

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of May 12, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL:

The following city officials answered roll call: Councilor Nelson, Councilor Mersereau, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Sieckmann, Councilor Reisner, Councilor McMahon, and Mayor Jacobellis.

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator; Pete Boyce, City Administrator; Stan Monte, Fire Chief; Rhonda Bremmeyer, Senior Center Director; Interim Police Chief Jeff Jolley; Scott Tabor, Public Works Supervisor; and Shane Abma, City Attorney.

Mayor Jacobellis said that agenda item #11 will be moved ahead of item #10.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item #1 was removed from the agenda.

Councilor Sieckmann moved and Councilor Nelson seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Appointment to the Planning Commission:

City Administrator Boyce said we have one vacancy and two applicants: Daniel Millington and Linda Nease.

Assistant City Administrator Morishita poled the Council and Councilor Nelson – Millington, Councilor Mersereau – Nease, Councilor Johnson – Nease, Councilor Sieckmann – Millington, Councilor McMahon – Nease, Councilor Reisner – Nease, and Mayor Jacobellis – Nease. Linda Nease appointed with a 5-2 vote.

5. Rinearson Pond Project:

City Administrator Boyce explained that this project has been a long time in making. We are to the point now where we are looking at construction. John Runyon, consultant with Cascade Environmental Group, gave a brief history and an update on the project. There are various issues with the pond, including water quality and endangered species. They proposed the Rinearson Pond Project to the Portland Harbor Trustees. They were very enthusiastic because the project fits all of the criteria so the project has moved forward. They have done the feasibility studies and have developed a preliminary design for the site and all of the permits are ready. The construction would involve modifying the dam so it is much lower and putting in a stream channel that would go up to the dam; allowing fish to come in and out of the stream and pond area, severely reducing the pond area to provide habitat for fish and native turtles. Construction will occur either this summer or next summer. There is a post-construction monitoring period

that will last for ten years. They have already completed the pre-construction monitoring. After the post-construction monitoring period there will be a permanent steward. He said it has been a truly collaborative process. He explained the plan for dealing with some slightly contaminated sediments. Councilor Johnson asked if there were any other options. Mr. Runyon said the sediment could be hauled elsewhere, but it is expensive. Councilor Reisner said this issue should be discussed in the future. Mr. Runyon said they could look into some options and they will be going before the Planning Commission in the future. Councilor Sieckmann asked for clarification regarding placing plants to discourage human access. Mr. Runyon replied that the area is designed to be a fish and wildlife habitat. The plants are designed to discourage people from going off the path in order to maintain the habitat. There was a brief discussion regarding education, trails, etc.

6. Removed from agenda.

7. Grant Application Summary:

Tammy Stempel gave an update on four grants she and City staff have been working on.

- Transportation Growth Management grant through ODOT for the Transportation System Plan – approximately \$150,000 with a match of \$18,000 which can be in cash or in kind donation. Staff time and volunteer time would qualify for in kind donation. There is a high potential for receiving this grant since we don't have a TSP currently. She will be working with ODOT to complete the application.
- Transportation Growth Management grant through ODOT for the Portland Avenue Refinement Plan - \$175,000 with a match of \$21,000, which can be cash or in kind donation. This would cover the development of zoning regulations, design standards, and refine cross section plans.
- Oregon Transportation Growth Management Code Assistance Program through the State of Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for the Gladstone Code Audit and SMART Growth Assessment Recommendations – it's an open-ended amount as needed. This has been offered to us as a free service. It is an in-depth audit designed around what our visions for the community are.
- Community Planning and Development Planning – Gladstone Downtown Revitalization Plan through Metro - \$150,000 with a match of \$15,000, which can be cash or in kind donation. This is to help create a master plan and the implementation strategy to identify any challenges and opportunities that could help us. Councilor Reisner asked if this would include tourism – it possibly could. Mayor Jacobellis wanted to confirm that we are working with ODOT to make sure we are not cross purposing – Tammy Stempel assured him that is the case. She said this will definitely be a cohesive work effort with all the agencies involved. The amount will be increased to fund a full time staff position.

The Council approved proceeding forward with the grants.

8. Payment of Accreditation Renewal Fee to the Oregon Accreditation Association:

Interim Police Chief Jeff Jolley said we have invested a lot of time and effort into this process. He recommends deferring to the new Chief of Police as to what direction they want to proceed. They have identified some areas that need improvement. The importance of the project was not sufficiently conveyed to the troops. Councilor McMahon said that being an accredited agency may help when applying for grants. There was a discussion regarding costs and time involved.

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Sieckmann seconded a motion to approve the payment of the renewal fee to the Oregon Accreditation Association. Motion was passed by a majority vote – with a no vote from Councilor Reisner.

9. Code Enforcement Update:

Interim Police Chief Jeff Jolley said they are working on their approach to change from being just reactive and moving toward proactive. They will do their best to make sure that the livability and the standards of our community are high. He outlined some things that they are doing to improve that. The Council gave their full support.

11. Brown and Caldwell Agreement – Change Order #4 – Stormwater Permit:

City Administrator Boyce said there are some deadlines coming up. They are requesting City Council to authorize a change order to this contract in order to meet our permit requirements. A hydro modification assessment, a retrofit plan summary, and a public education effectiveness evaluation would be completed. The stormwater permit covers all of Clackamas County. He feels it is important to stay with Brown and Caldwell because they represent all the other jurisdictions. There are some cost savings due to using a team approach. The cost to the City would be \$28,000. We're changing the scope of work and adding to the amount.

Councilor McMahon moved and Councilor Nelson seconded a motion to execute change order #4 to the Stormwater Permit with Brown and Caldwell. Motion was passed by a majority vote – with a no vote from Councilor Reisner.

10. City Administrator Contract:

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Sieckmann seconded a motion that the City not renew the City Administrator's contract that ends on June 30th, 2015 and that we authorize the Mayor to send an official written notice.

City Attorney Shane Abma explained that a yes vote means that as of June 30th, 2015 Mr. Boyce would no longer be the City Administrator.

Assistant City Administrator Morishita poled the Council – Councilor Nelson – yes, Councilor Mersereau – yes, Councilor Johnson – yes, Councilor Sieckmann – yes, Councilor McMahon – yes, Councilor Reisner – yes, and Mayor Jacobellis – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Sieckmann: Coffee with a Councilor is still going on. The number of participants has slowed down a bit. He feels it's time to reevaluate and see if we'd like to continue. He feels we should and would like to discuss it in the future.

Councilor Nelson: The speed trailer is out now and they will be recording some speeds for the next few weeks so the Traffic Safety Commission can look at the results. It will be out for 2-3 days at a time, then needs to be recharged. He will provide the results to the rest of the Council.

Councilor Mersereau: Provided the rest of the Councilors with some reading material.

Councilor Johnson: He and City Administrator Boyce, Councilor Sieckmann and Councilor Mersereau met with some Oregon City folks last week to discuss some Tri City governance issues. They are looking at what a Charter for Tri City governance would look like if it were no longer with the County. He will provide a list of future meetings.

Councilor Reisner: He has been working with some citizens regarding tourism.

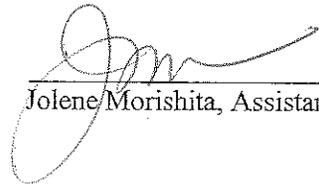
ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Approved by the Mayor this 9 day of June, 2015.

ATTEST:



Dominick Jacobellis, Mayor

Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator