



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 15, 2007
Keizer City Hall
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mayor Christopher called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:

Mayor Lore Christopher
Richard Walsh, Council President
Jim Taylor, Councilor
Jacque Moir, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
Alex James, Youth Councilor

Staff:

Chris Eppley, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Nate Brown, Community
Development
Rob Kissler, Public Works
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

Cathy Clark, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC
TESTIMONY**

Greg Rands, from the Planning Commission reported on recent activities of the Commission including a Public Hearing for a text amendment that would affect Area C of Keizer Station (continued to November 14, 6 pm) and joint review of infill issues with the Council.

Christine Dieker commended the "Make Keizer Better" Committee on Keizer's 25th Birthday Party.

JoAnne Beilke distributed packets developed by the Visitors' Center detailing the contents, reviewing community service projects and adding that the Center has a student intern from McNary High School as well. She also reviewed the "Leadership Keizer" program explaining the various topics that will be part of the program including education and regional approaches to transportation.

Dave Wallery speaking on behalf of "Mr. Christmas" requested additional holiday lighting funds in order to help with the refurbishing of the Christmas tree lights and the 98 to 105 lighting fixtures which line River Road, Chemawa Road, Orcutt Lane and Cherry Avenue during the Christmas season. Following discussion regarding the work, funding, light pole requirements, the history of the fixtures and replacement with LED

lighting, Council requested that this item be put on the November 5 agenda. Youth Councilor James volunteered McNary students to help with the replacement of the star on the tree. Additional discussion took place regarding Christmas banners at Keizer Station and on Chemawa Road and their funding and design.

Mayor Christopher gave Ms. Beilke information on the Corvallis Art Walk, an invitation from the Salem Chamber of Commerce and a "Keizer Notebook" promoting the community, assembled by Tom Bauer.

PUBLIC HEARING
a. Keizer Station
Area B Master
Plan (continued
from 9/17/07)

Community Development, Nate Brown, reported that a Master Plan Application for Area B is almost complete. Ownership issues are in flux and, therefore, the master plan that has been prepared will be modified pending final word on the ownership issues. He concluded requesting that the Public Hearing be continued to the November 5 meeting.

Mayor Christopher opened the Public Hearing. There was no testimony. Mayor Christopher continued the Public Hearing to November 5.

Additional discussion took place regarding the dirt piled at Keizer Station and using it to fill holes in various school fields.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTION

None

CONSENT
CALENDAR

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Keizer Hearings Officer and Land Use Hearings Referee Contract for Services (J. Litwak)**
- b. RESOLUTION – Initiating Taylor Ridge Street Lighting District**
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorization for Appropriation Transfer (45th Parallel)**
- d. RESOLUTION – Granting Keizer Parks Foundation \$700 for Payment of Non-Profit Internal Revenue Service Filing Fees**
- e. Approval of September 24, 2007 Special Session Minutes**

Councilor Walsh moved for approval of Items A through D of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, McKane, Moir, Smith and Taylor (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Clark (1)

Regarding Item E (September 24, 2007 Special Session Minutes) Councilor Moir stated that she thought the voting results were incorrect regarding the comparables. Additional discussion took place regarding the vote results and the appropriateness of the results being included in the minutes. City Attorney Shannon Johnson pointed out that state law requires votes to be included in minutes but noted that the accuracy could be verified with the tally list in the packet for that meeting. Additionally, Council requested that the word "vote" be replaced by "straw poll".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Smith introduced his appointment to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, Charlene Coleman. Ms. Coleman explained that she had lived in Keizer for 3 years and was happy to raise her family in Keizer.

Councilor Moir noted that Tim Smith would replace Brandon Smith as her appointment to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor Taylor added that he had not yet made his appointment to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor McKane reported on Parks Board meeting topics including the final draft of the updated Master Plan. He reminded Council of the joint work session scheduled with the Parks Board (10/22).

Councilor Moir reported that

- The Technical Advisory Committee for the Transportation System Plan has been waiting for traffic count numbers to come in to the consultant in order to move forward. A smaller subgroup of this committee met to address Keizer issues and fine tune the goals for the Transportation System Plan.
- The Civic Center Task Force and Council met and approved the 60% documents; the 90% documents should be ready in early November. The project is on target for a March 2008 groundbreaking.
- Salem Water Wastewater Task Force will meet 10/18 to discuss the city surcharge and other issues.

Councilor Smith reported that KURB will meet on 10/24.

Councilor Walsh reported that

- The Library Consultant is close to formalizing final survey questions. A professional surveyor will be working with the consultant and the task force to formulate the survey.
- The Bridge Oversight Committee will meet October 19 and 26 from 12 to 2 in Room 325 at Salem Civic Center.
- Keizer Rapids Work Groups will meet October 17 at 5:30
- Commissioner breakfast went well
- Two different groups from local schools donated their time and efforts to work at the Keizer Rapids Park. He requested that they be formally thanked. City Manager Chris Eppley volunteered to write them a letter.

Councilor Taylor reported that

- Bikeways Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on October 16
- Gubser Neighborhood Association will meet at Gubser Elementary School on October 18 with Jacque Moir and Lance Inman speaking.
- Something Special Task Force has prepared their final recommendations. Mr. Taylor read a summary of the Task Force assignments and recommendations.

Councilor Taylor moved that the City Council accept the Something Special Task Force report. Councilor Walsh seconded.

Councilor Taylor explained the feasibility report referred to in the report. City Attorney Shannon Johnson noted that because this item was not specifically on the agenda, action should be postponed until the next meeting.

Councilor Taylor withdrew his motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **New Business**
- b. **Old Business**

Public Works Director Rob Kissler reported that

- The new signal at Sam Orcutt and River Road is now operational
- The Chemawa Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony will be 10/16 at 11:30.
- The first phase of the Dearborn improvement project is out for bids with anticipated construction beginning sometime after Thanksgiving (90-day project). Second Phase (widening) will begin March 2008 (120-day project)

Mayor Christopher

- Commended the "Making Keizer Better" committee for their efforts in putting together the Keizer 25th Birthday Party event and Chris Epley for volunteering to be taken down by the K-9 dogs, Axel and Czar. Councilor Moir commended city staff and the Fire District for helping with this event. Mayor Christopher added that Jerry McGee's Thomas Dove Kiezur stories were airing on Channel 23 at noon and 6 pm.
- Commended Public Works for their hard work this year adding that the Tepper underpass connecting the Gubser neighborhood to Keizer Station is now open.
- Encouraged citizens to check the website for volunteer opportunities.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

AGENDA INPUT

October 22, 2007

- 5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session
 - City of Keizer Parks Master Plan

November 5, 2007

- 7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Session

November 13, 2007 (Tuesday)

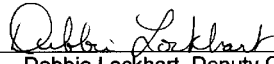
- 12:00 Noon City Council/Planning Commission Work Session
 - Infill Development Discussion

November 19, 2007

- 7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Session
 - Keizer Station Assessment Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

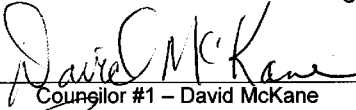
MAYOR: APPROVED:



Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Lore Christopher

COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilor #1 – David McKane


Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith


Councilor #3 – Jacque Moir

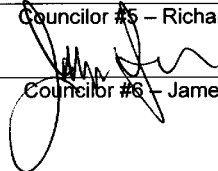
Minutes approved:

11-05-07

~ Absent ~

Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh


Councilor #6 – James Taylor