MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Monday, August 4, 2008
Keizer City Hall
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher called the regular session to order at 7:02 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:	Staff:
Mayor Lore Christopher	Chris Eppley, City Manager
Richard Walsh, Council President	Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
	Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Jacque Moir, Councilor	Rob Kissler, Public Works Director
Brandon Smith, Councilor	Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Cathy Clark, Councilor	Marc Adams, Police Chief
David McKane, Councilor	Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:
James Taylor, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Don Beckman, Keizer, Director of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board, requested the extension of the association's boundaries to include the boundaries for Cummings Elementary School. He noted that the association hoped that by adding area, they would increase the participation of the membership and bring in new members who are not currently represented by a neighborhood association. In conclusion, Mr. Beckman, added that the WKNA Board of Directors had followed the proper protocol for changing their by-laws with a mailing to the members and a vote. Discussion took place regarding the boundary modification, notification, motivation, size, future modifications and launching a new neighborhood association. Councilors voiced concern regarding the desires of the residents who would be added to WKNA. They directed staff to work with West Keizer Neighborhood Association to inform residents that this change is being anticipated, draft the resolution and bring it back following notification. Council suggested that the notification be sent out in the water bills.

Lyndon Zaitz, Keizer, reported that Keizer RIVERfair would take place on Saturday, August 8 from 10 am to 6 pm and reviewed events that would take place during the day including live music, disc golf, tennis, Junior

Firefighters and a visit from Thomas Dove Keizur. He added that the event is sponsored by the Making Keizer Better Foundation and that the foundation is collecting money to fund playground equipment at Keizer Rapids Park and will eventually be giving scholarships to McNary students as well.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. All Stars Sports Grill Liquor License Application

City Manager Chris Eppley reported that an application was submitted for a Full On Premises Sales Liquor License for All Stars Sports Grill, Keizer, Oregon. A public hearing was scheduled, notice published, necessary notification given, one response was received and is included in the packet, a background check was done, and Keizer Planning Department finds the location of the establishment to be properly zoned and has no comment on the application. Staff recommends that following a public hearing Council approve the application.

Mayor Christopher opened the Public Hearing.

Rich Giddons, Salem, explained the location of the property and that there would be no live music on site - only lottery machines and pool tables. He commended the City and Richard Larson for the improvements made to the plaza and to River Road and added that the establishment was part of the Responsible Vendor Program.

Richard Larson, Portland, voiced support of this application noting that it was a small operation and would fit nicely into the Keizer Plaza.

Councilor Walsh moved to recommend approval of the application for a Full On-Premises liquor license for All Stars Sports Grill under the guidelines as established by ORS 471.178 and the Ordinances of the City of Keizer and to forward this recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for final approval. Councilor Moir seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

b. Keizer Development Code Text Amendments for Electronic Message Signs

This is a continuation of the Public Hearing held July 21, 2008.

Community Development Director, Nate Brown, directed attention to the additional testimony submitted and reviewed the three basic issues of safety, aesthetics and equity. He explained that Keizer had adopted a conservative approach to signage and with urban renewal assistance had been able to achieve compliance throughout the city. He reviewed different types of signs giving details on specifics of the displays and concluded that the most important part of the sign code is that it is equitable. He then fielded questions regarding various aspects of the current code, limitations on internally illuminated signs, regulations in other cities, City responsibility for equity, and spacing requirements.

Mayor Christopher then brought attention to an e-mail from the Keizer Chamber of Commerce requesting continuance of the hearing so that their Board could discuss the issue and possibly send out a survey to the business community for feedback within the next two or three weeks.

Mayor Christopher re-opened the Public Hearing regarding the sign code amendment.

Linda Nelson, Keizer, spoke in support of the sign code amendment referring to reports that indicate that signs that change are hazardous and that many reports saying otherwise are paid for by the billboard companies and are unsupported by scientific data. Ms. Nelson noted that many of these signs are brighter than the sun and use a lot of electricity. She encouraged the Council to be environmentally sound by limiting the frequency of change and concluded that safety, the environment and scenic beauty are of the utmost importance.

Jim Jacks, Keizer, referred to his August 4 email included in the packet and urged Council to consider what the city would look like 20 years in the future and to prohibit any future time/temperature or electronic signs. He concluded that his arguments are not so much for safety but for the aesthetics of the community.

Shelly King, Keizer, an employee of Willamette Valley Bank, urged that consideration be given to not only allowing electronic signage, but to allowing the message to change more frequently than once an hour. She noted that the bank was community oriented, like many Keizer businesses, and would continue to place community messages on their message sign in an effort to serve the community.

George Jennings, Attorney for Willamette Valley Bank, noted that the inference that the bank would discontinue public service announcements on their sign after a certain period was not typical of Keizer businesses. He noted that the signs are energy efficient using less electricity than some of the older signs on River Road and that the code requires the signs to be 75% smaller than a static sign. He responded to questions regarding brightness, time interval, regulation of content, and requiring a certain percentage of signage to be community based. He suggested that timing and content could be regulated and a clause included that would allow the City to alter terms in the future should it be determined that the signage had become a hazard.

With no further testimony Mayor Christopher continued the Public Hearing to September 15, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. RESOLUTION ~ Establishing the Thomas

City Manager Chris Eppley noted that the Urban Renewal Agency had approved a motion for the Mayor and Council to select a task force to choose an artist through the RFP process and to work with the artist to design and construct a statue of Thomas Dove Keizur at the Civic Center Plaza. It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution forming the task force and appoint to the task force: all members of Keizer Points of

Dove Keizur Memorial Statue Task Force

Interest Committee; Jerry McGee, citizen/historian; Mark Callier, business community respresentative; and Jacque Moir, City Councilor.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a Resolution establishing the Thomas Dove Keizur Memorial Statue Task Force. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

b. RESOLUTION ~ Establishing Keizer Periodic Review: "Visioning Task Force" and "Economic Opportunity Analysis Task Force"

Mayor Christopher explained that Pendleton has 42 members on their "Pendleton Progress Board" which is a combination of these two committees and it has proved to be very effective. She suggested that Keizer explore this option prior to/instead of developing these two committees, suggested possible committee members and added that the Chair of the Board, Art Hill, is the Economic Development Professor for Blue Mountain Community College and is willing to assist cities in setting this up.

Council agreed by consensus to move this item to the September 2 meeting to allow Mayor Christopher and Nate Brown to consider this option for Keizer.

c. ORDINANCE ~ Amending Rules of Procedure for Public Contracting

City Attorney Shannon Johnson explained that there had been a change in the model bidding rules and this ordinance would bring the City into conformance with the State statutes and model bidding rules. He recommended adoption.

Councilor Walsh moved to adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Amending Rules of Procedure for Public Contracting; Declaring an Emergency; (amending Ordinance No. 2005-519). Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RESOLUTION ~ Regarding Continuing Membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust for Purposes of Participating in the Retro Liability Program
B. Liquor License Application – Change of Ownership/Name (3393 River Road N)
C. Approval of July 7, 2008 Regular Session Minutes
D. Approval of July 14, 2008 Work Session Minutes

Councilors Clark and Moir pulled Item C.

Councilor Walsh moved to approve Items A, B and D 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: None (0)
ABSENT: Taylor (1)

Councilor Clark questioned various items in the Minutes but had no change. Councilor Moir made a correction to the Minutes.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer of the Quarter – Fourth Quarter 2007 – Mike and Jennifer Griffin

Items a-e taken out of order ~ Mike, Jennifer, Brianna and Samantha Griffin were brought forward and given the award in appreciation of their efforts in the Miracle of Christmas lighting display. Councilor Moir read the nomination letter which reviewed the Griffin family contribution of collection, weighing and sorting of food donations, recording of both food and monetary donations, candy cane distribution and keeping the warming fire going. She noted that 19,000 pounds of food was collected and $17,100.

b. Volunteer of the Quarter – First Quarter 2008 – Mike Dye

Mike Dye was given the award in appreciation of his tireless and energetic efforts in emergency management. Councilor Clark read the nomination letter which reviewed Mr. Dye's responsibilities as Emergency Operations Center Coordinator including promoting communications between Emergency Management groups throughout Marion County; set-up and organization of the EOC during a declared emergency; and managing 225 emergency volunteers and 30-40 Core volunteers in Keizer.

c. Volunteer of the Quarter – Second Quarter 2008 – Lea Jenny

Lea Jenny received this award for her inspirational devotion, diligence and hard work toward realizing her dream of bringing more books and library services to the City of Keizer. Councilor Walsh read one of the nomination letters adding that a letter was also submitted by Lyndon Zaitz who noted that "her undying passion for her community and especially the library issue has been inspirational." Mayor Christopher and Councilors Moir and Smith commended Ms. Jenny's dedication and voiced appreciation for her efforts.

d. Walery Plaza Presentation

Councilor Moir reviewed Mr. Walery's contribution of decorating River Road with Christmas lights over the years, noted that he had received the Chamber President's Award and that he greets everyone at the Christmas

Tree Lighting Ceremony. She concluded that in light of this contribution to the City, the City has officially named the corner of Cherry Avenue and River Road, "Walery Plaza". Mayor Christopher presented Mr. Walery with a plague and a "Mr. Christmas" hat. Mr. Walery thanked everyone and reviewed past Christmas lighting activities and the history of the tree.

e. Emergency Volunteers Assisting Keizer (EVAK) Report

Ray Hanson thanked Bob Emmerich, Jacque Moir and John Teague for their involvement in planning the Emergency Operations Center in the new building. He also thanked the Keizer Fire District for contributing the room for the temporary Emergency Operations Center during Civic Center construction and various other volunteers for their assistance over the past year. He then detailed upcoming scheduled meetings and exercises.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor McKane reported on the upcoming Parks Tour noting that the regular meeting of the Parks Board will focus primarily on Wallace House Park development. Park neighbors have all been invited to attend and provide input.

Councilor Moir reported that Planning Commission will meet August 13.

Councilor Smith reported that National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 5.

Mayor Christopher reported openings on the following committees: K23, Budget, Bikeways, KPIC, River Road Renaissance and the Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Councilor Walsh reported that Keizer Rapids Work Groups would meet on August 5; a Keizer Community Library Support Group has been formed; and a new bridge alternative has been formulated.

Councilor Clark reported that Mid-Willamette Advisory Commission on Transportation will be discussing the Transportation Enhancement Grants and the Federal Earmarks List. Chemawa Road widening and the Bike/Ped Crossing fall under these jurisdictions respectively.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business

Kevin Watson reported that the Statue Committee will decide on whom to interview at their next meeting.

b. Old Business

Rob Kissler reported that the bike path on the Salem Parkway had been repaired. This was a joint effort of the Bikeways Committee, Traffic Safety Committee and Public Works working with Don Jordan.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Christopher read

- A report from Art Burr regarding the Community Library. The report explained the development of a patron database which will be used to inform membership of the $5 per family annual donation policy being implemented and reported that an application had been made to a nationwide Friend of Library organization that will hopefully steer membership through the organizing process. Story time has been

moved from Wednesday afternoons to Saturday mornings. "I support a Keizer Library" buttons are for sale at the Library desk.

- An invitation from Jerry Walker for City Employee night on Tuesday, August 19.

AGENDA INPUT

August 11, 2008

5:45 p.m. City Council/Park Advisory Board Work Session

- 2008 Keizer Parks Tour

August 18, 2008

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- 2008 Delinquent Sewer Assessments
- 2008 Street Lighting District Assessments

September 2, 2008 (Tuesday)

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

Lore Christopher

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – David McKane

Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith

Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

Councilor #3 – Jacque Moir

~Absent~
Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

August 18, 2008