



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Monday, January 4, 2016, 4:30 PM

City Municipal Center, 616 NE 4th Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Higgins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Hogan, Melissa Smith, Shannon Turk, Bonnie Carter, Greg Anderson, Tim Hazen and Don Chaney

Staff: Sam Adams, Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, Pete Capell, Sarah Fox, Cliff Free, Jennifer Gorsuch, Mitch Lackey, Leona Langlois, Randy Miller, Linda Swenton and Steve Wall; Alicia Pacheco and John Frias (interns)

Press: Heather Acheson, Camas-Washougal Post-Record; Adam Littman, The Columbian

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

IV. WORKSHOP TOPICS

A. Waste Connections Annual Report

Details: Waste Connections was to provide the City Council and the public with a summary of their Annual Report.

Presenter: Scott Campbell, Waste Connections, Inc.

 [Waste Connections Annual Report](#)

Mr. Campbell was unable to attend, so this will be placed on a future Workshop Agenda.

B. The Camas Public Library - Remain Independent or Annex into Fort Vancouver Regional Library

Details: David Zavortink, the former Library Director, retired last year after over twenty years of service. Camas is the only city in Clark County that is not part of Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL). With an upcoming change in leadership, staff believed it was appropriate to explore the City's options, including possibly annexing into FVRL. The presentation provided an overview of the administrative process, financial implications, advantages and disadvantages. Staff explored this at a cursory level with the intent that more detailed analysis would be performed if the Library Board of Trustees and City Council expressed interest in possible annexation.

Presenter: Pete Capell, City Administrator and Amelia Shelley, Executive Director, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

 [Camas Public Library - Independent or Annex Into FVRL](#)

Capell and Shelley briefly summarized the presentation and discussion ensued.

The following member of the public spoke:

Barb Baldus, 1206 NE Adams Street, Camas

This item will be placed on a future Workshop agenda for further discussion.

C. Public Works Miscellaneous and Updates

Details: This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.

Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall updated Council about the recent storm events and road impacts. Wall reported about the Water System Plan Update, the NW 6th Avenue and Norwood Street roundabout, and economic development in Camas.

D. Camas 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update

Details: The Camas 2035 project is an update to the City of Camas Comprehensive Plan, which must be completed by June 2016. Staff provided highlights of a few of the proposed goals and policies of the (1) transportation element, and (2) the facilities and services element of the comprehensive plan documents for discussion.

Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

 [Presentation notes for workshop](#)

Fox and Bourquin summarized the presentation and discussion ensued. Council directed staff to further refine the Comprehensive Plan's goals and policies. Fox announced there will be a Community Forum on January 14, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. This item will be placed on a future Workshop agenda for further discussion.

E. Community Development Miscellaneous and Updates

Details: This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.

Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

There were no miscellaneous items or updates.

F. Fire Impact Fee Resolution

Details: In 2002, City Council waived Fire Impact Fees for homes and duplexes constructed with fire sprinklers. The incentive was effective and Camas has one of the best percentages in the state of new homes with fire sprinklers. Today over 90% of the new homes are required to install fire sprinklers due to fire codes regarding road width, ingress, egress or fire hydrant proximity. The remaining 10% of these new homes would still have the incentive of waiving Fire Impact Fees, if they install a fire sprinkler system. Approximately 20% of the City's emergency call volume is related to fire, the rest are medical responses. The 90% homes that are required to install fire sprinklers will still have 20% of the fee waived in accordance to state statute. The impact fee is currently \$0.20 per square foot, so a house that is required to install fire sprinklers would pay \$0.16 per square feet. The City would have collected \$290,000 over the past three years if this had been in place. The new fees will go toward new or replacement apparatus or a new station in the future.

Presenter: Pete Capell, City Administrator and Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

 [Fire Impact Fee Resolution](#)

[Fire Impact Fee Resolution Letter of Support from Fire Chief](#)

This resolution will be placed on the January 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.

- G. Draft Railroad Crude Oil Tank Cars Letter to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
Details: Last year the City sent a letter to State and Federal elected officials expressing concerns about the railroad crude oil tank cars explosions and the risk to the City of Camas if there was a derailment within the City. This draft letter was in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal. The completion of the terminal would increase the volume of crude oil tank cars traveling through the City. Comments are due by January 22, 2016.
Presenter: Pete Capell, City Administrator

 [Tesoro Savage Vancouver Terminal DEIS Comment Letter](#)

After a brief discussion, Council directed staff to mail the letter with Council's recommended edits.

- H. Camas Sister Cities Organization Agreement
Details: Camas did not have an agreement with the Camas Sister Cities Organization in 2015, due to concerns about compliance with state statutes. After working with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC), staff revised the prior agreement to satisfy legal requirements.
Presenter: Pete Capell, City Administrator

 [Sister Cities Organization Agreement](#)

This item will be placed the January 19, 2016 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

- I. City Administrator Miscellaneous Updates and Scheduling
Details: This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or scheduling items.
Presenter: Pete Capell, City Administrator

Capell reported about access to City buildings and the City Council's January 29-30, 2016 Annual Planning Conference.

V. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Council comments were deferred to the Regular meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

NOTE: The City of Camas welcomes and encourages the participation of all of its citizens in the public meeting process. A special effort will be made to ensure that a person with special needs has the opportunity to participate. For more information, please call 360.834.6864.