

ACTION AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TROUTDALE CITY HALL
104 SE KIBLING AVENUE
TROUTDALE, OR 97060-2099

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

Mayor Thalhofer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Mayor Thalhofer, Councilor Kight, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Thomas, Councilor Canfield, Councilor Kyle, and Councilor Daoust.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: Officer Matt Jordan

Mayor Thalhofer administered the Oath of Office for Officer Matt Jordan.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: March 18, 2008 Work Session and March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting.

3.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving the Third Amended Personal Service Contract and continuing the appointment of Raymond Young as the Troutdale Municipal Court Judge.

Councilor Daoust moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Kight. Motion Passed Unanimously. Item 3.2 – Resolution #1927.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.

None.

5. PRESENTATION: Tree City USA

Jeff Hepler from the Oregon Department of Forestry presented the City with an award for achieving the Tree City USA status for the eighth straight year.

6. PRESENTATION: A presentation of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (WCGCC) Annual Report.

Diane McKeel, Executive Director of WCGCC; Steve Vanier, WCGCC Treasurer; and Max Maydew presented the Annual Report to the Council.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

John Anderson reminded the Council that on October 2, 2009 we will be holding our second Employee Recognition event from 3-4pm.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Kight asked about the status of the grocery cart retrieval ordinance.

David Ross, City Attorney, informed the Council that this is now being taken up by Metro. Metro decided that since this is a regional problem that it might be best served with a regional solution rather than having twenty-three jurisdictions adopt different ordinances.

Councilor Kight mentioned that we just received a letter from the City of Fairview regarding having Metro, as a regional government, be in charge of our six bridges that the County currently has. This sort of makes sense as opposed to forming another layer of government like a regional bridge authority.

Councilor Kight also asked about the status of the spray paint can issue.

Councilor Thomas stated the Chief is working on that.

Councilor Ripma stated for eight and a half years I have served on the Energy Facility Siting Council. I was originally appointed by Governor Kitzhaber. We are holding our next meeting on April 18 here at Troutdale City Hall starting at 9:30am and anyone can attend the meeting. I have been the Chair for the last year and a half and my term is coming to an end. This is a volunteer position and I recommend it to folks as an interesting way to volunteer.

Councilor Thomas stated we just received the new Statement of Economic Interest forms. Councilor Thomas voiced concern about the additional information they are requiring, such as having to list all of your relatives and their spouses. Councilor Thomas believes this is an invasion of personal privacy. Councilor Thomas would like the Council to consider passing a resolution saying that we don't agree with this and encourage the legislature to fix this in 2009.

Councilor Thomas stated many of you may have already been contacted by Verizon representatives regarding the cable franchise negotiations. Verizon wants the City to give up its rights to enforce customer service standards. The goal of the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission is to put together the best franchise that we can and bring it forward. We are trying hard to get a franchise with Verizon so they can offer us video services, however, our goal is to not give them a franchise that allows them to offer less than our current franchisee, which is Comcast. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Mayor Thalhofer informed the Council that there is a movement to determine whether or not we should form a regional transportation infrastructure funding mechanism in which the whole region would participate in funding the maintenance and repair of the bridges. I am on the committee and we have held two meetings.

Mayor Thalhofer stated Reynolds School District is sounding out to their voters about the upcoming bond measure in November. I think the Reynolds School District is really well run. All of the employees work really hard and do an excellent job. I know that this bond measure is a rather large one, but when you think of all of the kids that they are trying to educate in this vast school district, which includes five different cities, you can understand why it is as large as it is. They need to build more schools and they need to hire more staff. I want the people in Troutdale to know that this is a bond measure that is really worth supporting.

Councilor Canfield mentioned that Troutdale's Budget Committee meetings begin next week. You can call the City or go onto our website to find the date and time of those meetings. We would appreciate any input you have on how we spend our money.

Councilor Kyle stated I think most of us received a letter from PGE inviting any one interested to attend a sustainability tour on Friday, April 18th. I have talked to our City Attorney about how this fits into the new ethics law and he is recommending that I request that the Council sanction this meeting so that I may attend.

Council discussed this issue.

Councilor Kight moved that the City Council authorize Councilor Kyle's attendance on this fact-finding mission and that we officially sanction this fact-finding mission. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.