been mentioned previously to Council at a work session.

#### **Miscellaneous and Updates:**

James Carothers, Engineering Manager, reported that he received a press release from WSDOT regarding the paving work that will begin on SR-14 between I-5 and SE 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Carothers stated that the press release indicated that drivers can expect lane and ramp closures on both directions of SR-14 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The project is scheduled for completion this fall.

## **POLICE:**

### **Wildlife League – Firearms/Shooting Update:**

Mitch Lackey, Police Chief, gave an update to Council regarding the shooting of firearms at the Camas-Washougal Wildlife League (gun club) and mentioned that Tim Krout, who is representing the gun club, was in the audience. Lackey presented background regarding the shooting practices at the gun club and their request for additional shooting days. Lackey referred to a memorandum that was distributed to Council by City Attorney Roger Knapp dated July 29, 2010, which contained legal advice from Knapp and the Washington Cities Insurance Association (WCIA). Lackey summarized the memorandum. Lackey stated that

his recommendation in regards to the request to shoot on an alternate date is to not allow them to expand the scope of any of their current practices. Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

After discussion, Council concluded that they are not opposed to allowing the gun club to hold the fundraising event on one of their normal Sunday shooting days and they would like to move forward with scheduling a public hearing on September 20, 2010. Chaney stated that he would like the public notice to include details of the issues. Anderson added that he would like a staff report for the public hearing that details the physical dimensions of the property, the effective range of the weapons being used and other pertinent facts that can assist Council to work through this matter. Council requested other data that would be beneficial to them in making a decision.

Lackey affirmed that the clean up of the language in the firearms ordinance could also be dealt with at the September 20, 2010, Council Meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

#### **Street Needs and Options:**

Halverson commented that he, Carothers, and Public Works Director Eric Levison will give Council an update on street needs and options.

Carothers stated that he placed a handout in Council mailboxes entitled *Street Funding: Answers to Questions*, in response to queries by Council during the June 7<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop. Carothers asked and there were no questions.

Carothers began a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the current status of the streets and funding needs.

Levison then continued the presentation which included funding options for Council to consider. One option involved establishing a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Levison explained how a TBD works and distributed a document entitled *Transportation Benefit District Legislation in Effect*, dated July 2010. Attached to the handout was an article about the forming of a TBD in Sequim, Washington that was in the City Vision Magazine. Examples were given by Levison of the projected maximum revenue that the City could receive from the allowed sources if Council decides to move towards forming a TDB. Levison responded to questions from Council.

Halverson concluded the presentation with remarks regarding a proposed state street maintenance utility concept that is likely to go through the legislative session this year. He noted that if it passes Council will have another funding option to consider. Halverson added that more information will be forthcoming as this matter progresses.

Halverson stated that staff continues to work on street needs and options and that this topic will be likely be discussed at the Annual Planning Conference. Discussion ensued. He noted that staff continues to pursue outside funding for street projects and gave specific examples.

Alpine Lane Storm Line Easement:

Halverson gave a brief introduction of this topic and noted that this matter comes to Council upon the advice of Knapp.

Carothers displayed a map and indicated why there is a need for the storm line and where it will be installed, and explained why the easement is necessary and how Knapp plans to secure the easement.

Mayor asked and Carothers confirmed that the property owner wants a sewer line installed to his property line in exchange for the easement. This was also agreed to in a letter from the former Public Works Director. Questions were asked and clarifications were made.

Personnel Update:

Halverson reported that job offers have been extended and accepted for the two positions recently posted. Denis Ryan will be the new Public Works Operations Supervisor and Brian Smith will be the new Plans Examiner. Halverson gave background information on both of the new hires.

Miscellaneous and Scheduling:

Halverson stated that he has two items not on the agenda. The first is an access agreement for the potential acquisition of Fallen Leaf Lake and the second is a grant amendment from the Recreation and Conservation Office for the Washougal River Trail Project. Halverson gave a brief explanation of each item and noted that these topics would be added to the Consent Agenda this evening for Council to consider.

Halverson reported that an annual insurance review is performed by WCIA and that he is pleased to announce that in recent review Camas is way below the average on insurance claims.

**COUNCIL:**

There were no comments.

**PUBLIC:**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk