

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan, Councilor Ripma, Councilor White, Councilor Allen and Councilor Hudson (7:01pm).

ABSENT: Councilor Morgan and Councilor Lauer (excused)

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Chris Damgen, Community Development Director and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Ryan asked, are there any agenda updates?

Ray Young, City Manager, stated we had some revision issues with the public hearing regarding the property up at 242nd and Cherry Park. In consultation with the applicant they requested we postpone it for 2 weeks to the 23rd. They're the ones that kind of control the timeline and they're okay with the delay. We apologize for any inconvenience.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time.

Reverend Thomas Young, Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, stated I want to say I'm appreciative of all that you do on our behalf, for your time and for your service. I want to give a shout out to all of our churches in Troutdale. The way they minister to their own members and also address the needs of our community and how they try to do what they can do in helping the homeless, providing utility help and help with rent. We have a really good assortment of churches here in town. I want to share what we are doing at Cherry Park Presbyterian Church in affiliation with another church, River of Life. Reverend Young passed out a brochure (a copy can be found in the meeting packet). We've been looking at demographics of our community and felt we could be doing more with senior citizens. We are creating beginning the month of September an adult senior center community. This is on Wednesdays and we offer a lunch and it is free. We hope that that will really fulfill a need in our community and we would welcome any of you to come and meet those

folk and sit down and chat with them. We offer exercise programs and an assortment of other programs that we feel will really meet the needs of some special people in our community and in the area. You're always welcome to join in those programs.

Greg Johnson, Troutdale resident, stated I live on top of the hill here. We have some concerns about the parking on our street. We had the garbage man ask if I could do anything and I told him I would come to the City Council and talk to you. I'll show you the pictures. We have on the weekends 22 cars parked in this area. The garbage man can't even get down our street at all. We had to take all our garbage cans up front because he can't get down the street. Then we had a medical emergency a year and a half ago and the ambulance couldn't get down the street. The ambulance crew had to wheel her out because the street was all blocked up. As you go up 257th there's a fire lane with chains across it and for some reason somebody has cut the chain on the bottom. I called the code enforcement lady 3 times for the last month and a half and nothing has been done about it. I have pictures of the chain hanging down.

Mayor Ryan stated I've seen in certain Cities during trash day they post signs that say no parking between this and this time on a certain day. Is that something that we can explore? We'll look into this because that's concerning.

John Wilson, Troutdale resident, stated I have to say something that my employer has requested that I announce. I am not speaking for them. Somebody from the City Council has gone to talk to him wondering about why I'm able to come up here and speak under the First Amendment. Whoever that may be, our newspaper supports the First Amendment and I just have to make sure that you know that I don't speak for them. This last summer, August 5th, the Troutdale Cruise-In held their 15th annual cruise-in in downtown Troutdale. We had over 140 cars with some new restrictions from the Sheriff's Department which we worked around. Some of the merchants said that in the morning that they made their whole day through breakfast so the rest of the day was a bonus. One of the restaurants said that even though we disrupt their regular customers that we bring them new customers throughout the day. One of the other restaurants is going to have to add in a beer garden to handle the amount of traffic that we support down there because we're down there all day. So we're good for the economy. One of the antique stores had one of their biggest days ever. We're good for Troutdale. We bring about 1500 people into the downtown area besides the 140 cars that we had this year. We filled every inch of the road up and we're going to have to rework that to try to fit some more cars in next year. If the Metro Enhancement Program has a logo we would like to get it so we can put it on our information next year. We did put the City's logo on there. At the end of all the expenses we are giving to Sno-Cap \$2425.00. For every dollar they get they can buy 20 pounds of food. The other \$2425.00 went to the Randall House for children's cancer research. We would like to give you this certificate of thank you. Our intention is to keep it downtown this next year. We would like to thank the City of Troutdale for supporting our causes over the last 15 years and hopefully next year some of you guys can show up. We had Ray come down. It's a good time. KISN-FM was down there to provide the music and they go way back into the 50's.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 MINUTES: August 28, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Councilor White moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.
Motion Passed 5-0.

~~**4. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDER:** An order approving the site development review and variances for a proposed development on two parcels with an approximate total area of 8.82 acres located at the intersection of NE 242nd Drive and Cherry Park Road.~~

This item was postponed until October 23, 2018.

5. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduced 9/25/18): An ordinance to adopt Text Amendments to Chapters 1, 3, 5, and 6 of the Troutdale Development Code.

Chris Damgen, Community Development Director, stated this is the second hearing for the text amendments related to accessory dwelling units (ADU) and accessory structures. Effectively, no changes from your first hearing. We have not received any additional public testimony in the period in between. What we wanted to do tonight is just remind you of the findings of fact which are currently on the screen. There were 5 criterion points which basically in your findings as part of the ordinance you would have to agree to. They were attachment A in your packet. On the attachment B were the clean copy versions of the effected sections. There were 4 effected Chapters. The first Chapter is effectively our definition section. There were 2 pages in there where that was going to be changed. The term accessory structure, that is not for ADU's. These are things like sheds or anything else that is not really designed for habitation. We edited that section to remove any suggestion that it could be used as such. It's basically a little bit more clarified definition, that's .04. At .39 accessory dwelling, this is effectively a statewide definition that came from the Oregon Revised Statutes so this is the definition that we are incorporating into it. Chapter 3 effectively what that does is that updates the single family zoning districts where we now have to allow for ADU's to be permitted uses. Again, just because a use is permitted doesn't mean it can be done because there's still criteria. Chapter 5 is really where the meat of it is. I'm going to actually go back to that. I'm going to skip ahead to Chapter 6 real quick. Chapter 6 is where we talk about what sort of procedure we utilize to review ADU applications. What we did is a Type II application shall be used to review all of the following and we talk about new ADU's that are detached from the primary dwelling. If you recall from 2 weeks ago we differentiated between detached accessory dwelling units, basically stand-alone ones that are typically found in backyards, and attached which would be an addition to your house or an interior conversion. Those ones would be through a Type I procedure and the detached ones would be through a Type II. Up ahead, we talk about Type I applications which are non-notified staff decisions. Bouncing back to Chapter 5, there were 2 sections in which were replaced in their entirety, 5.010 that talks about non-accessory dwelling unit structures. It also clarified a discrepancy between the original development code language and the building code language where it talked about a certain square footage requirement as far as when an accessory structure can exceed. So 10 feet or 200 square feet in size if located within that. Previously we had 120 and we brought it up to 200 to match the building code. And

then really the main purpose we were here, the action mandated by the State and that was the ADU section which has been replaced in its entirety. We've added the local provisions as recommended by Planning Commission and those are incorporated in Attachment B in your draft. We have not received any additional testimony from State or Metro, who usually go through our text amendment reviews so we feel confident and we still recommend approval.

Councilor Hudson asked, what was the rationale behind 5.940 that requires owner occupancy? We touched on it just a little last week but I'm still not seeing the rationale on why we would want to insist on that in the code.

Chris Damgen replied that's a good question. That was one that was pretty spiritedly debated at Planning Commission. The rationale there, I think, was concerns about long term property maintenance and code compliance issues. One of the thoughts was that a property owner either living in the primary structure or even living in the ADU and renting out their primary structure that if you had owner occupancy there would potentially be better care for the property because they're there. That if there were code issues they could be maybe responded to more quickly or they would be easy to find. I think it came down to questions on long term property maintenance.

Councilor Hudson stated I would be interested to know what other members of the Council think on this issue. In general, it seems that we should allow people to do with their property as much as we could reasonably let people do like rent it, sell it, as it is theirs.

Councilor Ripma stated there's a very excellent reason I think for requiring it. It's to preserve neighborhoods in Troutdale. Without the requirement of owner occupancy people will buy up the houses, put in a couple units and the neighborhood starts to become apartments. It would make a profound difference throughout the City. I think it would be very destructive. It's a good and reasonable requirement. Allowing an owner to put in an extra unit if they want to, is permitting them to do what they want with their property. Allowing people who aren't owners to just buy up homes and turn them into triple units, the whole neighborhood will just go downhill very quickly. I think we would be doing a disservice to the citizens of Troutdale if we don't keep that requirement.

Councilor Allen stated I could not have said that more eloquently. I fully agree with what Councilor Ripma is saying. Chris, I noticed you put in here SB1051 is prompting this code amendment. Concerns on the law should be directed to the legislative delegation. This is not a staff driven initiative. It bothers me when the state legislature overreaches. It's almost as if they're pretending to be City Councilors now. The way a community wants to live and development, they should have some consideration and some choice. On Chapter 5.010(B)(4), I was wondering if you can help me understand this a little bit more in what this lingo means. It talks about private vehicle storage on corner lots.

Chris Damgen replied that would be in the confines of not accessory dwelling units but accessory structures so if you had a detached garage or a carport. It's not really covered

by the ADU thing. We wanted to update this section. That particular subsection has not really changed from what has always been in the code.

Councilor Allen stated I mentioned this last time. One off street parking space shall be required for each ADU. I know very few families that just have one car. Can we make that more?

Chris Damgen replied you could do that. I think the only push back you would have from a lot of folks, including staff, is you only require one space for an actual dwelling unit for a house.

Councilor Ripma stated that isn't what we're here about, Rich. Keep in mind, it would look like we are unnecessarily burdening the opportunity to build ADU's if we required two for them. We could always go back and change the code for single family homes if we want to visit that someday. By adopting one off street parking place per ADU we're embracing what the state has required but going to two I think we would get in trouble. I favor the staff proposal.

Councilor White stated one concern is that the garage could become the accessory dwelling. So we could lose the garage. An idea might be if someone is going to build two accessory dwellings on their property you could assume that it's going to be a bigger than average lot if they can fit two. If they're going to do two and have the house that we require the second accessory dwelling would have two spaces. I think we're going to have more public comment like we had tonight if people start building a lot of these.

Ray Young stated, Mayor, what I would suggest is that we take it to Planning Commission to talk about this issue on the long term because I understand what Councilor Ripma is saying. If we require 2 for the ADU but we only require 1 for a whole house it would be like we're trying to suppress ADU's and I'm not sure the State would be thrilled with that.

Chris Damgen stated if I can add to that. Right now you have no standard because the existing standard is not in compliance with state law. If you do want to consider that or have the Planning Commission consider that we can refer the matter back to them but you may still want to consider action tonight and perhaps you can entertain a future text amendment that might look at that particular issue in addition to maybe the single family number of spaces required.

Mayor Ryan stated as we move forward that would be my suggestion, that we move forward on that and we can make changes later. We can fine tune some stuff down the road. We could give it to Planning Commission to look at with some direction from us.

Councilor Ripma stated if we don't pass this we have no standards and people will be allowed under State law to apply for an ADU with no parking. They'll be able to challenge it and the whole ordinance will fall. This is a good ordinance the way it is.

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:38pm.

Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 7:38pm.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adopt the ordinance to adopt Text Amendments to Chapters 1, 3, 5, and 6 of the Troutdale Development Code. Seconded by Councilor Hudson.

VOTE: Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes; Councilor Hudson – Yes; Councilor Ripma – Yes and Mayor Ryan – Yes.

Motion passes 5-0.

6. RESOLUTION: A resolution providing for current FY 2018-19 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, stated this resolution is for current year transfers of existing appropriations I outlined in your packet. As I mentioned during the Budget Committee meetings in the spring, we would need to bring this forward to the Council once we concluded the negotiations with AFSCME. As we discussed in the executive session a few weeks ago and discussed at the Council meeting 2 weeks ago, we've concluded those negotiations. The Council adopted and approved the collective bargaining agreement for the 3 year period beginning July 1st of this year. Then this budget transfer is what's necessary to fund the collective bargaining agreement that was approved by both the Council and by the union membership when they ratified it. It provides the funding for those various items, for the transfers, the reclassifications, the COLA and it transfers existing budgeted contingency.

MOTION: Councilor White moved to adoption of the resolution providing for current FY 2018-19 Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes. Seconded by Councilor Hudson.

VOTE: Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes; Councilor Hudson – Yes; Councilor Ripma – Yes and Mayor Ryan – Yes.

Motion passes 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION: A discussion to consider pursuing an Ordinance Banning Plastic Bags.

Ray Young stated if you've read the papers recently in East County there has been a discussion among different Cities about the possibility of banning single use plastic bags that every store uses. They have the tendency to really clog the recycling machines where the recycling goes to. So many people put them in the recycling because they're a plastic bag so they put them in with plastic. They have a tendency to wrap around all the machinery and really clog up the works at a recycling center. This issue is for you to talk about. Is this an issue that you would like City staff to devote energy to, to create a model ordinance for you to consider and pass. Or is it an issue that you say, no, we don't want to deal with it in Troutdale. Or is it something that Metro or the State may be pursuing at

some point and maybe we just do a resolution where we support Metro's attempt to come up with a regional solution. If you look through the materials one of the things staff is concerned about primarily with a local ordinance is, if you look at the ordinances in there, every City has a different type of ordinance. They put different requirements on merchants. It's possible to come up with something workable if the Council wants to. But that's the discussion point, Mayor. I tried to come up with all the reasons to say no and all the reasons why you really need to be doing this so that you could read through and understand the issues in the arguments and see where they hit you. I'm sure Councilor Craddick would like to say a few words because Metro is our metro area solid waste king.

Mayor Ryan stated Nathan from the County is here and Shirley is here. You guys are welcome to come up if you'd like. I'll tell you where I stand with it. I have not been in favor of a City of Troutdale ban on plastic bags. Before anybody thinks I love plastic bags, I don't love plastic bags. I really struggle with what the role of the City is at this level. I believe it should be more of a Metro or State wide ban. I have been pretty vocal with my opinion of not having a ban in Troutdale. The main reason is I really try to make sure that the focus of what we do at the City isn't overreaching. I have not had a citizen ever come up to me and say we have to ban plastic bags and that's who we're here representing. Another thing is, no discussion has taken place with Safeway or Albertsons or Home Depot and all that. So what I don't like is our businesses could be greatly challenged in our City and not anywhere else. But if Metro was going to do it I would be in favor of it. If the County was going to do it I would be in favor of it. I'm just not in favor of us Councilors moving forward on an issue. One thing I did offer to do is until Metro or the County did something I offered to, as the Mayor, go into the schools to work with service groups to maybe purchase reusable bags for the City to hand out. Have Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts in front of grocery stores, work with the grocery stores to educate people on what happens with plastic bags and why we should use this as a way to be more proactive and help change behavior instead of just saying this is how we're going to do it. I also struggle a little bit with the fact, where does it stop? Now it's plastic bags and all of a sudden it's like I don't think you should be able to drink a 44 ounce soda. Where does it stop in the City? That's where my thoughts were. I would like to see plastic bag use go away. I would like to see it in all Cities go away but I like to try to encourage people to change behavior, at a City level.

Councilor Allen stated I notice that they give you a plastic bag for your bag of potato chips. I hear what you're saying there and I think that's well thought out. The only thing I might add to that is I wonder if we would want a representative or somebody with staff or Council talking with Metro on the subject just expressing what the local interest position might be.

Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor, stated I want to thank you for having this discussion because this kind of discussion is what's creating the support to be able to get the legislature to consider this. I agree with you that it's really best if this is done Statewide. It's really not fair to the industry, the grocery store industry in particular, to have each City have their own code. It's not an efficient way to do it by any means. The very nature of this discussion is really helping begin that discussion Statewide. Nathan's done a huge

amount of research, Commissioner Stegmann's office has. I'll be glad to talk about the next steps that Metro's considering.

Nathan Clark, Commissioner Lori Stegmann's Office, stated we have looked into doing an ordinance County wide but unfortunately we do not have the enforcement aspect that is needed to be able to efficiently make sure grocery stores are complying. We're going to continue to educate and help out. We were actually approached by Wood Village originally. We have been meeting with their Mayor and he had said that this is on the work plan. We were also receptive to what our constituents and what our jurisdictions had asked. Then Mayor Tosterud the same thing. So that kind of spurred the 3-City wide. On average in Oregon, 300 plastic bags are used per person per year so that adds up to quite a bit. One of the big things we learned in our office was the amount of costs that the recyclers pay for plastic bags jamming their system. One of the recyclers was telling us that they have to put on Kevlar gloves and a jacket to go in with a box cutter and cut out the plastic bag when it jams up the sorting system and that equals roughly about \$60,000.00 a year in labor and maintenance. That was just one aspect on top of the environmental aspects.

Councilor Hudson stated I'm very much in favor of passing this as a City but then also having passed the intention to pursue such a ban to team up with Fairview and Wood Village and make our ordinances as similar as possible for the very sake of consistency. This is one of the things that I really liked when Mayor Tosterud proposed this 3-Cities approach is that consistency is important for our businesses and for our residents. The more that we 3 Cities could work together to create consistency the better. That won't happen if we don't go forward with it because then Fairview is going to pass theirs and Wood Village is going to pass theirs and we will lose the momentum of the 3-City cooperation that we have the potential to do and we'll just have yet another ban in Fairview and Wood Village. Then they wouldn't necessarily gel well with Portland or Milwaukie either. If we could be part of this and get together I think we could create a lot more consistency. I think it's really important that we as a City do something on this now because it creates the momentum for the State and other agencies like Metro or the County to be able to move forward with this because of that inertia that is building. If we were to decline to do anything about it I worry that we would be sending the signal that this isn't something that people want. And I do think this is something people want. As soon as the Outlook article came out on Facebook the comments were lit up with people from Troutdale who said, yes, finally this is happening. There were also people who were saying this is a bad idea and it was very instructive to see what they didn't like about it and I was taking notes as to objections to it. A lot of those objections were built on misinformation. People were saying, why would they ban plastic bags, you just recycle them. Which we've seen doesn't work. They want to get rid of all of our plastic bags, what am I going to put my trash in? A lot of misunderstanding of what the intent would be. These would be the single-use plastic shopping bags. The plastic bags that we buy for things like kitchen trash specifically, those end up going in the trash. Not in the recycling and not in the blackberry bushes and not in the trees or rivers, lakes and ocean. I see single-use plastic bags as an important item to target as part of the general environmental approach but they're special in their need for us to remove them as opposed to other

things that would also be nice to get rid of eventually. Now is really the time and it makes sense as Wood Village and Fairview are making this push that we join in with them and we keep that ball rolling. I think if we put this off it will flounder or we will show up late to the party when other Cities have already done the right thing. I wanted to take a moment and address the question of whether it's in a City's purview to ban something like this. Certainly as precedent goes it is. Because look at all the Cities, 11 so far, that have done this. Legally and from a precedent standpoint it certainly is within our purview. As far as philosophically, I worry that waiting for someone else to take care of something would be worse. And it's definitely, I think, the job of an elected body to step in when public behavior needs to be changed in a big way that voluntary activity can't do.

Councilor Ripma stated I agree with the Mayor. I don't like plastic bags either. I would favor us endorsing some action by the State, something like that. I do not think it's a good use, Zach, of City resources and staff resources. We'll end up having lots of hearings trying to craft an ordinance with a lot of staff time of the City of Troutdale to have an ordinance that probably will be coordinated with Wood Village and Fairview but it isn't going to be the same as the other Cities in the State. I agree there's momentum right now doing it but that doesn't mean, this is my feeling, that Troutdale should invest staff time and public hearing time in adopting our own ordinance. In my opinion, it needs to happen on a State level or even regionally. I think the regional approach should be to support State action. We're all in this together and it doesn't end at the Gresham line or outside of Troutdale. It's a worthy cause and it's a good cause. But for the sake of amount of investment in time and capital and our staff resources in trying to set up a City ordinance and enforce it, I don't favor the City doing it. I would favor some sort of statement of support for State action or even national action or both. I would favor not moving forward with this.

Councilor White stated I like what both of you are saying. You had some really good points in there, Zach. I also know how busy our staff is right now and I can see that they are spread thin. If there's someone else willing to take this on I think it really is Metro's wheelhouse. They've done a lot with recycling and other similar topics. I'm not in favor of the plastic bags. I hate seeing them on the blackberries and especially in Troutdale.

Councilor Allen stated I don't like it when the State over reaches into development code because Cities should have some say in the way they want to live. I do believe that things like this are needed at a more regional or State or national level. I can't help but wonder if maybe Metro might be willing to host with their staff representatives that want to attend from the various Cities and work on what direction we should go or what direction we should advocate for from the State. That would be nice.

Shirley Craddick stated you may remember in 2011 there was an effort at the State legislature to ban plastic bags. This was brought forward by Senator Mark Hass and it was going well and they had the support of the grocery industry but the grocery industry at that time said, we'll support this but we want people to pay 5 cents for the paper bags. That's when things started taking a left turn. The chemical industry got involved and they weren't able to get support. So it's been put on hold since then. We went and met with

Senator Hass and asked if he would consider taking this on again and he said no way. The Metro Council will be adding this as one of our legislative goals so that gives guidance to our lobbyist to advocate for this. I've also learned from State Representative Carla Piluso that she is entering legislation to ban plastic bags this legislative session. That's really good news. That's where we really need your help at that point to come and help testify and help her with that. In addition to that Metro Council President Elect Lynn Peterson will be moving forward. If the legislature doesn't pass this then Metro will take that responsibility for the region after the legislative session is over.

Mayor Ryan stated I think we're all in agreement we don't like plastic bags. I would help Carla do that. I would like to see this Statewide and at the minimum Metro wide.

Councilor Hudson stated we have a few months before the session begins. I think we could prepare a letter of endorsement from our City to the legislature by then.

Ray Young stated I am writing an email to Sarah to put on the agenda a motion to approve a letter of support that the Oregon Legislature ban plastic bags this session.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Young stated you may have heard that the legislature passed new rules requiring Cities to have meetings to discuss affordable housing within the communities. The State has given us better direction on that and they do not require that the City Councils actually have those hearings. We can allow the Citizens Advisory Committee to do that. So we tentatively have scheduled on December 5th the Citizens Advisory Committee to hold a public hearing on the causes and impact of the lack of affordable housing. We will refer that to the Citizens Advisory Committee for now. We closed committee applications for City Committees but we're always willing to take more. So if you know of anybody who you think should be invested in the City, have them send in an application. We do have to set an additional meeting for interviews and we're tentatively looking at December 6th. We thought it would be best to get it done before we get into the holiday season. I'm really excited that we are really close to ending the Imagination Station construction. This Saturday will be the actual last day that we will get to use volunteers. We have sent an email to all the people who volunteered before. We would love to get them there. Free lunch, 9am to 4pm, come and help. I don't know if you've been there recently but it's really starting to look cool. I'm really excited to see the rubberization poured. We'll schedule an open house for it after it gets done. Some of you have probably read emails that there's some concern that in the process we were negligent in not considering the historical elements inside the design that honored Native American influence in this area. That is absolutely correct. We did not. And so we are now pursuing with the Parks Advisory Committee what we can do to include an honoring part of the Imagination Station. Councilor Hudson has been real involved in this process this week with the individual in the City who has been concerned about it and he is willing to continue to work with me and staff to make sure that we honor the Native Americans as best we can at Imagination Station. It has historical elements in it that honor the community. We'll be working on that. Finally, next Tuesday we have a work session. We're going to be talking about Levee Ready Columbia. We're going to be having a joint work session with the Sandy Drainage

Improvement Company in this room and it will be set up like a Budget Committee meeting so we can get all the Councilors around together. You'll be getting fairly large packets on Thursday. Please do your best to read what you can to get up to speed on the issues. We'll have dinner for you at 5:30pm.

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor White stated I had the pleasure of attending the League of Oregon Cities convention in Eugene along with Councilor Allen and Ray Young. There were some good take-aways. One of the things I thought I'd mention is BottleDrop has a new program where you can register your non-profit and you can get a special bag to donate your cans and bottles to that non-profit. It's a really good way to bolster up those non-profit groups.

Councilor Allen stated in the region you hear more and more the idea of workforce housing, affordable housing and accessory dwelling units being pushed. I just want to caution on that. Initially after the downward pressure is felt on prices, the market will adjust to what the market will bear. In the long term, I believe what you're going to end up with is people just living in more sub-standard housing. We know about this stuff, we've experienced it in the 1800's, history repeats and why we never learn I do not know. I think a more planned approach to devolvement is a much better idea. Quality of housing and a good standard of living for all people should really be the goal.

Councilor Hudson stated election season is approaching and the campaigns that are under way are already well into the thick of it. I want to say before I begin what I'm about to say that I am very happy that we're going to have Councilor Ripma back with us for another 4 years. I'm also very happy that Jamie Kranz is going to be sitting in that chair starting in January. I think both of them are either fantastic Councilors or will make a fantastic Councilor. Nothing I say following is to say that I wish they would not be a Councilor. In fact, if I were to pick 3 candidates out of the 5 running they would be 2 of them. But we've ended up with what I think is a silly situation in the way that our candidates are distributed and I think it's because of the way we have our vote by seat instead of top 3 voting. One of the things that came up at the meeting for top 3 voting was the idealized sense of we have 3 incumbents running and anyone who wants to try to displace those incumbents is welcome to take them on one on one. That lets people stick their flag where they believe and stand up to an incumbent and the incumbent can face down their challengers. What we've ended up with though this time is an incumbent running unopposed and then 2 open seats. Of the 4 candidates who filed for those 2 seats 1 has filed unopposed and the other 3 are running for the vacant seat. So out of 3 total seats and 5 candidates voters only get to choose 1. Voters are not choosing 3 candidates. The other seat, the fact that it's unopposed, was it a fluke? Was it a roll of the dice? Everybody lined up for 2 possible seats and 1 got one candidate and 1 got 3? Or were they challenging particular incumbents? I happen to know in some cases that's not true and that they were not challenging particular incumbents because of what they were thinking. In that case, how did we end up with this odd distribution? Even if we split it up 2 versus 2, who would make that decision about which 2 should run against which 2? I think the voters should choose at least ideally from 5 but at least from 4 challengers who are not currently incumbents and the challengers have decided to file for shouldn't end

up limiting the choices of the voters as to which combination they get in. Which is why I think at some point we really should reconsider how we elect to seats in this Council.

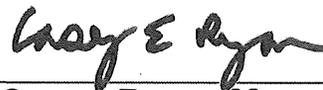
Councilor Ripma stated I've already disagreed with you too much tonight, Zach. There were a lot of reasons why this election was kind of strange. I think everybody thought Councilor Morgan was going to run again. People thought maybe Councilor Allen was going to run again too. Now why nobody filed against me, I don't know. Maybe they just like me.

Mayor Ryan stated the Reynolds football team is 5 and 1. That's nice. They do play second rate Clackamas this weekend. But what probably will happen is they'll lose and end up 5-2 but favored in the rest of their games and end up maybe 6-2 or 7-2 which is a huge accomplishment. I've been to every home game this year and it's been fun. The school spirit's been really amazing. I encourage everybody to support our high school and our sports and our schools. They have a lot of really good things. I know our men's water polo team is undefeated and I think maybe in the women's. The men's soccer team is doing well and the women's varsity team is doing well too. I've had the honor to work with Principal Blakely about the trash that seems to show up the first day of school and it stops at the last day of school on Cherry Park Drive. I believe that they're doing a really good job of trying to combat that. I do encourage you guys to email the principal and email superintendents to put some pressure on them to make sure. It looks really bad and that's my favorite road in Troutdale. It was disappointing to see. I did go to a soccer game yesterday and I saw the cross country team cleaning the whole school grounds and even up into Imagination Station. The word's getting out that the citizens are voicing their concerns about the trash.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor White.
Motion passed unanimously.

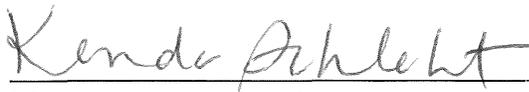
Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.



Casey Ryan, Mayor

Dated: November 15, 2018

ATTEST:



Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

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