



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Monday, August 18, 2008
Keizer City Hall
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

**CALL TO
ORDER**

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

Present:

Mayor Lore Christopher
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
Rob Kissler, Public Works Director
Susan Gahlsdorf, Finance Director
Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Captain Jeff Kuhns, Police Department
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC
TESTIMONY**

Vic Backlund and *Sandy Husk* from the Salem-Keizer School District commended Keizer for their partnership efforts and provided information regarding the upcoming bond election including what is going to be on the ballot and what the money would be spent for. They encouraged support for the measure and fielded questions regarding specific Keizer projects, facility usage and needs, growth, off-site improvements, current/projected needs, partnerships and grants. The public was urged to visit www.salemkeizer.org for additional information.

Mayor Christopher added that due to rising gas prices and, following the lead of other cities in the area, the City Attorney will be looking into the golf cart issue again.

Vickie Hilgemann, Keizer, representing the Parks Advisory Board, expressed appreciation for Council support at the last Board meeting. She reviewed the focus of the meeting (Wallace House Park) noting that discussion and input was constructive and led to a positive conclusion. Development of the park will continue to move forward with further investigation into location of the parking lot and the design of the play structure.

Representing the *Keizer Parks Foundation*, Ms. Hilgemann reported that the foundation has completed the Paw Paver project with 150 pavers that will be placed in the entry of the dog park. She pointed out that a new kiosk is in place thanks to donations from the Keizer Family Physicians Clinic, a shelter design is being planned and several benches and trash cans have been donated. Ms. Hilgemann informed Council of the foundation's newest campaign which is soliciting donations of specific items such as benches, trash cans, bike racks, a doggy drink station and a pet wash station. She noted that once again Keizer citizens are proving that Keizer is a great place to live. Discussion then followed regarding landscaping, cost of various donation items, plans for Wallace House Park and police presence in the parks. Captain Kuhns added that the Police Department does nightly checks in all Keizer parks during the summer using their School Resource Officers. He noted that the Police Department is aware of people living in the lower area of Wallace House Park and is working at ridding the area of that problem.

Doug Schnieder, Keizer, representing the Planning Commission, reported that the Commission will be addressing Infill in the October meeting and encouraged public input on this issue.

Don Blair, Keizer, questioned why the Safeway parking lot was denied gas pumps and questioned the status of implementation of Wi-Fi in Keizer. City Attorney Shannon Johnson responded that he thought that it was because that area of River Road and Chemawa did not allow auto uses. Councilors added that it was a busy intersection and a gas station could have a detrimental effect on traffic flow. Regarding the Wi-Fi, City Manager Chris Eppley explained that the City had opted to wait and see what other cities were doing and, since Portland is closing down because of lack of revenues, Keizer has abandoned the idea. He added that wireless will be available throughout the new civic center building and campus.

PUBLIC HEARING
a. RESOLUTION ~
Certification of
Street Lighting
District
Assessment

Finance Director, Susan Gahlsdorf, explained that every year the City fronts the cost for supplying electricity to lighting districts and at the end of the year calculates those costs and provides certification to the County who collects the costs via the tax rolls. This resolution certifies the costs to those lighting districts. She noted a correction on page 5, the \$16,000 "per lot" cost should be "per acre".

Mayor Christopher opened the public hearing. With no testimony, Mayor Christopher closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a resolution Certifying Lighting District Assessments. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**b. RESOLUTION ~
Certification of
Delinquent
Sewer Accounts**

Finance Director, Susan Gahlsdorf, explained that at the end of each year delinquent sewer accounts are tallied and the County and residents are notified of the amount. She noted that this year there were only three. Recommendation is to adopt the resolution certifying the delinquent sewer accounts.

Mayor Christopher opened the public hearing. With no testimony Mayor Christopher closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a resolution Certifying Delinquent Sewer Accounts. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: (0)

**b. RESOLUTION ~
Establishing
Periodic
Review:**

**"Visioning Task Force"
and**

**"Economic Opportunity
Analysis Task Force"**

Community Development Director, Nate Brown, explained that these two task forces would be more effective than other formats that were explored so staff is recommending implementation of them with the understanding that staff will invite various state agencies that would have direct impact.

Mr. Brown reviewed proposed membership of the Visioning Task Force and the Economic Opportunity Analysis Task Force noting that one of the primary focuses of both task forces will be for citizen outreach and input through open houses, charrettes and invitations to the public for input. Discussion followed regarding membership, anticipated life of the task forces and the appointment process.

Councilors Smith, McKane and Clark volunteered to serve on the Economic Analysis Task Force. Councilors Taylor and Walsh and Mayor Christopher volunteered to serve on the Visioning Task Force.

Following additional discussion Council suggested the following changes to the Visioning Task Force:

"The Task Force will consist of 11 to 13 voting members and may include Business Representatives, Neighborhood Association Representatives, Planning Commission Members, Council Members and members at large." Appointments would be made by the Mayor instead of City Council.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a resolution establishing the Periodic Review Visioning Task Force as amended. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a resolution establishing the Periodic Review Economic Opportunity Analysis Task Force as amended and with

the exception of adding a "Commercial Property Specialist". Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RESOLUTION ~ City County Insurance Services Retro Liability Plan (Repealing R2008-1891)

B. Approval of July 21, 2008 Regular Session Minutes

C. Approval of August 4, 2008 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Taylor pulled Item C.

Councilor Walsh moved to approve Items A and B of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Walsh moved to approve Item C of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Taylor (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Proclamation – Keizer Kazoo Band Day

Jim Nardi, Uptown Music, Keizer, presented the proclamation received from Guinness World Records for having the world's largest Kazoo Band and showed the video of the band playing at the Volcanoes game in August of 2007. In closing, Mr. Nardi encouraged everyone to participate in the August 27 food drive adding that there would be a celebration of receipt of the award at the game.

b. Keizer Chamber of Commerce – TOT Report and Request for Support for Feasibility Study

JoAnne Beilke, Keizer Chamber, highlighted Chamber marketing activities for the last quarter 2007-2008 including association with tournaments, Iris Festival, Keizer Points of Interest, research and development and volunteer activities. She added that Keizer was highlighted at the State of Oregon Travel Oregon Tourism class as a possible destination. In closing Ms. Beilke requested a letter of support for a Marion County Economic Development grant for which the Chamber is applying. The grant is for a feasibility study for a Visitors' Information Center in or near Keizer Station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Taylor reminded everyone of the

- TD Keizer Statue Committee meeting and reported that he had been in contact with area school principals regarding student participation in a fundraising effort for the statue. He noted that this would be a way to

get the children involved.

- Upcoming Bikeways Committee meeting and thanked committee members for their participation in the RIVERfair Bike Corral.

Councilor Clark thanked Sgt. Inman for escorting her on National Night Out, congratulated Councilor Moir and the "Making Keizer Better" group on a successful RIVERfair, and reported that:

- She had attended a meeting sponsored by Congressman Blumenauer regarding investing in America and infrastructure work. To view his proposal check: www.blumenauer.house.gov
- Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) met and discussed the Transportation Enhancement Grant and the pedestrian/bike bridge over the Parkway to Kroc center.
- Transportation issues were discussed at the Commissioners' breakfast.
- Oregon Municipal Planning Organization Consortium met with representatives from all five Municipal Planning Organizations for Transportation. She suggested that notes from meetings outside the city be transmitted to the City Recorder and distributed to Councilors.
- Emergency Volunteers Assisting Keizer will meet on the 19th.
- Iris Festival Subcommittee regarding parade route, Mayor's walk, etc. will meet on 21st.
- Technical Advisory Committee for the update of the Transportation System Plan will meet on the 26th.
- Keizer Community Library group will meet on September 2 at the Heritage Center.

Councilor Walsh reviewed in more detail items discussed at the Commissioners' breakfast including electric signage and the Chemawa interchange. Nate Brown added that discussion took place at the interchange work group meetings regarding a split interchange. Councilor Walsh then reported that:

- Marion County will participate in the 150th birthday party for Oregon by having a 150 mile run/relay of some sort with events in participating cities. He encouraged everyone to give some thought to the part Keizer will play.
- Mid Willamette River Connection group has concluded Phase 1 and received an award. Now it is time to figure out Phase 2; several partners have expressed an interest.

Councilor Smith

- Thanked Officer Goodman for escorting him on National Night Out
- Thanked Officers Richardson and Jefferson for allowing him to participate in the K-9 demonstration at the RIVERfair
- Reported that he had attended a League of Oregon Cities conference on an alternative revenue proposal for telecom franchise fees and provided supporting materials

- Reminded everyone of the upcoming Keizer Urban Renewal Board meeting

Councilor Moir thanked Captain Teague for escorting her on National Night Out; reported that RIVERfair was a huge success and The Making Keizer Better Foundation is looking forward to planning next year's event. She reminded everyone of upcoming Salem Wastewater Task Force and Transportation System Plan Update meetings.

Councilor McKane noted that Parks Board report was heard earlier and Traffic Safety Commission did not meet in August. He encourage citizens wishing to address traffic safety related issues to attend the Commission meetings.

Mayor Christopher thanked Sgt. Troncoso for escorting her on National Night Out and reported that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee would be meeting this week and would discuss the concerns regarding applicant appearance at the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

- New Business**
- Old Business**

Nate Brown reported that the fountain at River Road and Lockhaven came in under budget; positive feedback has been received; additional work remains on the electrical box.

Captain Kuhns commended Sgt. Inman on his work with National Night Out and thanked Councilors and volunteers. He thanked the Making Keizer Better Foundation for inviting the Police Department to the RIVERfair and reported on when Reserve Officer testing would take place.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reported that Planning Commission had voiced concern over the lack of public interest and testimony at Planning Commission Public Hearings and plans on making an outreach effort to get more public input at their hearings.

City Manager Chris Eppley gave an update on the progress of the Civic Center construction, noting that construction was on time and on budget, and volunteered to give small tours to those interested.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Christopher read a letter from Jack Lowery requesting that the City establish a littering ordinance. Shannon Johnson responded that there is a State statute on this so a municipal ordinance was probably not necessary. Captain Kuhns added that police can and do cite for this offense and gave an example of a recent offense.

AGENDA INPUT

September 2, 2008 (Tuesday)

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

September 8, 2008

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session

- Parks SDC Methodology

September 15, 2008

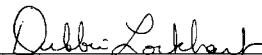
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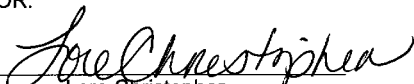
- Keizer Development Code Text Amendments for Electronic Message Signs Public Hearing (cont. from 8-4-08)

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

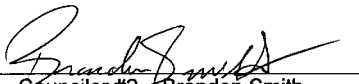

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

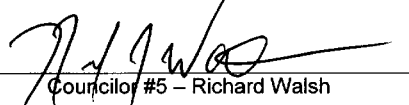

Lore Christopher

COUNCIL MEMBERS


Councilor #1 – David McKane


Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

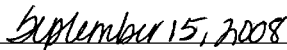

Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith


Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

Councilor #3 – Jacque Moir

Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:


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