



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 2, 2008
Keizer City Hall
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Council President Walsh called the regular session to order at 7:10 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:

Richard Walsh, Council President
Jacque Moir, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor
James Taylor, Councilor

Staff:

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

Absent:

Mayor Lore Christopher

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Walsh led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC
TESTIMONY**

Rick Day, Salem, and Sara Duncan, Keizer, requested support for the Habitat for Humanity construction projects in Keizer by waiving of the SDC and permit fees. They noted that Salem, Aumsville and Independence waive the SDC fees. Discussion then followed regarding the process involved in waiving permit fees and amendment of the ordinance. City Manager Chris Eppley noted that staff would compile a list of the SDCs and Council rights for discussion. Council requested staff research: a comparison to other cities, deferring the initial assessment and how the SDC funds are used.

Rick Day, Salem, representing the Parks Board, requested Council approval for naming the Keizer Rapids Park amphitheater "Keizer Rotary Amphitheater". He explained that this is a \$325,000 project done on a \$60,000 budget; Rotary provided \$25,000 and the City provided \$30,000 for labor and materials not donated. The remainder is being donated. City Manager Chris Eppley interjected that the City received a check last week from Mr. Day for \$15,000 so the City contribution is actually even less. Councilors agreed to put this on the next meeting agenda and commended Mr. Day for his ongoing contributions to the city. Mr. Day then continued with the Parks Board report stating that meetings had been held with the Wallace House neighbors and differences resolved so that development of the park

can take place with all parties being satisfied.

Lyndon Zaitz, Keizer, representing the Making Keizer Better Foundation, host of the RIVERfair, presented a \$350 check to the City towards purchasing and installing playground equipment at Keizer Rapids Park.

Ben McGowan, Keizer, reviewed traffic difficulties he encounters living near McNary High School and requested a gate at the end of Sandy Drive. He noted that, although Keizer Police has done a great job over the years, those efforts have proven ineffective. Councilor Taylor explained that existing gates are the property of the School District and suggested that Mr. McGowan contact the School Board or principal. Mr. McGowan requested some form of support from Council that he could use when he meets with the School Board. Discussion then took place regarding the gate, limiting access to the school, neighborhood support, bus routes, traffic difficulties on Sandy, and sidewalk improvements to improve safety. Councilor Taylor requested that the Police Department provide a recommendation at the next Council meeting. Councilors agreed to address this on the next meeting agenda.

Marty Matiskainen, Keizer, offered support for the recommended committee appointments but questioned the process (specifically the need for applicants to appear for an interview with the Volunteer Coordinating Committee), recommendations being made when there are only enough applicants for the positions, and Council ratification/rejection.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, reviewed the RFP and interview process noting that 14 applications were received and 4 selected for the interview process by the TD Keizer Statue Task Force with Gareth Curtiss chosen as the recommended artist.

Jerry McGee noted that selection of Mr. Curtiss was a unanimous decision by the Statue Task Force who all shared a passion for history and for the city. He welcomed Mr. Curtiss and expressed optimism at the opportunity to work with him.

Mr. Curtiss thanked Council, noted that he was looking forward to this project, and gave a brief synopsis of the statue-making process noting that it would begin at his studio in Olympia, Washington and be cast at his foundry in Montana. He voiced the hope that people would take advantage of opportunities to view the statue in the making, especially the bronze pouring, and added that this project would be his primary commitment for the next 15 months. Mr. Curtiss explained that when the small clay statue has been approved, a mold and a small bronze statue will be made for the City. Mr. McGee provided additional information regarding the shields/plaques which are planned for placement around the base of the life sized statue.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER DON PARISE

Police Chief Marc Adams introduced the newest Keizer Police officer, Don Parise. He reviewed the recruitment process and concluded that this applicant was the successful candidate. He reviewed Mr. Parise' work history and City Attorney Shannon Johnson issued the oath of office.

PUBLIC HEARING None

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

A. Approval of August 11, 2008 Work Session Minutes

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher (1)

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**a. Appointment
to the Keizer
Planning
Commission
(John Rizzo)**

City Manager, Chris Eppley, reviewed the history of this appointment noting John Rizzo was unanimously recommended to fill the vacancy by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and appoint John Rizzo to Position Number 4 of the Planning Commission. Councilor McKane seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher (1)

**b. Appointment
to the Keizer
Budget
Committee
(Terry
Gordon,
David
Dempster
and Sandi
King)**

City Manager, Chris Eppley, reported that there were three vacancies on the Budget Committee. Notice of the vacancies was published and Terry Gordon, David Dempster and Sandi King were unanimously recommended to fill the vacancies by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and appoint Terry Gordon, David Dempster and Sandi King to fill the vacancies on the Budget Committee. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Christopher (1)

**c. Appointment
to the
Stormwater
Advisory
Committee
(Toni Whitler)**

City Manager, Chris Eppley, reported that there was a vacancy on the newly formed Stormwater Advisory Committee. Notice of the vacancy was published and Toni Whitler was unanimously recommended to fill the vacancy by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and appoint Toni Whitler to the vacant position on the Stormwater Advisory Committee. Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

**c. Appointment
to the
Bikeways
Committee
(David
Dempster)**

City Manager, Chris Eppley, reported that there was a vacancy on the Bikeways Committee. Notice of the vacancy was published and David Dempster was unanimously recommended to fill the vacancy by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and appoint David Dempster to the vacant position on the Bikeways Committee. Councilor Moir seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Councilor McKane announced upcoming meetings for Parks Advisory Board, and Traffic Safety Commission and invited everyone to the Keizer Fire District remembrance ceremony on September 11. He noted that the ceremony not only remembers 9-11 but honors the commitment of service people.

Councilor Moir announced the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and added that the Salem Wastewater Task Force is meeting again to readdress the rate schedule; Public Hearing is scheduled for November 17. She noted that this will affect Keizer residents' sewer rates.

Councilor Smith reported that Keizer Urban Renewal Board met last week and forwarded their recommendation for the Strickfaden grant approval to The Urban Renewal Agency. The Board also received updates on the Lockhaven/River Road, Sherwin-Williams projects and the on-going Copeland property discussions.

Councilor Walsh

- Requested that, because the Marion County Commissioners breakfast conflicts with the Fire Department 9-11 presentation, the meeting be cancelled. Council had no objections.
- Reported that the historical riverboat, Jean, was being turned into a barge so some historical pieces are available for purchase. This will be brought to the Parks Board at the next meeting.
- Reported that he would be making a presentation to the Department of the Interior and encouraged input.
- Noted that the Kazoo Band presentation was fun and the food bank was appreciative. He thanked Council for their support.
- Pointed out that West Keizer Neighborhood Association would meet on September 11 to discuss library issues.

Councilor Clark reported that

- Emergency Volunteers Assisting Keizer (EVAK) met in August and will have a training session on September 13. She encouraged interested citizens to get more information from the website.
- The upcoming Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation (MWACTION) would be discussing prioritization of enhancement grant and earmarks which includes the Chemawa Road improvements and the pedestrian bridge over the Parkway.
- Chemawa Interchange Plan stakeholders met on August 26. She will be attending a meeting on the evaluation framework criteria which will be used to evaluate the 15 alternatives that have been brought forward.
- She will be doing a presentation for the Oregon Transportation Commission regarding safety issues in the three-county area.
- "Friends of Keizer Library" group is now a member of the National Friends of the Library organization. Members are working to put together a business plan and a plan of action.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. New Business
- b. Old Business

Community Development Director Nate Brown reminded everyone to respond to the ODOT survey and to share the link because positive input in large numbers was of utmost importance to the Transportation Enhancement Grant that Keizer has requested for Chemawa Road North improvements.

Councilor Clark inquired regarding the status of the vendor ordinance review regarding sidewalk vendors and allowing the Iris Festival to issue permits for participants in the Iris Festival. Mr. Epley responded that the City Attorney is hoping to address that issue sometime this fall-"ish".

Councilor Clark noted that if liquor was going to be served at an event at the new Civic Center or at a City Park, a process should be in place. She requested that the City Attorney look into this matter as well.

Regarding the Golf Cart issue, Mr. Johnson noted that he had spoken to the City Attorney of Sherwood who is not aware of what Sherwood is doing. King City is an exception because it is a community of golf courses. He stated that he reviewed the statute and did not see anything other than what was found before so is unsure of any means in the state statute of what the City can do. Additionally, because golf carts, as defined, cannot go more than 15 mph they would impede traffic and are not street legal.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

AGENDA INPUT

September 8, 2008

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session

- Parks SDC Methodology

September 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- Keizer Development Code Text Amendments for Electronic Message Signs Public Hearing (cont. from 8-4-08)
- Possible adding of SDC/Habitat request, Sandy Drive, Amphitheater naming and Volunteer Proclamations.

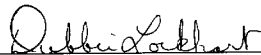
October 6, 2008

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT Council President Walsh adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

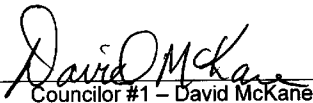
MAYOR:



Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

~ Absent ~
Lore Christopher

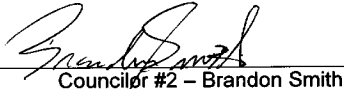
COUNCIL MEMBERS



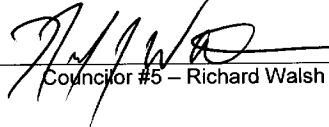
Councilor #1 – David McKane



Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark



Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith



Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

Councilor #3 – Jacque Moir

Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

September 15, 2008