

## GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of May 26, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

### ROLL CALL:

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

### ABSENT:

None

### STAFF:

Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator; Scott Tabor, Public Works Supervisor, and David Doughman, City Attorney.

### BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Tammy Stempel, Planning Commission – wanted to mention that they have a joint work session coming up on June 23<sup>rd</sup> between 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM prior to the regular Council meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the parameters of the codes and ordinance audit that we're asking the State to help us with. She will provide the points that the Planning Commission felt were important. She would like to hear any questions the Council might have prior to the meeting so that she can be prepared with answers. She will also provide information regarding Smart Growth.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

### REGULAR AGENDA:

#### 2. Request to Purchase 2 Solar-powered Driver Feedback Signs:

Councilor Reisner said that one of the concerns the Traffic Safety Committee has had for the last several years is speed. They currently have the speed trailer that is placed in various spots around town. It is a visual reminder of your speed, plus it records the data. They have studied the data when various neighborhoods have voiced complaints. Milwaukie and Oregon City are using portable flashing speed signs. Public Works Supervisor Scott Tabor said that the Traffic Safety Committee wants something transferable as opposed to speed bumps. They would like to start with six different poles throughout the City, and they can modify existing poles to accommodate the signs. Public Works will be instructed by the vendor as to how to set up the brackets, install the signs, programming, etc. Councilor Nelson said he is setting the trailer up for three days at a time, 24 hours/day and he will provide the data to the Council.

*Councilor Reisner made a motion to authorize the purchase of 2 Flashing Solar-powered Driver Feedback Signs. Councilor Sieckmann seconded.*

Discussion: Mayor Jacobellis said that currently the radar trailer is placed in various locations, then police follow up with enforcement efforts. If we have two signs he doesn't feel we have the staffing levels to do the follow up enforcement. His concern is that the speed signs will become ineffective eventually since there is no follow up enforcement. Councilor Nelson said that Interim Police Chief Jolley is doing the follow up enforcement after being provided the data from the radar trailer. The speed signs do not record data. Councilor Sieckmann feels that the signs are still a benefit to the community even without the follow up enforcement aspect. Councilor

Nelson feels it's a good thing to make people aware of the speed zones, especially drivers coming off the freeway and McLoughlin Blvd. Councilor Mersereau agreed that it's more of a reminder.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

3. Request to Purchase 2015 Ford F-550 Water Service Truck:

Public Works Supervisor Scott Tabor said this is to replace the existing truck, which is fifteen years old and has 115,000 miles on it. He would like to keep the old truck in reserve, to be used as needed for sewer repairs. No additional tools would need to be purchased. We save a lot of money by not going out for separate bids – we will be going through the State bid, so they have already done all the work. They want to auction off some of the vehicles that are not being used. The new truck will have a hydraulic crane, which is much safer and provides more flexibility and control.

*Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 Ford F-550 Water Service Truck. Councilor McMahon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

5. Appointment of Interim City Administrator:

At the May 12, 2015 Council meeting the Council voted not to renew the City Administrator's contract and let it expire on June 30, 2015. On July 1, 2015 the City will require an Interim City Administrator to conduct City business. The proposal is to appoint Assistant City Administrator Jolene Morishita to Interim City Administrator effective July 1, 2015 and to authorize an increase in pay to Ms. Morishita while serving as the Interim City Administrator. He went over the three options, financial impact, etc.

*Councilor Nelson made a motion to appoint Assistant City Administrator Jolene Morishita as Interim City Administrator effective July 1, 2015. Councilor Johnson seconded.*

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding salary. It was agreed that Mayor Jacobellis, Councilor Mersereau and Ms. Morishita will discuss this and have a decision made by the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

1. Authorization to Hire Additional Staffing to Assist in Transition to New City Administrator:

Mayor Jacobellis gave the history and background. On May 12, 2015 the Council voted not to renew the City Administrator's contract. This would authorize the City to hire an administrative assistant through a temporary contract agency to assume some of the workload of the Interim City Administrator. He went over the options, financial impact, etc. There was a brief discussion regarding costs, options, etc.

*Councilor Reisner made a motion to authorize the hiring of temporary staffing to assist in the transition to a new Interim City Administrator. Councilor Mersereau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**WORK SESSION:**

4. Development Agreement Request from H T Properties – Transue Property, 18121 Webster Road:

Hans Thygeson, H T Investment Properties, said the project will be of great benefit to the community. He tried to simply fulfill their request. He would like the City staff to work with them on considering a development agreement that they will present at a future Council meeting for adoption. He went over the issues/plans surrounding the water line and sanitary improvements. He presented a site map. There is no cost to the City at this point. Public Works

Supervisor Scott Tabor addressed the pipe coupling issues, options, easements, pipe sizes, etc. Mike Robinson also assured the Council that there would be no cost to the City. They would draft an agreement and forward it to City staff.

*Council agreed to allow the City Administrator to work with HT Properties on the Development Agreement Request.*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Councilor Nelson:

Thursday night Gladstone is hosting the Clackamas Cities Association dinner at the Senior Center.

Councilor Reisner:

He had a suggestion regarding the Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Project – that they inspect the property after the project is completed to assure that it is returned to its pristine condition.

Councilor Johnson:

The Regional Waste Water Advisory Committee meeting is at the County tomorrow night. He feels that it is a big deal and they are going to be asking for a lot of money – a minimum of \$41,000,000. He is concerned that it won't be as beneficial to the people in the Tri City Service District as it will be for those in the CCSD #1 District. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and your presence will be noted. He met with L.B. Day last week and asked if he could assist with the hiring of a new City Administrator. He agreed and will do it at no charge to the City. He would like to form a sub-committee of the Mayor and two Council members and meet with them in the near future. It was agreed that Councilors Johnson and Mersereau, along with Mayor Jacobellis will make up the sub-committee. The City Hall/Police Department committee has been meeting and working hard, asking questions, visiting other facilities, etc. They are nearing the point of presenting their report to Council. He suggested a round table type joint meeting with the Council on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council agreed. He noticed that all work appears to have stopped on Jensen Road, which is the walkway into Meldrum Bar Park. He would like to see that reopened. Public Works Supervisor Scott Tabor said that the work should be completed within the next two weeks.

Mayor Jacobellis: They were notified by Metro after the last meeting to proceed with the letter of interest for the grant. He asked the Council to authorize him to draft a letter of approval saying the grant application to Metro for the planning grant for the downtown revitalization plan is a good idea and we would like to proceed with it. Council agreed.

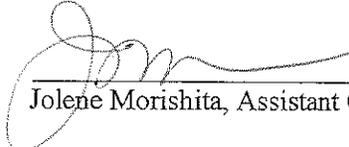
**ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned.

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

  
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Dominick Jacobellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator