

## November 4, 2013

The REGULAR Meeting of the Woodland City Council was held on the above date at the Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, Woodland WA. The Workshop Executive Session was called to order at 6:15 p.m. The Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Grover Laseke at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Marshall Allen  
Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Susan Humbryd  
Councilmember Marilee McCall  
Councilmember Scott Perry  
Councilmember Al Swindell

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
Police Chief Rob Stephenson  
Public Works Director Bart Stepp  
Community Development Planner Amanda Smeller  
CCFR Fire Chief Dennis Mason

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Laseke announced that the council would be in Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. with Jennifer Montgomery, Allied Employers (City Labor Attorney)

1. Labor Negotiations update-WPOA, Teamsters Clerical & Public Works
2. Personnel Matter

The council moved back into regular session at 6:53 p.m. and recessed until 7:01 p.m.

**Moment of Silence** for a Oregon City police officer who died this weekend from injuries sustained in the line of duty.

### CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS **NOT** ON THE AGENDA

**Katherine Johnson**, 110 Dehning Drive, Woodland-expressed her concern about the marijuana shop that is proposed to be opened in the city. She resides at a home on Lewis River Road. She is concerned about crime it will bring. She has medical conditions that would allow her to use medical marijuana, but chooses not to. She is against allowing it in the city.

**Dave Collins**, 2070 Statesman Drive, Woodland-he is raising his family here. He was born in Kennewick and they are struggling with this same issue. He said they are fighting to keep dispensaries out of their city. He agreed with the previous speaker. He is a nurse and a trauma manager for Peace Health and sees the affects of this drug. He is against it.

**Cathy Hunt**, 2056 Rhododendron Drive, Woodland-S he is aware of the problems that start with marijuana use. She has friends that use medical marijuana. She does not want to invite it in and is totally against it.

**Steven Tuttle**, 3030 Lewis River Rd, Woodland-lived here 30 years and prior to that lived in Nevada. He said Nevada has drugs, prostitution, etc. He came here because he didn't want that kind of environment. Woodland has decent people and it's not alright with them. The results of that are devastating to families. He is against it and a marijuana shop.

**Clayton Creek**, 1791 Clover Lane, Woodland-has lived in the area a number of years. He thanked the council for accepting his comments. He spoke on the moratorium and the proposal to establish a retail establishment in the area of Don's Donut. He encouraged the council to look forward to the issue. He spoke on visits that could be generated, transportation issues if sited there, and that it could generate transient patrons. Traffic, safety, tax structure and community assessments need to be more thorough. He is under a write-in campaign on the November 5<sup>th</sup> general election. Encouraged the council to do the best there is for the community.

**Bonnie Marshall**, 6539 Green Mountain Road, Woodland-spoke against marijuana retail establishments in Woodland and agreed with the previous comments. She and her husband are runners and they are concerned with the traffic impacts near Don's Donuts site.

**Eric Wilson**, 158 Erion Lane, Woodland-owns a business in Woodland. Need to look at money and what business brings to Woodland. He has children and wants them to have a safe environment. He previously lived in California where there were larger issues. He is concerned with traffic and impacts. He is against marijuana shops in Woodland.

**Jody Swift**, 1963 Meadowood Loop, Woodland-has lived in Woodland 9 years and has 2 children in Woodland. They came from Vancouver to Woodland because of the community. Her brother and sister are drug addicts. Her sister uses medical marijuana. So does her 23 year old nephew and she has seen the affects of what it does to families. She is the black sheep of her family. Woodland is safe and healthy. She said that there are drugs in Woodland Schools and running rampant and her daughter is now home-schooled because of drug problems at the schools. She gave examples of medical marijuana use in her neighborhood, because it's the law now. This is unacceptable to her. She is a disabled from an auto accident 3 years ago and chooses not to use medical marijuana.

**Paula Bosel**, PO Box 1267, Woodland-doesn't have children, but has lived here 40 years. There is already a problem. Having a medical marijuana store will be under the state rules. There are conflicting ideas here and the belief that people will converge to Woodland to buy it. She said that larger towns like Vancouver and Longview will have stores. Everyone is getting overly excited about the affects it will have in town. There are already drugs here and such. This is one way to have some control over it.

**Michelle Creek**, 1791 Clover Lane, Woodland- started the write-in campaign and spoke on the importance of the trust of the public. She stated that when they were door knocking, only 1 person knew about it. Making access easier would make it worse. They moved here because Woodland was a family friendly place. She gave examples of businesses that were in Woodland before and now. She said the taxes received should not be replaced by the character of the community. The best type of government is to seek to inform the community and take the time that is needed.

#### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

None

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Humbyrd moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **1. CDBG Projects for 2014**

The hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m.

No comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

##### **2. 2014 Property Tax Levy 101%**

The hearing was opened at 7:41 p.m.

No comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m. Discussion followed.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS (Limited)**

Mayor

- Police Chief background investigation on finalist and cost
- Police Department Final Assessment Report
- Mayor's update #2 on Prothman Report  
It was requested that the Prothman Report update and discussion be
- set the next workshop on 11/25
- Water/Sewer article from The Columbian
- WQCC After Hours on 11/14 at 5:00 p.m.  
Discussion ensued re: if the new building will be complete?
- The state will be accepting applications for marijuana retail establishments on 11/18

- Clerk-Treasurer - Upcoming meetings, hearings, etc.:  
 11/12/2013 Special meeting/2014 budget workshop 7:00 p.m.  
 11/14/2013 Chamber After Hours 5:00 p.m. host-WQCC at new Police Station  
 11/18/2013 Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. 2014 Final Budget & First Reading  
 11/25/2013 Workshop & 2014 budget workshop 7:00 p.m.
- 2013 Salary study has been completed for exempts by Department Heads & Mayor. Mayor will report on it at 11/25 Workshop

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Clerk-Treasurer - Approval of Claims Voucher Warrants number 45601 through 45665 for the month of October, 2013 in the amount of \$1,140,723.68 and Payroll Warrants numbered 29885 through 29900 for the month of October, 2013 in the amount of \$265,438.69 for a grand total of \$1,406,162.37.
- B. Clerk-Treasurer - Approval of minutes of October 16, 21, 28, 2013
- C. Clerk-Treasurer - Approval of voided warrants not reissued as of 9/30/2013
- D. Clerk-Treasurer - Resolution No. 640-AWC Benefit Trust Self-Insurance and Interlocal Agreement
- E. Mayor - Authorize Mayor to sign separation agreement relating to personnel matter
- F. Public Works - Authorize Mayor to sign EDA Amendment #3 for Guild Road Project

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None  
 Abstained: None; Absent: None  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- G. Public Works - Approval of 2014 CDBG Projects**

Mr. Stepp gave an overview of proposed projects re: sidewalks and ramps. Councilmember Swindell moved approval of 2014 CDBG Projects as presented. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None  
 Abstained: None; Absent: None  
 Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Clerk-Treasurer - Ordinance No. 1286 – 2014 Property Tax Levy 101% (FIRST READING) and Resolution No. 638 – 2014 property tax levy % increase**

Councilmember Humbyrd moved to approve Ordinance No. 1286 – 2014 Property Tax Levy 101% (FIRST READING) and Resolution No. 638 – 2014 property tax levy % increase. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None  
Abstained: None; Absent: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Mayor** - **Authorize Mayor to sign EMS District #2 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Ordinance No. 1288 (First Reading)**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize Mayor to sign EMS District #2 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Ordinance No. 1288 (First Reading). Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None  
Abstained: None; Absent: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

**J. Planning** - **Ordinance No. 1282-Approving the Woodland Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Perry moved to approve Ordinance No. 1282-Approving the Woodland Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: None  
Abstained: None; Absent: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

**K. Planning** - **Ordinance No. 1283-Approving the proposed Liberty Evans Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember McCall moved to approve Ordinance No. 1283-Approving the proposed Liberty Evans Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Mayor Laseke reported that a letter was received from Mr. Fleischauer and was read into the record. Discussion followed.

Vote: 6-1 Yes: Allen, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Perry, Swindell; No: Burke  
Abstained: None; Absent: None  
Motion Passed.

**L. Planning** - **Ordinance No. 1284-Approving the proposed Schurman Trial Run Trust Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1284-Approving the proposed Schurman Trial Run Trust Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Concurrent Rezone (FINAL READING). Councilmember Humbryd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: 6-0-1 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Swindell; No: None  
Abstained: Perry; Absent: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

**M. Planning** - **Ordinance No. 1285-Approving Comprehensive Plan Text change to allow Auto-oriented uses in the C-1 District (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1285-Approving Comprehensive Plan Text change to allow Auto-oriented uses in the C-1 District (FINAL READING). Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion to End Debate.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to end debate. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-2 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall; No: Perry, Swindell

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion Passed.

Main motion.

Vote: 3-4 Yes: Allen, Perry, Swindell; No: Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion Failed by a Majority.

**N. Council** - **Discussion regarding next steps for hiring a contractor to conduct an efficiency study of the Clerk-Treasurer's office**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to have staff prepare an RFP to conduct an efficiency study in the Clerk-Treasurer office, posted by Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, with a deadline of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and brought back for council consideration on December 2, 2013. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amendment

Councilmember Perry moved to amend to have a salary and benefits review with 3-4 cities similar to our size in SW Washington, as well as 3-4 industries with staff providing similar tasks and responsible for such as banks or credit unions. The Study should also include in the assessment whether a city administrator or related costs can be justified. And it should also provide a recommendation regarding the pro's and con's of the city getting a professional grant writer to be sure we avail ourselves the funds.

Point of Order by Councilmember Swindell that he is creating a whole new proposal, totally different then what the motion is.

Mayor Laseke ruled that there was not a nexus to the amended motion. It needs to be a separate motion. Discussion followed.

Motion to Table

Councilmember Perry moved to table until there is a written RFP and scope of work. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: 2-5 Yes: Perry, Swindell; No: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbyrd, McCall

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion Failed by a Majority.

Main motion.

Discussion ensued.

Point of Order by Councilmember Fredricks that the comments are not germane to the motion. Mayor Laseke found that the comments are germane.

Motion to appeal the decision of the Chair.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to appeal the decision of the chair. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-2 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall; No: Perry, Swindell

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion Passed.

Main Motion.

To have staff prepare an RFP to conduct an efficiency study in the Clerk-Treasurer office, posted by Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, with a deadline of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and brought back for council consideration on December 2, 2013.

Vote: 6-1 Yes: Allen, Burke, Fredricks, Humbryd, McCall, Perry; No: Swindell

Abstained: None; Absent: None

Motion Passed.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Smeller distributed the updated map for marijuana allowed and prohibited areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Burke moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Humbryd seconded the motion. All: Yes.

The meeting was adjourned 8:58 p.m.

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Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Minutes approved: November 18, 2013

Attest:

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Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

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