



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Keizer City Hall 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
(left at 8:06 pm)
Jim Taylor, Council President
Richard Walsh, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
Mark Caillier, Councilor

Staff:

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Chris Eppley, City Manager
Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Rob Kissler, Public Works
Susan Gahlsdorf, Finance Director
Marc Adams, Chief of Police
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

David McKane, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jerry McGee, Keizer introduced the T.D. Keizer Statue artist, Gareth Curtiss and reported that the Statue Task Force had met and, following minor suggestions, approved the statue unanimously. He explained that the horse was not transported to Keizer but viewed through photographs and that the target date for the dedication is still good. He concluded noting that Councilor Caillier would have more information on the dedication ceremony as the date nears.

Christine Dieker, Keizer Chamber:

- Reported that the unveiling of the statue is set for January 30, 2010, and it will be part of a joint event called "Winter Art Solstice" that will incorporate the Mayor's Invitation for artwork for year-round lobby art.
- Circulated a promotional welcome service folder produced free of charge to be used to hold promotional materials from various venues throughout the city and showed reusable bags that have been developed as well.
- Reviewed planned signage directing visitors to the visitors' center and efforts being made to restore signage that was removed, Chamber website statistics and updates, dates and times for several upcoming events and invited anyone interested to attend the next Chamber Tourism Advisory Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING
a. RESOLUTION –
Authorization for
Supplemental
Budget to Pay
Repairs for
Damage to Storm
Drain System

Clint Holland, Keizer, reported on upcoming events at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater, suggested that following the last event a committee be formed to review operations and urged that booking efforts for next year begin as soon as possible. Council agreed by consensus to direct the City Manager to come back in two weeks with a plan and recommendation to initiate this process.

Public Works Director, Rob Kissler, explained that a landslide occurred in the late spring of 2009 damaging the storm drain system which was installed in the 70s. The \$280,000 repair was not anticipated in the budget because the landslide occurred after budget adoption. He then provided detailed information and fielded questions regarding alternate methods of funding and a temporary rate increase with Finance Director Susan Gahlsdorf providing additional clarification.

Council President Taylor opened the Public Hearing. With no testimony, Council President Taylor closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Budget to Pay Repairs for Damage to Storm Drain System. Councilor Clark seconded.

Councilor Smith offered a friendly amendment to increase the transfer by \$50,000 rather than taking that amount from contingency. Councilor Clark did not accept the amendment.

Councilor Smith moved to amend the resolution to increase the transfer by \$50,000 rather than taking that amount from contingency. Councilor Caillier seconded.

Discussion followed with Director Gahlsdorf providing additional clarification and explanation and Councilor Walsh verifying that the \$50,000 contingency funds were from the Storm Fund contingency, not the General Fund.

Councilor Smith withdrew his motion to amend.

Original motion passed as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher and McKane (2)

RESOLUTION –
Authorization for
Interfund Loan to
the Storm Fund
from the
Transportation
Improvement
Fund

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Loan to the Storm Fund from the Transportation Improvement Fund. Councilor Clark seconded.

Motion passed as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher and McKane (2)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Extension of Street and Right of Way Landscape Maintenance Services Contract With All Seasons Ground Care
- B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Agreement with H & H Paving for Candlewood Bike Path Paving Project
- C. RESOLUTION – Initiating Magee Estates Street Light District
- D. RESOLUTION – Initiating McNary Heights Street Light District
- E. RESOLUTION – Appropriation Transfer
- F. Approval of August 3, 2009 Regular Session Minutes
- G. Approval of August 10, 2009 Work Session Minutes

Councilor Walsh pulled Item G.

Councilor Clark pulled Item B

Councilor Walsh moved to accept Items A, C, D, E and F of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher and McKane (2)

Councilor Walsh moved to accept Item B of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Smith seconded.

Councilor Clark interjected that this was an important safety improvement for the area and commended Public Works for their perseverance in completing the project. Mr. Kissler responded that this has been beneficial for the neighbors and it will be the final piece to connect the bikeways to the Salem Parkway at the east end.

Motion passed as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher and McKane (2)

Councilor Walsh moved to accept Item G of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Smith, Taylor, Caillier and Clark (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Walsh (1)

ABSENT: Christopher and McKane (2)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Marion Polk Yamhill County Storm Water Solutions Presentation

Taken out of Order. Elizabeth Sagmiller, Stormwater Manager, gave an abbreviated report because of technical difficulties with the projector. She encouraged participation in the program noting that Keizer does not have the resources to do it alone. She noted that the Homebuilders Association is involved in the program and invited participation in a series of workshops that will be held in the area. The workshops are being held by the Oregon Environmental Council in collaboration with DEQ, the OSU Extension Service and Oregon Sea Grant and are: (1) Making Low-Impact Development a Reality in Your Community, (2) Rain Gardening Training, (3) Green Streets, and (4) Untangling the Codes and Maintaining Stormwater Systems. Ms. Sagmiller agreed to give her presentation at the next meeting.

Councilor Walsh noted that the Attorney General has made this a new priority and is doing floats down Oregon waterways with an eye towards prosecuting offenders. Ms. Sagmiller noted that the AG is using the word "crime" for the offenses and is asking for input from citizens.

b. Salem Keizer Transit District – System Redesign Presentation

Taken out of Order. Shelly Hanson, Transit District, introduced Board Member Ron Christopher and Alan Pollock, General Manager. She was unable to give the power point presentation due to technical difficulties. Alan Pollock reviewed changes in the transit system noting that service is now being offered to the Kroc Center and Keizer Station and that, if the transit center is built on the preferred site, the District will look into a shuttle throughout Keizer Station. He noted that although the district is unable to serve the entire area, the area which it serves now has better service. He then reviewed the process undertaken to develop the new service and improvements, adjustments made to accommodate riders and attract major employers, routes, high-frequency services, and fares.

Other Committee Reports

Councilor Clark commended Transit leaders for their service redesign and reported that

- K-23 Advisory Committee is considering televising sports, especially football.
- Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study discussed and approved stimulus package projects.
- Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation is starting the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan.

She also extended invitations to the 9-11 Memorial at the Keizer Fire District at 7 a.m. and the upcoming West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting at the Keizer Civic Center.

Councilor Caillier reported that

- The 10th Anniversary of EVAK celebration was a success with many attending and everyone having fun.
- The Salem Wastewater Task Force has determined that starting January 1, 2010, there will be a 6.5% increase in sewer bills but Keizer citizens will have a 5.5% increase because they will be getting a 1% reduction each year until the surcharge has been phased out. He

added that citizens might expect similar increases in their sewer rates in the next few years because the system has \$200 million in bond indebtedness that needs to be paid back.

He also reminded everyone of upcoming Planning Commission, Gubser Neighborhood Association, Stormwater Advisory Committee and Claggett Creek Watershed Council meetings.

Councilor Walsh reported that the Music Festival at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater turned out well in spite of the rain. He added that another free concert was scheduled for the weekend and requested input from everyone regarding likes/dislikes at the amphitheater. Lastly, Councilor Walsh strongly urged Councilors and citizens to provide feedback on the bridge project: What does Keizer want, how much do we want it and how do we want to pay for it?

Councilor Smith reported that KURB had approved the request for grant funds for the Copeland Project and authorized the final payment on the Sonic project. He added that the Town & Country project is in the design stage.

Council President Taylor

- Reminded Councilors of the upcoming Commissioners Breakfast
- Reminded everyone that the Volcanoes are in the championship playoffs and invited all to attend and give their support.
- Congratulated Kevin Watson on receiving a permanent Rotary badge.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business or Old Business Issues

Chief Mark Adams provided an update on the Police Department recruitment process. He added that the department will soon have an Honor Guard. The selected candidates will be going to academy and all the equipment and uniforms are being purchased through a grant. He concluded that this will be a great public outreach tool.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, reported that

- The EOC was set up for the anniversary EVAK event to show how it would be set up and all are satisfied with how it will look.
- The Emergency Management Committee quarterly meeting will discuss the hazard mitigation plan which the City has been working on with the county. The review process is underway and as soon as the committee reviews it, the plan will be offered for public review and input.
- The Statue Committee has approved the clay statue so the next step will be bronzing. There have been some minor changes but the project is moving ahead.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Taken out of order. Mayor Christopher reminded everyone of an upcoming Community Forum by Salem Hospital and a Town Hall meeting sponsored by Marion County to address regional safety issues.

She then read letters from:

- Taylor Chappell, "If I Were Mayor" Contest winner, thanking Council for the Target gift card.

- Oregon Fire Service Honor Guards and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training inviting everyone to the Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony.
- John Rizzo, a citizen involved in a motor vehicle accident, commending Officer Eric Jefferson for his organized, polite and professional service, and the Keizer Fire District for their clean-up efforts.
- Bob and Shirley Rose commending the Public Works Department for their professional work and continued contact regarding the water slide that occurred on the bank behind their house.
- Marjorie Newcomer commending Officer Jeremy Fletcher for his services and his compassion when her husband passed away.
- Ron Anderson complimenting Rob Kissler, Bill Lawyer and Public Works field employees for their continued support of the Bikeways Committee.

Discussion then took place regarding the Flag Raising and the Dedication of the Building with the time/date ultimately being set for October 19.

AGENDA INPUT

September 14, 2009

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session

➤ City of Keizer Parks Tour

September 21, 2009

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

October 5, 2009

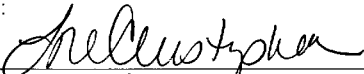
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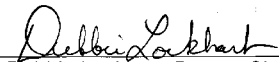
ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

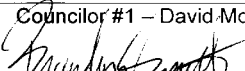

Lore Christopher

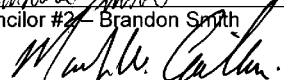

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

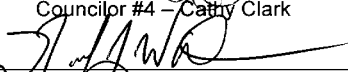
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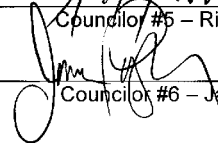
Councilor #1 – David McKane


Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith


Councilor #3 – Mark Caillier


Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark


Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh


Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

October 5, 2009