

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2005

City Clerk Claire Warner called the roll. The following were:

PRESENT: Mayor John G. Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Sandra Barnes and Councilmembers Reinhold, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters and Regan.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Eric Holmes, Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn, Community Development Director Brian Carrico, Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams, Finance Director David Reeves, Interim Chief of Police Larry Dickerson, Lieutenant Roy Butler, City Attorney Brian Wolfe, Customer Service Clerk Kasey Graham and City Clerk Claire Warner.

PRESS: Heidi Wallenborn, The Reflector

COUNCIL SENTIMENTS

Councilmember Walters recognized Interim Police Chief Larry Dickerson for his hard work during his tenure with the City.

Councilmember Reinhold announced that he attended AWC Regional Meeting and encouraged everyone to listen to Stan Finkelstein, who attended the meeting, if they ever have a chance, as he is very educated on issues. Mr. Reinhold said that the Food Bank Auction went well. He said that the first meeting of the Rose Float had been held and the committee is in the process of narrowing down themes for this year's float. He noted that the Rose Parade would be held in June. Mr. Reinhold said that he had an interview with Columbian reporter Thomas Riehl regarding the upcoming election and noted that he is now the temporary reporter for Battle Ground.

Councilmember Ganley stated that the C-TRAN vote is now complete, and he thanked all those who were involved with the measure. Mr. Ganley then displayed the voting precinct detail (attached). He added that a new connector route will be coming to Battle Ground.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Idsinga announced that the new auctioneer at the North County Community Food Bank did an excellent job. He said that the auction did not raise as much money as they would've liked, but believed that it could be due to all the money that is going to the hurricane relief efforts. He reminded everyone to not forget to give to his or her own community.

Mayor Idsinga thanked Interim Chief of Police Larry Dickerson for his service to the City.

Interim Chief of Police Dickerson thanked everyone and noted that it was an honor and privilege to work for the City.

Mayor Idsinga proclaimed October 9th – 15th, 2005 as National DECA week.

Mayor Idsinga recognized Bombe Gelato for their frozen treat donation during the July 2005 Meet and Greet event.

Finance Director David Reeves introduced Customer Service Clerk Kasey Graham to the Council.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Sandy Bishop, 21300 NE 197th Circle Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Ms. Bishop said that she is representing Highlands Little League. She said that Highlands Little League has been using the Battle Ground baseball fields for a number of years and they would like to continue to use them. She said that they are requesting a 1-year lease extension in order to do so. She added that, last year; they had over 300 children in their league, which ranged in age from 5 – 15 years of age. She said that they offer peewee, softball and a “challenger” special needs league. She said that she would like the City to consider, in recognition of the value that they give back to the City through the kids learning sportsmanship, reimbursing the cost of the lease of the fields. She thanked the Council.

Terri Tweedell, President of the Chamber of Commerce,
912 East Main Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Tweedell notified the Council that the Board of Directors has decided to donate the steam engine that is in Fairgrounds Park to the Brooklyn Yard in Portland. She said that they are currently in the contractual negotiations to have the engine removed and she expects that it will be moved within the next few months. She reminded Council that there are tickets available for the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Hilton. She said that Mayor Idsinga is the host of the event. Ms. Tweedell said that, starting this Thursday, the holiday raffle begins and 10% of proceeds will go to the holiday food basket, which Mayor Idsinga is the chairperson of.

With no further comment, Mayor Idsinga closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Payroll Vouchers 09/20/05 #24231 to #24242 for \$8,855.00 and DD \$36,745.00
- B.** Claim Vouchers #44857 and #44859 through #44917 in the amount of \$237,886.81
- C.** Claim Vouchers #44918 through #44996 in the amount of \$385,270.04
- D.** Minutes of the September 19, 2005 City Council Meeting
- E.** Final Plat Application for Fawn Meadows Subdivision SUB:02-97
- F.** Final Plat Application for Patel Short Plat SHP:03-02
- G.** Municipal Judge Confirmation

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Number 05-018, Establishing Clearing and Grading Regulations: Consideration

City Clerk Claire Warner read Ordinance Number 05-018 by title.

Community Development Director Brian Carrico stated that before Council tonight is a proposed ordinance for adoption of clearing and grading provisions to be added to the Battle Ground Municipal Code. He said that this has been brought forward to the City Council as a presentation in September. He said that, during this time, he went through the ordinance provisions and answered questions. He said that, on September 14th, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on adopting the proposed ordinance and they recommended unanimously to adopt it as drafted.

Mr. Carrico said that, through the adoption process, there have been relatively few comments. He said that one was from the building industry, which attended the last Council meeting and expressed their support of the ordinance. He said that they also received comments from the Office of Community Development and they incorporated changes reflecting their comments. He said that, finally, they received an email from James Kissee, from Moss and Associates, who expressed a desire to increase the threshold for grading requiring SEPA review from its current 100 cubic yards to 500 cubic yards. Mr. Carrico said that since this ordinance does not deal with SEPA, but it deals with grading, the threshold could not be adjusted, however it could be brought forth in a separate ordinance if the Council so desired. Mr. Carrico then summarized the ordinance.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to approve Ordinance #05 – 018. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Ciraulo, Ganley, Reinhold, Walters, Regan, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Number 05-019, Amending School Capital Facilities Plan: Consideration

City Clerk Claire Warner read Ordinance Number 05-019 by title.

Community Development Director Brian Carrico said that this ordinance has been brought before Council several times and the Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance as well. Mr. Carrico said that this ordinance would amend the City's Capital Facilities Plan by recognizing the updated school district's capital facilities plan. He said that it is necessary for Council to adopt this in support of the City's collection of the school impact fees for the district, as well as to reflect changing characteristics in the district, that are needed to support the City's land use plan.

Mr. Carrico said that the Planning Commission recommended approval of changing the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the revised Capital Facilities Plan. He noted that he received one question about the provision in the Capital Facilities Plan, on page 4, regarding the capacity of the high school. He said that the previous Capital Facilities Plan showed greater square

footage and greater capacity in the high school. He said that, in talking with Lynn Hicks of the school district, they do a survey of their school facilities on a regular basis and the survey identified some areas of the building that could not be used anymore, so it is not added to the figures.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barnes and seconded to approve Ordinance #05 – 018. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Ciraulo, Ganley, Reinhold, Walters, Regan, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration Reports

Community Development Director Brian Carrico passed out a map (attached) and explained that the map is a “first-cut” of the boundary presented by County staff for the Clark County Commissioners. He said that the County Commissioners have not adopted or endorsed the boundary, but he stated that the map depicts a good idea of where the County is heading in regards to Battle Ground’s urban growth boundary.

Mr. Carrico gave an overview of the map and the next steps in the process.

There was a brief discussion relating to the boundary presented.

Mr. Carrico noted that the City would be holding an Open House in order to keep citizens apprised of the City’s process relative to GMA and Clark County.

Finance Director David Reeves handed out the preliminary 2006 budget books. He said that he would be giving an introduction to the budget at the next meeting and noted that the first public hearing would be held on November 7, 2005.

City Manager Eric Holmes noted that there would be at least 5 more meetings before the Council considers adopting the budget, thus there is plenty of opportunity for comments and changes to the budget.

Mr. Holmes thanked Interim Chief of Police Dickerson for his service to the City. He said that an informal gathering would be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. to recognize his service to Battle Ground.

He said that, on Thursday, the Swearing -In Ceremony for Chief of Police James McDaniel would be held in Suite 148 at 10 a.m., and a public reception will be held on October 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Holmes announced that on October 12, 2005 at 9 a.m. there would be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new hotel and more information on this event would be forthcoming.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barnes and seconded to enter into Executive Session for approximately 10-minutes to discuss pending litigation with no action to follow. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a 5-minute break at 7:36 p.m.

Executive Session began at 7:41 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

There was discussion about the recent school board decision on Lloyd's Grill's liquor license and how it might relate to long range planning, zoning regulations and economic development.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire A. Warner,
City Clerk