MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, July 6, 2009
Keizer City Hall Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:	**Staff:**
Lore Christopher, Mayor	Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Jim Taylor, Council President	Chris Eppley, City Manager
Richard Walsh, Councilor	Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
David McKane, Councilor	Rob Kissler, Public Works
Brandon Smith, Councilor	Nate Brown, Community Development
Cathy Clark, Councilor	Marc Adams, Chief of Police
Absent:	Tracy Davis, City Recorder
Mark Caillier, Councilor	

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lynn Toms, Keizer, introduced herself noting that she was slated to be the newest member of the Keizer Points of Interest Committee, pending Council approval.

Cari Bucholz, Keizer, Treasurer of Keizer Little League, submitted previously requested documentation relating to KYSA and informed Council of an upcoming meeting with Kevin Watson.

Ed Thompson, Keizer, Traffic Safety Commission, reviewed a sidewalk issue at O'Neil Road and the resultant motion of the Commission to ask Council to acquire the property so that a sidewalk could be built, or to close that section of the roadway to pedestrians and allow parking. Councilor McKane, Liaison to the Commission, provided additional details and clarification. Discussion took place at length regarding alternatives with Council ultimately directing staff to work on this issue and bring back a recommendation.

Vickie Hilgemann, Keizer, Parks Advisory Board, encouraged everyone to visit Wallace House Park to see the new play structure and provided updates of park projects. She noted that the Board is in the process of planning the Parks Tour of September 14, is working with Keizer Tennis Association regarding potential locations for tennis courts, and is planning to meet with the Fire Marshal regarding use of fireworks in parks. Several grant opportunities are also being explored. She concluded noting that the

Board voted to support four free concerts at the amphitheater but encouraged Mr. Holland to come to Council for funding.

Clint Holland, Keizer, provided clarification on the free concerts, noting that they would most likely be on Wednesday nights and reviewing potential groups. Lengthy discussion then took place regarding this proposal with Council supporting provision of the $1,000 and directing staff to figure out the mechanics of the proposal.

Mike Broberg, Keizer, representing KYSA, defended the organization based on what the KLL brought to the last meeting. He explained that KLL had been complaining about issues that they felt were safety hazards but that KYSA felt they were not. He denied the accusation that KYSA was not allowing KLL to help noting that KYSA had not received offers to help.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, explained that he would be doing a walk-through with KLL and will work with both groups after that. Councilor Smith voiced disappointment at the way this issue was playing out and urged both entities to participate in an end-of-season debriefing.

Mr. Broberg responded that it makes no sense to exclude KLL and that he felt there was no reason that both organizations could not use the park. Additional discussion then took place regarding irrigation of the fields and City funding that was allocated for irrigation. Following additional discussion Council agreed by consensus to support the installation of irrigation at Keizer Little League fields.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. RESOLUTION ~ Authorizing Charges for Keizer Police Time for Special Events

City Attorney Shannon Johnson explained that this Resolution was to clarify a past practice and authorize charging for police time. Police Chief Marc Adams fielded questions noting that this is not new, but that staff felt there should be a written policy in place. Following discussion, City Attorney Johnson added "on a contractual basis" at the end of line 14.

Mayor Christopher opened the Public Hearing. With no testimony, Mayor Christopher closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Charges for Police Time at Private Events as amended. Councilor McKane seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. RESOLUTION ~ Authorizing Exemption from Water Charges

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reminded Council that this issue had come up in the Budget process and the resolution is in response to that. Councilor Walsh noted that the Charter refers to restriction of revenue and because this issue is not dealing with money this action is not barred by the Charter.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Exemption from Water Charges for Certain Governmental Uses. Councilor McKane

for Certain Governmental Uses

seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

b. RESOLUTION ~ Adopting Policies for Neighborhood Association Funding

City Attorney Shannon Johnson explained that this matter had come up in the Budget process and was a request to allow expansion of the use of funding for neighborhood associations which is currently limited mainly to communication costs. He noted that the resolution delineates 90% of the funding for communication and 10% for recognition.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve a Resolution Adopting Policies for Neighborhood Association Funding. Councilor McKane seconded.

Councilor Walsh offered a friendly amendment to replace the sentence on lines 15 and 16 with the language suggested in the staff report. ("10% for other reasonable expenses of the neighborhood association.") Amendment was accepted by Taylor and McKane.

Motion failed as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh and McKane (3)
NAYS: Taylor, Smith and Clark (3)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Caillier (1)

c. RESOLUTION ~ Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan Coverage Agreement to Expand PERS Participation

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reviewed the history of this agenda item noting that this resolution would allow the employees not already enrolled the option to do so. Human Resources Director Machell DePina provided additional information and clarification.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan Coverage Agreement to Expand PERS Participation. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

d. RESOLUTION ~ Adopting Rates for the Civic Center Community Rooms

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, reviewed the history and the tier group rate fee schedule. Amber Kruse from Class Act fielded questions and provided additional information regarding comparisons, classification of events, facility size, recommended fee structure and rates, and being sensitive to private enterprise. Additional lengthy discussion took place regarding Keizer residents subsidizing the cost of events, the possibility of creating another tier in the fee schedule, scheduling, recognizing Keizer citizens by giving them a discounted rate or allowing free use, avoiding competition with Renaissance Inn, meeting areas, multiple events and naming of the rooms.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve a Resolution Adopting Use Rates for the Civic Center Community Rooms. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RESOLUTION – Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Laborers International Union of North America, Local 320
B. Approval of May 18, 2009 Regular Session Minutes
C. Approval of June 1, 2009 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Taylor moved for approval of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Smith seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PROCLAMATION Recognition of McNary High School 6A Baseball State Championship

Taken out of Order. Mayor Christopher explained that the McNary Celtics Baseball Team had won the State Championship for the third time. Council President Taylor commended the team for their determination. The team coach Craig Nicholas then thanked various participants including scorekeeper Chris Anagnos and batboy Alex Grice, and introduced coaches and others who had helped with the team. Mayor Christopher then read the Proclamation designating the month of July as McNary Celtics Month. Each member of the team then introduced themselves, stated the position they play, and shook hands with members of Council.

b. If I Were Mayor Contest Winner – Taylor Chappell

Taken out of Order. Mayor Christopher explained the contest, introduced Keizer resident Taylor Chappell whose poster would be forwarded to the League of Oregon Cities statewide competition, and presented Taylor with a $50 gift card.

c. Appointment to Keizer Points of Interest Committee

Mayor Christopher reported that there was a vacancy on the Keizer Points of Interest Committee. Notice of the vacancy was published and Lynn Tom was unanimously recommended to fill the vacancy by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Mayor Christopher moved that the City Council accept the recommendation of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to appoint Lynn Tom to position number 3 on the Keizer Points of Interest Committee. Councilor Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

Other Committee Reports

Councilor Clark reported on recent K-23 Advisory Committee and Salem-Keizer Area Transit System committees and the Sesquicentennial river float. She reviewed upcoming events including the Transit District Open House; Planning Commission, Keizer Community Library and the Transit Community Leaders Task Force.

Councilor McKane provided information regarding Public Works staff deliberations with 24J to develop a cooperative facility use agreement. He reported that he, Nate Brown and Craig Prins had attended the Salem-Keizer Regional Economic Opportunity Analysis Policy Advisory Committee to begin discussion about developing an Economic Opportunity Plan for the region and reviewed the goals that were agreed to noting that these are a starting point for moving forward. Community Development Director Nate Brown added that ECO NW is the consultant on this and that the goals were not intended to be conclusions but the beginning of a long process.

Councilor Taylor reminded Councilors of the upcoming Commissioners Breakfast. He reported on the dedication of the Hispanic church at 606 Dearborn and urged anyone interested to get involved with the church members in their efforts to attain citizenship. Councilor Taylor noted that the Volcanoes first pitch on July 4th was thrown by Dan Mullarkey and by the only living Congressional Medal of Honor winner in the state of Oregon, Robert Maxwell.

Councilor Walsh thanked various participants in the sesquicentennial event including the Mayor, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scout Troop 121 and Audrey Butler. He also noted that one of the first bi-centennials will be the Wallace House. Councilor Taylor noted that he would refer this to the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Councilor Smith reported on action taken at the recent Keizer Urban Renewal Board meeting regarding Town & Country Lanes improvements.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business or Old Business Issues

City Manager Chris Eppley reported that he and Kevin Watson would be at the Oregon City Managers Association Conference in Bend for the week and that the Civic Center parking lot would be paved the week of the 13th. He commended the City of Salem for their improvements at River Road Park.

Police Chief Marc Adams reminded everyone of National Night Out on August 4 and urged interested citizens to contact Laurie Phillips at the Keizer Police Department. He noted that additional information is on the website along with the Crime Prevention Newsletter.

Community Development Director Nate Brown reported that he would be meeting with Sonic people to discuss sidewalk issues.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reported that his offices were now in the City Hall building.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Watson, reported that the Disc Golf

should be installed in a couple of weeks when Terry Witham returns from vacation.

Machell DePina thanked Council, Department Heads and employees for their participation in the transfer to PERS and added that the City would have a booth at the Marion County Fair.

Mayor Christopher remarked that Trader Joe's is coming to Corvallis in early 2010 and she did not feel this would preclude the possibility of the Salem/Keizer area getting one.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None

AGENDA INPUT

July 13, 2009
5:45 p.m. – City Council Work Session
- KROC Center Tour

July 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Keizer Compass Visioning Presentation

August 3, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 10:06 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

~ Absent ~
Councilor #3 – Mark Caillier

Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

July 20, 2009