



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, September 19, 2005
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:

Lore Christopher, Mayor
Richard Walsh, Council President
Jacque Moir, Councilor
Jim Taylor, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor
Troy Nichols, Councilor
A.J. Perez, Youth Councilor

Staff:

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Marc Adams, Police Chief
Nate Brown, Community Development
Chris Eppley, City Manager
Rob Kissler, Public Works
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Chuck Lee, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of allegiance was spoken by all present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**a. Marion County
Treasurer
Strategic Plan
Presentation –
Laurie Steele**

Marion County Commissioner, Janet Carlson, representing Laurie Steele, reviewed briefly the presentation concluding that the purpose was to get input on strategic planning. Council members then responded to the following questions:

- *What are the top 4 or 5 issues effecting people and communities of Marion County now and going forward over the next 3-5 years?*
Answers: Growth (land supply); jail space; drugs and meth kids (foster crisis); crime (prison industry programs and crime prevention); traffic issues (third bridge across the Willamette); economic development and emergency preparedness coordination.
- *Which of these are not County issues? Council agreed that all issues listed are county issues to be addressed in partnership with cities.*
- *If Marion County were to direct resources and efforts toward two or three of these issues, which ones do you see as the highest priority?*
Ms. Carlson summarized issues to be: growth, drugs/crime, transportation, economic development and emergency

preparedness. Mayor Christopher suggested that the city send a letter restating these priorities and go into specific detail. She encouraged Councilors to prioritize this list and submit that information to Chris Eppley along with additional ideas for Marion County.

b. Appointment to Keizer Parks Advisory Board

City Manager, Chris Eppley, reported that there was a vacancy on the Parks Advisory Board. Notice of the vacancy was published and Clint Holland was unanimously recommended to fill the vacancy by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. Mr. Holland was invited to attend the City Council meeting to receive a proclamation for his appointment.

Councilor Walsh moved to accept the Recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and appoint Clint Holland to fill the vacant position on the Keizer Parks Advisory Board. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lee (1)

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Permanent Closure of Fourth Place

City Attorney, Shannon Johnson, explained that this was a "housekeeping measure" to finalize an earlier resolution. He added that neither Public Works nor the Police Department have concerns with leaving it closed.

Mayor Christopher opened the public hearing.

Ken Parshall, Principal of McNary High School, Salem, noted that he was in attendance to answer questions on behalf of McNary High School and the School District and offered support for the Council decision. He then fielded questions regarding gates and automobile and pedestrian traffic patterns.

Mayor Christopher then read letters submitted to the Council from the Keizer Fire District stating that the District was opposed to the permanent closure of 4th Place because 1) closure eliminates a secondary access to Sandy Drive and McNary High School and 2) the fire hydrant located on 4th Place is a critical water source in the event of a fire at McNary, or several homes on Sandy Drive.

Joel Stein, Fire Marshal of Keizer Fire District, Keizer, pointed out that the hydrant is critical to Kestrel, Fourth Place and McNary High School. He explained that the position of the gate and hydrant makes use of the hydrant time consuming and time is of utmost importance when responding to an emergency. Additionally the new gas station at

the corner of Sandy and River Road could present a hazard with the barricade in place.

Rob Kissler explained that before McNary High School had an entrance off Chemawa North and at Lockhaven, the school was considering closing Sandy Drive because of the volume of traffic coming down River Road into the school. At that point a decision was made to build a new access over to Lockhaven, and McArthur Court was closed with a pedestrian access only. Additionally there are pedestrian accesses at Robindale and Sandy Drive.

Harve Wilburn, Keizer, distributed copies of a petition signed by Fernwood Park residents concerning the closure of 4th Place. He explained that he lived in the neighborhood when the street was open and remembers cars running into houses and yards and concluded that for the safety of the neighborhood the street should remain closed.

Nancy Cameron, Keizer noted that she has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years and explained that prior to the closure there was a great deal of traffic. Now there are 20 to 25 cars that still come down to the barricade to drop off children in the morning, but if it is opened, those cars would undoubtedly travel through the neighborhood rather than turn around. She added that the fire department had told her that the barricade is a "breakaway gate" so not a safety issue. She concluded that she was in favor of leaving the barricade in place.

Mary Thorpe, Keizer, voiced concern over the safety of children in the neighborhood should the barricade be removed adding that she felt this issue outweighed the improved access to the fire hydrant.

Jim Booth, June Leonard, Jennifer and Darell Ducharme, Richard Labarthe, Joshua Peters, Mr. & Mrs. Camenisch, Jerry Jackson, Sharla Gibson, Lee Vaughn and Lester Mudgett, all residents of Keizer, voiced concern that traffic would increase dramatically if the barricade was removed and requested that the barricade remain in place.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of increased traffic in the neighborhood should the barricade be removed and the impact on the neighborhood, the need for stop signs in the neighborhood, speeding traffic, safety of children, the possibility of increased crime, emergency response time, fire code requirements for access to hydrants and the fact that there are only two hydrants to serve this neighborhood. Mayor Christopher summarized the question at hand: ensuring the availability of water to the fire district should the need arise and preservation of

the neighborhood. She concluded that she was not prepared to make a decision because she didn't feel she had enough information.

Mayor Christopher closed the public hearing.

Mayor Christopher stated that she felt a compromise could be reached on this issue by looking into stop signs, speed bumps or humps and weighing the testimony of neighbors and the Fire District. She suggested referring this issue to staff and Traffic Safety Commission for further consideration and determination of a possible compromise. Council agreed to do this by consensus. City Manager Eppley noted that it would probably take at least 90 days to accomplish this task.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business

b. Old Business

Windsor Island Road Speed Study ~ Public Works Director, Rob Kissler reported that citizens had approached the Traffic Safety Commission regarding the speed limit on Windsor Island Road. He offered a brief history of the speed patterns for the road adding that although most drivers are obeying the speed limit, because of the expansion of Willow Lake, the new golf driving range and increased truck and pedestrian traffic, Traffic Safety Commission requested that city staff contact the Oregon Speed Control Board to perform a speed study on Windsor Island Road from Lockhaven to the north City limits. Mr. Kissler then fielded questions from Council.

Councilor Walsh moved to direct staff to expand the proposed speed study to cover all of Windsor Island Road. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lee (1)

Promissory Note to Trust for Public Lands ~ City Attorney Shannon Johnson corrected the amount from \$400,000 to \$420,000 on the Resolution. He explained that Winifred Charge is selling her property to TPL who will immediately sell the property to the city, but since grant fund disbursement is not occurring in time to complete this transaction TPL will give the city an interest-free loan through the end of the year in order to complete the transaction. He continued with an explanation of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. Community Development Director, Nate Brown, offered a brief explanation of the grant funding mechanism.

Councilor Walsh moved to suspend the rules. Councilor Moir seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Nichols, Moir, McKane and Taylor (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Lee (1)

Councilor Walsh moved to approve Resolution R2005 Authorizing the City Manager to sign Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, Agreement Regarding Uses for Keizer Rapids Parks Property and Promissory Note (Keizer Rapids Park/Charge Property) as amended. Councilor McKane seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Nichols, Moir, McKane and Taylor (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Lee (1)

Councilor Moir reported that:

- **Water Wastewater Task Force** (Salem/Keizer) reports that the Willow Lake administrative building construction has begun. The \$84,000,000 which was supposed to cover the project has increased to approximately \$147,000,000 because of the increased cost of steel. Salem is doing an evaluation on possible rate increases because of the increased costs, and investigating alternative measures in modernization of the plant. Salem sewer consumer costs are still below average state level. Plant modifications may begin next spring depending on the cost effectiveness of the project. Rob Kissler explained that consideration is being given to various replacements and spot improvements instead of the overall plant modifications in order to keep rates lower.
- **Planning Commission** held a Public Hearing on a Sign Code Amendment and continued it until next meeting on October 5 at 6 p.m. Phase 1 of the review covers staff recommendations and Phase 2 will be anything else.
- **Parks Advisory Board** held a work session and a regular meeting. The Board is concerned over possible future projects and their involvement. Another work session may be scheduled jointly with Council to address this issue.
- **9-11 Ceremony** was memorable and well attended by Councilors.

Councilor Walsh reported that:

- **Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Meeting** hosted Kim Thatcher who spoke about her trip to China. If anyone has a specific marketing proposal for Asia, Ms. Thatcher would be interested. Restructuring of the Government Affairs Economic Development Committee is being discussed.

- **Advantage Limousine** has been welcomed to the city and has set up business on Cherry Avenue.
- **9-11 Ceremony** was memorable, kudos are due; the Mayor's speech was one of the most moving and she represented the city well.
- **RIVERR Task Force** meeting will be on September 21. As always Parks Board is invited to begin working on the next phase of this project. Surveys have been completed and responses (600) are being tallied. Mayor Christopher read a letter supporting the Keizer Rapids Park project.

Chief Adams reported that there are two openings in the department; following testing 36 applicants remain in the running and interviews will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Public Works Director, Rob Kissler, reported on Keizer Station construction: Some night or weekend work may be necessary because of train locations and schedules. He encouraged everyone to check out the current news posted on the website www.keizer.org for updated information. Due to prohibitive cost, aerial photos and digital photos will be posted in lieu of the webcam.

Community Development Director, Nate Brown reported that Sam Litke will be starting employment with the City on October 3

Youth Councilor A.J. Perez reported that things are going well. McNary is getting fired up again for the year. The football team is unbeaten; Powder Puff game is next Wednesday.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Keizer Village Shopping Center Special Event

Doc Titus, Keizer, explained that on behalf of Gold's Gym, he would be coordinating a birthday celebration at Keizer Village and he requested a special event permit. Planning Director Nate Brown explained that Council has the authority to set forth "Special Events" and set forth conditions necessary to protect the public health and safety. Dialogue took place with Mr. Titus regarding parking, traffic impact, road closures and placement of the honey buckets. It was also noted that 50% of the net from this event will be donated to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

Councilor Walsh moved to Approve the 40th Anniversary Birthday Bash as a special event located at the Keizer Village Shopping Center September 29th, 30th and October 1st conditioned upon the applicant providing to staff : (1) written approval from all tenants at the shopping center for the event, (2) an acceptable plan to provide parking for the number of displaced parking stalls, and (3) written approval from both fire district and the police department for the event. Councilor Moir

seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lee (1)

**b. RESOLUTION—
Authorizing
Loan Payable
From Water
System
Revenues**

Finance Director, Susan Gahlsdorf, referred Council to the Resolution asking for authorization to issue \$2.6 million in debt to support the water CIP adding that this was anticipated and in the budget and CIP.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing a \$2.6 Million Loan Payable Solely from Water System Revenues and a Master Water Revenue Financing Declaration that Establishes the Terms for Future Water Revenue Financings. Councilor Nichols seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lee (1)

**c. RESOLUTION—
Transfer
Contingency
for Office
Expansion**

Director Gahlsdorf noted that the Request for Supplemental Budget to pay for minor remodeling at city hall is to accommodate the new Senior Planner in the Planning Department. She pointed out that the allocation for each operating fund is equal to the \$22,000. Urban Renewal is not included.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt Resolution R2005 Authorization for Resolution Transfer. Councilor Moir seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lee (1)

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Christopher

- Read a thank you letter from Chet Patterson for his birthday celebration.
- Reminded Councilors of the Marion Conservation District Annual Meeting and silent auction on Friday, October 7, 5:30 at Gervais High School.
- Reported that Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities have invited 7th and 10th grade students to participate in a statewide poster and essay contest: "If I were mayor, I would...". Deadline is October 14.

AGENDA INPUT

October 3, 2005

7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Session

October 10, 2005

5:30 p.m. – City Council Work Session

- 2006 Bond Election – Civic Center

October 17, 2005

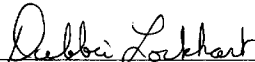
7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

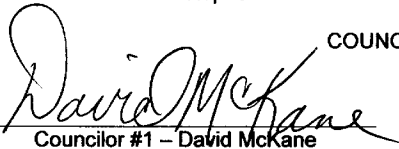
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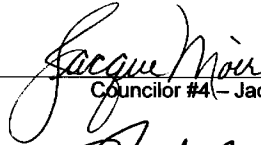
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Lore Christopher

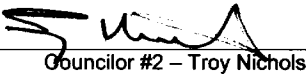
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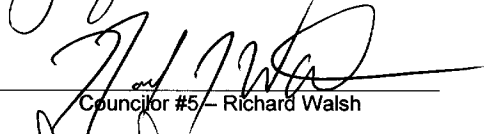
Councilor #1 – David McKane



Councilor #4 – Jacque Moir



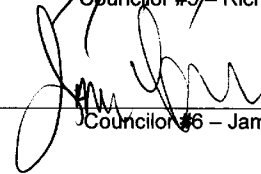
Councilor #2 – Troy Nichols



Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

~ Absent ~

Councilor #3 – Charles E. Lee



Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

October 17, 2005