



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 2, 2009
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:

Lore Christopher, Mayor
Jim Taylor, Council President
Richard Walsh, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
Mark Caillier, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor

Staff:

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Chris Eppley, City Manager
Rob Kissler, Public Works
Nate Brown, Community Development
Marc Adams, Police Chief
Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Dennis Koho, Keizer, Chamber President, explained that the Chamber was planning on having a member of the Board of Directors come to Council meetings to keep the Council informed of upcoming events. He then invited everyone to attend the upcoming luncheon honoring home town heroes.

Ron Christopher, Keizer, representing Salem-Keizer Transit District Board, reported that the transit mall location has been approved; the assessment process is underway and it will be forwarded for final approval in December. The system redesign is going well; a complete update will be provided to Council in December. The District is evaluating their inventory of bus shelters and will come back in January to discuss locating one in front of the Civic Center.

Alan Pollock, General Manager of Transit, reported that the Keizer Station/Chemeketa route is too new to evaluate, however, some scheduling modifications are planned. He then reviewed various modifications planned to improve service adding that the next round of changes would be in February.

Jason Heimerdinger, Salem, Chair of K-23 Advisory Committee, explained that the committee had released a survey for citizen input into the K-23 television station and encouraged everyone to participate. He

then fielded questions regarding Keizer videos on You-Tube and making them easier to find. Councilor Clark noted that the committee had a vacancy and encouraged interested citizens to apply for the position. She commended the committee for their efforts noting that the content on the channel had increased dramatically since January.

Barbara Clement, Keizer, representing the Keizer Points of Interest Committee, requested that Council permit the committee to erect a sign about Marie Dorian in the Keizer Station Park. She reviewed details of the life of Marie Dorian and areas in the northwest where she is recognized adding that she lived on the south shore of Lake Labish which is now part of Keizer Station. She provided addition details about Marie Dorian and the proposed kiosk and sign. Councilor McKane interjected that the Parks Advisory Board had discussed this issue and had expressed their support through a formal motion. City Attorney Shannon Johnson pointed out that this might not require action from Council and requested that no further action be taken until he could investigate the process. Council agreed by consensus that Ms. Clements' idea was a good one. Additional discussion then took place regarding different types of signs with Council urging consistency in design.

Kathy Tom, Keizer, Tribal Council of Grand Ronde, requested as a sovereign nation that the City meet government to government with the tribes before a decision is made on signage on the water tower. She noted that the Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes would like to come to agreement with the City about what should be placed on the sign; that the tribes have been in the area for a long time and reiterated her request to partner in this project. City Manager Chris Eppley responded that what is being offered to Council at this meeting is a result of their direction to come up with something more neutral than what the tribes had offered with the intent that it would then be presented to the tribes. Ms. Tom pointed out that the area is rich in culture and the artwork was to depict that culture rather than a tribal logo. Mayor Christopher explained that City Code restrictions limit this sort of signage to identification of the city. Ms. Tom reiterated her request to meet and discuss this issue. Councilor Caillier invited the tribes to the T.D. Keizer statue unveiling in January. Councilor Walsh requested that the tribe view on the economic vitality of Highway 22 and 18 be discussed at the meeting as well.

PUBLIC HEARING
a. RESOLUTION ~
Forming Magee
Estates Street
Lighting District

City Manager, Chris Eppley, provided the history of the formation of this Street Lighting Local Improvement District adding that staff recommends that City Council open a Public Hearing to consider oral objections and written remonstrances to the formation of Magee Estates Subdivision Street Lighting Local Improvement District and if there are no objections, close the Public Hearing and consider adoption of the resolution forming the district and the proposed assessment ordinance.

Mayor Christopher opened the Public Hearing. With no testimony, Mayor

Christopher closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt a Resolution Forming Magee Estates Subdivision Street Lighting Local Improvement District. Councilor Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**ORDINANCE ~
Spreading
Assessments to
Magee Estates
Street Lighting
District**

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Spreading Assessments to Magee Estates Subdivision Street Lighting Local Improvement District. Councilor Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**b. Keizer
Development
Code Text
Amendment,
Section 2.301 –
General
Provisions**

Community Development Director Nate Brown explained that the General Provisions section of the Development Code delineates the level of public facilities required of new developments. He noted that the Planning Commission reviewed the revisions over a three-month period and unanimously recommended adoption. He explained that the amendment corrects ambiguities and inconsistencies and changes phasing requirements. He then fielded questions and provided clarification on the changes and phasing.

Mayor Christopher opened the Public Hearing. With no testimony, Mayor Christopher closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Taylor moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance with findings adopting the proposed revisions. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTION**

**a. Pedestrian
Crossing at
River Road and
McGee Court**

Public Works Director Rob Kissler reminded Council that in August a resident of Emerald Pointe had indicated that it was difficult to cross River Road to gain access to the Public Transit System and Council directed staff to meet with Transit representatives to identify possible solutions. He reviewed the steps taken to investigate alternative solutions to this issue; explained that a traffic study showed that a signal is not warranted at this intersection and suggested that as an alternative Council consider a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk but a Traffic Engineer should perform an analysis to determine the exact location. Mr. Kissler noted that staff did

not have a recommendation for Council and explained the pros and cons of a pedestrian crossing signal. He added that there are many pedestrian crossings on the south end of River Road by Town & Country Lanes and that area might warrant a pedestrian crossing signal. Discussion then took place regarding the option of putting in a painted crosswalk, protective medians, speed limits, Emerald Pointe shuttle service, results of transit ridership study, planning for good transit access to multi-family high density development, surveying residents of Emerald Pointe and doing a traffic study of the north and south ends of River Road. Councilors suggested that a poll be done of Emerald Pointe residents asking them if they use public transit and, if not, why.

Councilor Walsh moved to ask the manager of Emerald Pointe to conduct a survey of residents regarding use of mass transit and supply that information to Council prior to moving forward with a traffic safety study. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier and Taylor (5)

NAYS: Christopher and Clark (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Smith moved to direct staff to move forward with the traffic engineer's studies at both the north River Road and south River Road areas. Councilor Clark seconded.

Following discussion regarding amending the motion to postpone the study of north River Road pending the result of the Emerald Pointe survey Councilor Smith withdrew his motion.

Councilor Smith moved to direct staff to move forward with the traffic engineer's study at the south end of River Road. Councilor McKane seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (6)

NAYS: Walsh (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Smith moved to direct staff to move forward with the traffic engineer's study at the north end of River Road approximately at Emerald Pointe (mid-block cross walk). Councilor Clark seconded. Motion failed as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Smith and Clark (3)

NAYS: Walsh, Taylor, McKane and Caillier (4)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**b. City
Identification on
Water Tower at
Keizer Station**

City Manager Chris Eppley provided background information on this issue and explained that signage other than City identification on the water tower would require an amendment to the Keizer Development Code. Mr. Brown provided additional details regarding regulations and limitations and explained that a city identification sign would be exempt from regulation. He directed Council attention to the three proposals and recommended adoption of attachment C of the staff report.

Mr. Eppley added that when the City entered into the agreement on the property, part of the agreement was that both parties would have to agree to tower signage. City Attorney Shannon Johnson confirmed this by reading that portion of the agreement. Lengthy discussion then took place regarding discussions with the tribes, permitted designs, budget, signage mediums and possible other options.

Council then directed staff to arrange a work session with both tribes.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

- A. RESOLUTION – Approving Engineer’s Report for McNary Heights Street Lighting District**
- B. Approval of October 5, 2009 Regular Session Minutes**
- C. Approval of October 19, 2009 Regular Session Minutes**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

Taken out of order.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**a. Keizer Police
Officer Oath of
Office**

Chief Marc Adams introduced Officer Arsen Avetysyan and Officer Jason Remmy, reviewing their history and qualifications. City Attorney, Shannon Johnson, issued the Oath of Office to each of them

**Other Committee
Reports**

Councilor Clark reported that

- Daniel Sprenkle had resigned from the K-23 Advisory Board because he was moving out of the area. She thanked him for his service and commended K-23 for programming changes and additional content.
- At the School Summit at McNary she had requested a partnership with the community to keep the school library open longer.
- Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study has made numerous adjustments to the Transportation Improvement Plan. The System Transportation Improvement Plan has been delayed but the process is now getting underway.
- The Rain Garden Workshop for stormwater management was very informative. The manual will be available on line soon through the Keizer website.

- Jerry McGee will be the speaker at the next Friends of the Library meeting.

In conclusion, Councilor Clark invited everyone to the Library Card Registration Day on November 14 at the Keizer Civic Center.

Councilor McKane reported that Parks Advisory Board was beginning discussions on improvements to city parks for the next fiscal year. He invited anyone interested to attend the meeting and provide input.

Councilor Caillier announced upcoming meeting times for Claggett Creek Watershed Council, Emergency Volunteers Assisting Keizer (EVAK), Planning Commission, Salem Wastewater Stormwater Task Force, Gubser Neighborhood Association and the T. D. Keizer Statue Task Force. He noted that on January 30, 2010 the statue would be unveiled at a community open house from 2 to 5 p.m.

Councilor Taylor added that Jerry McGee will be the speaker at the Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting and congratulated the McNary volleyball team, and both the boys and girls soccer teams for making the state playoffs.

Councilor Walsh reported that:

- The Amphitheater Task Force met and will be bringing back recommendations to Council. They meet again on November 18.
- He has been and will continue working with others on a rough draft of the history of Keizer Rapids Park.
- He participated in the Habitat for Humanity build and thanked Councilor Smith for his organizational efforts.
- The judicial evaluation deadline is November 30.
- At the annual meeting on the Willamette River Water Trail a private group will offer a proposal to form a private/public partnership with the parks in Keizer and Salem providing canoe rental on weekends in the summer.
- Marion County Breakfast will be November 12.
- The Tourism meeting with the Chamber decided to recommend moving forward with "The Best of Keizer". Voting will be available on the Chamber's website.
- Economic Development and Government Affairs expressed support for the modified community center catering center proposal but urged that the addition of a dishwasher be considered.
- KROC Center ribbon cutting went well.
- He had received a letter from the Grand Ronde tribe regarding support for a bridge in Salem across the Willamette River. The letter emphasizes the need to consider regional traffic, rather than just local.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business or Old Business Issues

Councilor Smith thanked Councilors and faculty from Whiteaker who participated in the Habitat for Humanity build, reported on upcoming Keizer Urban Renewal Board meeting and commended the Parkmeadow Neighborhood blog for their efforts to keep the neighborhood informed.

Chief Adams provided an update on the hiring process noting that there is one vacancy to be filled and explained that the outcome of the Miranda vs. City of Cornelius case has had a negative impact on the line item in the budget for towed vehicles because the City is towing 90% less than before. City Attorney Johnson provided clarification regarding the case. Chief Adams then fielded additional questions regarding breath test rules and the Nixle program

Community Development Director Nate Brown reported that the River Road Renaissance Advisory Committee had discussed the Chamber proposal that the city fund the bases for the artwork throughout the city and determined that this was an appropriate use of urban renewal dollars. They forwarded a recommendation to the Keizer Urban Renewal Board to pay for the bases. Councilor Clark noted that this was discussed during budget deliberations and that line item was a "plus/minus": funds were budgeted but would be reimbursed by funds generated by Keizer Public Arts for this project. Discussion took place at length regarding funding of the bases. Mr. Brown then continued his report reviewing progress on the Copeland project located at Dearborn and River Road and noting that the owner of the property at the northwest corner of Evans and River Road is considering making frontage improvements.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, invited everyone to the upcoming Community Center open house.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Christopher read a letter from the City of Salem thanking the City for their support of the Salem-Keizer Middle School after-school programs and explaining that funds are processed through their collaborative partner, the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, and forwarded to Claggett Creek and Whiteaker Middle Schools.

AGENDA INPUT

November 9, 2009

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session – Power Plants

6:45 p.m. City Council Work Session – Catering Center

November 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- o Parks SDC Methodology Public Hearing

December 7, 2009

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

December 14, 2009

7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session

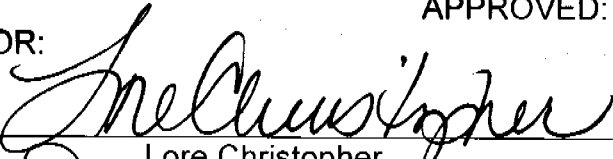
December 21, 2009

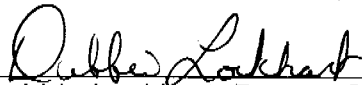
7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

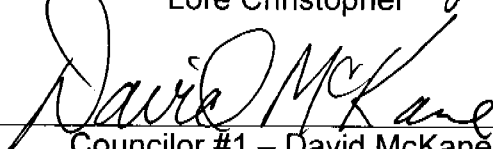
OTHER BUSINESS None

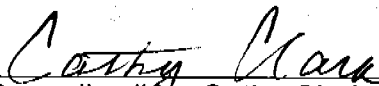
ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

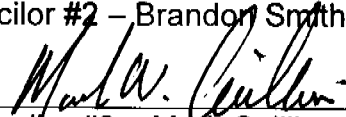
MAYOR: APPROVED:

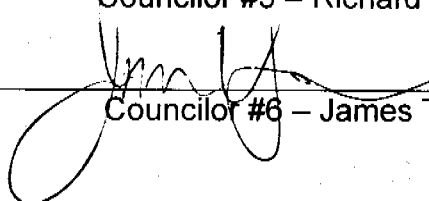

Lore Christopher


Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder


COUNCIL MEMBERS
Councilor #1 – David McKane


Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith

Councilor #3 – Mark Caillier

Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

