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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
May 23, 2016
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Tim McGlothlin, Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Dan Spatz

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Planning Director Richard Gassman, Finance Director Kate Mast, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lawrence invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Spatz to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger reported that the Housing and Building Needs Assessment Contract had been signed and work would start the first week of June.

Krueger said there had been a water main break by the Shilo. She said crews were working on it.

Krueger asked for the consensus of the Council to work with the Mayor to develop a Downtown Parking Needs Task Force. It was the consensus of the Council to do so.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported he was working on the ordinance to refer the 3% tax on marijuana sales to the voters. He said he was attending a League of Oregon Cities webinar on the subject.

He said he and the Planning Director were finalizing the Port Reimbursement District.

He said he was working on extending a lease with Meadow Outdoor for West Sixth Street Bridge. He said it had been a 5 year lease that they were planning to increase to a 10 year lease.

Parker said he had received a draft of the Northwest Natural Gas Franchise. He said he expected it to be complete by the October deadline.

He said he received an inquiry from Mobilitie, a California Company regarding a fiber transport network franchise agreement.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown reported attending a 75th Woody Guthrie event at the Discovery Center.

Councilor Spatz said he would be having further talks with Moto from Miyoshi City regarding an extended stay for students later this year. He said they would be discussing length of stay and how many students would be coming from Japan.

Councilor McGlothlin reported on attending a Port visitation and a public meeting with DEQ and Amerities.

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McGlothlin said he took a ride on the newly established Gorge Express from Gateway Transit Center to Multnomah Falls. He said the ride was \$5 and was a great adventure.

Councilor Miller reported volunteering at the Color the Gorge Race, attending the DEQ Amerities meeting, and the Town Hall held by Representative Greg Walden. She said he was asked about having a national cemetery in The Dalles.

She said she attended the IllumiDance concert. She said it was great.

Mayor Lawrence said that The Dalles wasn't far enough away from the Willamette Cemetery.

Mayor Lawrence reported on attending the Tourism Town Hall put on by Travel Oregon. He said they were addressing a global plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of May 9, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Proposed Uses of State Shared Revenues

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

Hearing no public comment Mayor Lawrence closed the hearing.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 16-017 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding the Proposed 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

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Hearing no public comment Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to approve the proposed changes to the budget approved by the Budget Committee and to adopt Resolution No. 16-018 Adopting the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of The Dalles, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes, and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to Carry Out the Adopted Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Property, Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewals for the City of The Dalles

Finance Director Mast introduced Oregon Trail Insurance representative Colleen Clark and Mike Luebke.

Luebke reported that the Workers Compensation rating had dropped significantly, from 1.69 to 1.47. He said one more year of decline would result in preferred premiums. He noted that the City had the best year since 1992.

He said that liability claims were about the same as last year.

In response to a question Clark said some of the claims continue from one fiscal year into another.

Mayor Lawrence asked why the excess liability coverage was recommended at the current level. Clark said she would look in to the specifics and provide that information to the City Manager.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the renewal of the City's Insurance Coverages for FY16/17 as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lawrence recessed into Executive Session in Accordance ORS 192.660(2)(d) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Carry on Labor Negotiations at 6:05p.m.

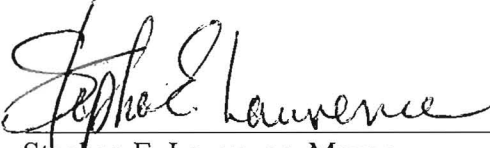
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Reconvened to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Izetta Grossman, City Clerk