



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, June 1, 2009
Keizer City Hall Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm and thanked Northwest Natural Gas for supplying the food for the Civic Center Open House and Dennis Scott of Keizer Florist for supplying the flower arrangements. She noted that Keizer Florist would be opening a French bakery at the florist location as well. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:

Lore Christopher, Mayor
Jim Taylor, Council President
Richard Walsh, Councilor
David McKane, 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
Nate Brown, Community Development
Marc Adams, Chief of Police
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christopher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Eric Duran, Keizer, provided a recap of the park clean-up event, and expressed gratitude to Public Works staff or their assistance and for providing additional tools, and to the Parks Board and Keizer Parks Foundation for their support. He noted that 12 local merchants donated gifts which were raffled off to participants.

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, West Keizer Neighborhood Association President, thanked Council for revisiting the Transportation System Plan and removing the reference to Rivercrest Drive. She noted that this action showed Council's willingness to listen to the citizens of Keizer, added that the neighborhood association hoped to be included in any discussion regarding Rivercrest Drive and urged the inclusion of the Bikeways Committee in any future discussions as well. She concluded thanking Councilors McKane and Walsh for their part on this issue.

Vickie Hilgemann, Keizer, Keizer Parks Foundation President, introduced *Kim Stein of D & J Dog Grooming, Keizer*. Ms. Stein reported that she was making a donation of \$3400 to be used for a dog fountain at the Keizer Rapid Dog Park. She explained that D & J Dog Grooming was started by her parents in 1977 and that her mother had passed away a year ago and this was a good opportunity to donate in her memory.

Vickie Hilgemann, Keizer Parks Foundation President, reported that the Foundation had taken refreshments to the volunteers at the parks cleanup and that Willamette University had donated the coffee, tea and pastries. She added that 100 trees were planted at Claggett Creek and reviewed work done at Bair and Wallace Parks as well. Eric Duran interjected that local businesses who donated items were: Los Dos Hermanos, Coffee Paradigm, Town & Country Bowl, Advantage Precast, Keizer Nursery and SOLV.

Lowell Gunselmann, Keizer, commended Council for promoting volunteerism in the city and expressed pleasure at the progress of the landscaping at the new Civic Center.

Darrel Richardson, Keizer, expressed gratitude for Council foresight in building a great Civic Center and Keizer Rapids Park. Councilor Walsh commended Mr. Richardson for his tireless volunteer efforts.

Clint Holland, Keizer, reported that the amphitheater opening event did not have as many attendees as hoped, but nevertheless, the event went well. Mayor Christopher added that 300 people over the course of the event should be considered a good turnout and that everything went well and efforts exceeded expectations. Councilors Walsh, Taylor and Caillier echoed the Mayor's comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

A. ORDINANCE – Adopting the Updates to the Transportation System Plan and Keizer Development Code Text Amendments (Second Reading)

Community Development Director Nate Brown reminded Council that this issue was before Council for the second reading because it did not pass unanimously. He pointed out the changes that were incorporated regarding Rivercrest Drive.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt an Ordinance Adopting the City of Keizer Transportation System Plan (April, 2009); Amending Ordinance No. 87-077 (The Keizer Comprehensive Plan) and Ordinance No. 98-389 (The Keizer Development Code); Repealing Ordinance No. 2000-425 (Adopting the Keizer Transportation systems Plan) and Ordinance No. 2004-504 (Amending the Keizer Transportation Systems Plan). Councilor Clark seconded.

Councilor Walsh noted that he would be voting against the ordinance because the north/south corridor had not been included.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (6)

NAYS: Walsh (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

B. ORDINANCE – Providing for the Control and

Community Development Director Nate Brown explained that this was not part of the Development Code but staff took the liberty of bringing it to the Planning Commission who provided significant input including changing

Removal of Noxious Vegetation – Amendments to Noxious Vegetation Ordinance

the standard from the current 18" to 12" for height of noxious vegetation. The intent of the changes is to recoup the cost of the abatement and address the issue of repeat offenders and the problem of cane bushes with special consideration given to riparian and wetland areas.

Mr. Brown then provided clarification and fielded questions regarding specific weeds, buffers, parklands, fire and rodent hazards and the 20,000 square foot lot size exception.

Councilor Walsh moved to approve a Bill for an Ordinance Providing for the Control and Removal of Noxious Vegetation, Declaring an Emergency and Repealing Ordinance Number 00-417 Noxious Vegetation Ordinance as amended to include the 20,000 square foot requirement in Section 1, Subsection A. Councilor Taylor seconded.

Additional lengthy discussion took place regarding health hazards, cane berries, buffers, replacing the word "noxious" with "invasive" or using "noxious and/or invasive" and state statutory requirements.

Following this discussion City Attorney Shannon Johnson, reviewed amendments:

Section 1a, "as used in this ordinance 'noxious vegetation means:' then add a few lines there for a new subsection 1 (subsections 1, 2, 3 and 4 would now be subsections a, b, c, and d). New subsection 1 immediately prior to the line reading "weeds or grasses" would read as follows: "On any portion of lots or parcels less than 20,000 square feet in size or within 20 feet of any property line on lots or parcels over 20,000 square feet in size:" then the list of a, b, c, and d. This change would make it necessary to rewrite sections a, b, c and d to read as follows:

- a. Weeds or grasses more than 12" in height or poison oak or poison ivy.
- b. (formerly subsection 2) Cane berry bushes. For the purpose of this ordinance, cane berry means any plant that bears fruit from a vine that originates from the ground.
- c. Could be deleted because it is already described.

Subsection 4 would now be c and would read: "any invasive/noxious vegetation." This might not cover all concerns but would address at least some of the concerns.

At the very bottom of the page, Subsection 5 would now be Subsection 2 (A.2). The first page would consist entirely of section 1.A.1 and then sub-subsections a, b and c and then subsection 2 which is still under Section A so the underlined 5 would now become 2.

Councilor Walsh moved to make the changes that Shannon Johnson just stated. Councilor Smith seconded.

Mayor Christopher restated the motion: To approve a Bill for an Ordinance Providing for the Control and Removal of Noxious Vegetation, Declaring an Emergency and Repealing Ordinance Number 00-417

Noxious Vegetation Ordinance as amended with the changes and renumbering as stated by Shannon Johnson. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Agreement for Custodial Services

B. Approval of May 4, 2009 Regular Session Minutes

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

AYES: Christopher, Walsh, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

City Manager Chris Eppley explained that bringing janitorial services in-house was explored but it was determined that it would be less expensive to contract it out. The City is required by law to use a certified rehabilitation service if the service is contracted out so the current service will be continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Clark reviewed upcoming events: Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation meeting, McNary senior class graduation, City Fire luncheon and West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilor McKane announced upcoming Parks Board and Traffic Safety Commission meetings.

Councilor Caillier commended Claggett Creek Watershed Council for tree planting work at Claggett Creek Park and announced upcoming meetings for the Watershed Council and Planning Commission.

Councilor Taylor commended Bikeways Committee for their participation in the Public Works Open House and reminded Councilors of the upcoming Commissioner Breakfast and McNary Baseball semi-finals.

Councilor Walsh commended Boy Scout Troop 121 for their work at the amphitheater opening, noted that the Keizer locomotive is in place, reported on the Keizer Compass dot exercise and announced that the Economic Development Government Affairs May meeting was cancelled.

Chief Adams noted at May 19 was the 25th anniversary of the Keizer Police Department and this is being recognized with a 25th anniversary badge which will be worn for a year.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Business or Old Business Issues

Community Development Director Nate Brown reported that River Road Renaissance will be meeting to discuss placement of artwork on River Road and that he has met with the Transit District to discuss placement of

the transit center and reconfiguration of routes. He noted that with the reconfiguration of routes they are looking seriously at placement of the center in Keizer Station. They are making preparations for public input.

City Recorder Tracy Davis reported that there are openings in the Bikeways Committee, Planning Commission and Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Rob Kissler reported that the waterline project is nearing completion and permanent paving of paths at Keizer Rapids Park is underway.

Mayor Christopher referred to a letter from the Keizer Fire District regarding emergency vehicle access on Nightingale Court.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA INPUT

June 8, 2009

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session

- o Transit District Redesign Issue

June 15, 2009

6:30 p.m. – Urban Renewal Agency Meeting

- o Public Hearing and Adoption of 2009-2010 Urban Renewal Agency Budget
- o Keizer Urban Renewal Board Appointment

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

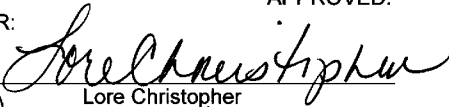
- o Public Hearing and Adoption of 2009-2010 City of Keizer Budget
- o 911 Agreement
- o Keizer Compass Visioning Presentation (moved to July)
- o Response to Marion County Population Projections

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Christopher adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

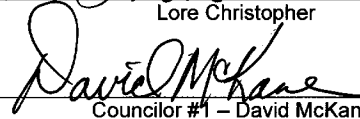
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MAYOR:


Lore Christopher

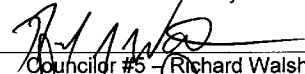

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

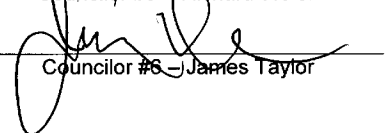

Councilor #1 – David McKane


Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith


Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh

Councilor #3 – Mark Caillier


Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved:

July 6, 2009