

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of July 28, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Mersereau, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Sieckmann, Councilor McMahon, Councilor Reisner, and Mayor Jacobellis.

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Ross Schultz, Interim City Administrator; Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator; Scott Tabor, Public Works Supervisor.

Mayor Jacobellis explained a new idea on business from the audience. There were no agenda additions or corrections.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2015.
 - 1.1 Final approval of payment for the ADA ramp at Cross Park.
 - 1.2 Liquor license application from Duke's for the Festival.

Mayor Jacobellis asked to move item #1.1 to the regular agenda.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, not including item #1.1. Councilor Mersereau seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Resolution 1058 – Earth Crusaders.

City Administrator Schultz explained that the City had hoped to reach an agreement to extend the lease until October 14, 2015 with Earth Crusaders but that did not happen. The resolution has been changed to show their last day as August 31, 2015. There was no discussion.

Councilor Mersereau made a motion to approve Resolution 1058, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann.

Discussion – Councilor Sieckmann wanted to clarify the reason behind the change.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 1061 – Approval of Ballot title and caption authorizing the City to begin a project over \$1,000,000.

City Administrator Schultz explained that he is not asking for approval of the resolution at this time – he wants the Council to review it and get back to him with any questions. It will come back before the Council for approval on August 11, 2015. He explained that the numbers may change.

4. Resolution 1063 – Tri City Governance.

Councilor Johnson explained that the Regional Wastewater Advisory Committee to the Clackamas County Commissioners are going to meet in two days to consider merging two sewer districts; Gladstone's and CCSD. It is Councilor Johnson's opinion that Gladstone is better off staying within a sewer district that includes West Linn and Oregon City and not getting involved in another sewer district. Councilor Johnson feels this would give Gladstone more control over rates. He said the growth in the areas of Happy Valley, Damascus, etc. is putting stress on the sewage system. He feels Gladstone should tell the County that we want to govern ourselves, which also sends a strong message to the Regional Advisory Committee.

Audience Testimony:

Brian Johnson said that the County took over the dilapidated system that Gladstone and Oregon City had. He said Gladstone residents are not paying the CCSD1 rate – they are paying the Tri City rate.

Dan Holladay, Mayor of Oregon City, gave a brief history of the sewage system situation. He said the citizens of Gladstone, West Linn and Oregon City own the plant. He feels this is a good way for the three cities to gain more control of our sewer district so that we can make good decisions and negotiate in good faith with CCSD should we decide that a regional model is a better way to look at this.

Discussion:

Councilor Johnson explained the history behind the flow data/flow meter study and the issues in getting accurate information. He believes the right-of-way issues have been resolved. He went over previous ballot measures. Councilor Sieckmann had questions regarding the appeal. Mayor Jacobellis said that he is not comfortable with some of the verbiage in the resolution. He went over those items and there was a discussion regarding possible changes to the resolution.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to adopt Resolution 1063, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

1.1 Final approval of payment for the ADA ramp at Cross Park.

Mayor Jacobellis said he had concerns because the costs were higher than the bid and the timeliness of the project.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve final payment for the ADA ramp at Cross Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann. The motion passed.

(Councilors Sieckmann, McMahon, Johnson, and Mayor Jacobellis – yes. Councilors Mersereau and Reisner – no.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Line.

City Administrator Schultz said that Lake Oswego and Tigard have made a deal with the business owner to do work during the day so they do not need a variance and a public hearing won't be necessary. He asked that if any of the Councilors have issues they would like to be addressed Scott Tabor, Public Works Supervisor, is keeping a list and he will be providing monthly updates.

Water Systems and Storm Water Master Plans.

City Administrator Schultz said that both plans are complete. It takes approximately 45 days to be adopted.

Packets.

City Administrator Schultz suggested that each Councilor be supplied with a 3-ring binder to hold all the current packet information. Councilor Johnson suggested that emails be included.

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD – UPDATE:

- a. Flow Numbers for Sisul Engineering: Councilor Johnson said that the flow meter study was not possible, but they have provided us with some very valuable information and he feels they should be paid for their time.
- b. Update on Council Goals: City Administrator Schultz said he doesn't have an update. He has spoken to several Councilors regarding the idea of a Town Hall event in September. He has also discussed the idea of a retreat.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor McMahon:

He'll be in the parade and car show this weekend.

Councilor Reisner:

He said that parts of the charter need to be updated. There has been discussion regarding using the title "City Administrator" versus "City Manager". He suggested putting together a Charter Committee, which would consist of Councilors and citizens, to look at making changes/updates. He said Metro had a work session today regarding what happens to garbage after it gets to the transfer station. They will start making decisions this fall. He attended the Coffee with a Councilor last night and there were some great questions/discussions.

Councilor Johnson:

There is a Regional Waste Water meeting on Thursday and it would be great if Councilors could attend.

He asked if there is a plan to clear the site of the Earth Crusaders. City Administrator Schultz said there is no plan, but he has discussed this with the Fire Department. They don't have possession of the property yet.

He agrees with the idea of forming a Charter Committee.

He will also be at the Festival – in the booth in the park.

Councilor Mersereau:

He wanted to thank City Administrator Schultz again for the weekly updates.

Councilor Sieckmann:

He also wanted to thank City Administrator Schultz and staff for the weekly reports.

He wanted to remind everyone about the Festival this weekend – and the booth. There will be a dunk tank also.

Next Tuesday is National Night Out. There are several community events happening. He will advise of ways the Council might participate.

Mayor Jacobellis:

He will be in the dunk tank on Saturday.

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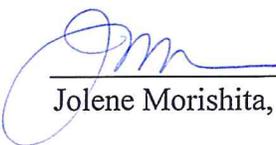
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Approved by the Mayor this 11 day of August, 2015.

ATTEST:



Dominick Jacobellis, Mayor



Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator