

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2005

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

- PRESENT:** Mayor John G. Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Sandra Barnes and Councilmembers Reinhold, Ganley, Regan and Walters.
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Ciraulo.
- 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, Chief of Police James McDaniel, City Attorney Brian Wolfe, Parks Advisory Board Chair Tom Schultz and City Clerk Claire Warner.
- PRESS:** None.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barnes and seconded to excuse Councilmember Ciraulo as he is in Italy. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL SENTIMENTS

Councilmember Ganley gave updates on the following topics:

- Regional Transportation Council Meeting
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- C-TRAN Meeting
- Transportation Improvement Board Applications
- Clark County Railroad Meeting
- Skateboard Park

Councilmember Reinhold said that next Sunday, at 1 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce building, the Rose Float Committee would be selecting a theme for the 2006 Rose Float.

Deputy Mayor Barnes announced that she had \$5 Chamber of Commerce sponsored raffle tickets and explained that 10% of the earnings would go to the food basket project and the top prize is \$1,000.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Idsinga announced that, last Wednesday, the groundbreaking of new Best Western motel, located at 15th and 219th took place and there was a "good turnout". With respect to the project, Mayor Idsinga thanked Patel family for coming to town and commented that many compliments were given to the City staff who worked on the project.

Mayor Idsinga reported on the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency meeting he had attended on Wednesday.

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Mayor Idsinga explained that a “no” vote on Initiative 912 would support \$244 million in transportation projects and gave examples of the projects that would be completed.

City Manager Eric Holmes introduced the City’s new Chief of Police, James McDaniel.

The City Council welcomed Chief McDaniel to the City of Battle Ground.

Mr. Holmes added that a Public Welcome Reception would be held for Police Chief McDaniel on October 24, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Walters said that she had attended Chief of Police McDaniel’s Swearing – In Ceremony and stated that it was “impressive” to see the number of Portland staff members who were in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Idsinga opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to talk about any issue that is not on the agenda.

Karen Overton, 1218 S. Parkway Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Overton stated her concerns regarding dogs that are chained up by City residents for 24 hours a day. She said that legislation has been passed in 25 cities that prohibits the chaining of dogs to 8 – 10 hours a day. Ms. Overton said that she thought the chaining of dogs was not only dangerous, as the dogs can be strangled, but cruel. She said that she was not sure if there was anything that she could do about this, but she was hoping that the Council could create an ordinance that would prohibit this. Ms. Overton then explained that she had been doing research on this issue and gave examples of some of the information she had found (attached).

Mayor Idsinga stated that staff would look into this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Payroll Vouchers 10/05/05 #24245 to #24266 for \$46,498.78 and DD \$134,461.70
- B. Claim Vouchers #45001 and #45090 in the amount of \$562,828.64
- C. Minutes of the October 3, 2005 City Council Meeting
- D. EPA Agent Authorization for WRF Funding
- E. Professional Services Agreement with Wallis Engineering for Pump Station #1 Construction Services
- F. Comcast Transfer of Ownership to Comcast of Washington V, LLC
- G. IBM AS/400 Software Maintenance Contract
- H. Police Station Security System Contract

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2006 CDBG Project Identification: Presentation

Community Development Director Brian Carrico explained that the 2006 Community Development Block Grant process has begun and it is intended to benefit low and moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slums or blight or meet other urgent community development needs. He said that this year there is approximately \$1 million dollars available in funding. Mr. Carrico said that the funds are divided into three categories, which include:

- \$620,000 – Infrastructure Projects, which are the projects the City usually applies for.
- \$430,000 – Social Services
- \$17,000 – Planning Programs

Mr. Carrico explained that some of the eligible activities include:

- 1 – Acquiring real property for a purpose that fits into one of the three project categories.
- 2 – Reconstructing or rehabilitating housing and other property.
- 3 – Building public facilities and improvements.
- 4 – Assisting for-profit businesses for special economic development activities.
- 5 – Carrying out crime reduction initiatives.
- 6 – Assisting low-income homebuyers.
- 7 – Enforcing local building codes to reverse housing deterioration or other signs of blight.
- 8 - Paying for planning or administrative expenses.

He said that staff has identified the following potential projects:

- 1 – SW 4th Street Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements.
- 2 – Various neighborhood sidewalk improvements focused on the area south of Main Street (First Street, SW 10th Street west of Parkway, SW 4th Street W of Parkway).
- 3 – Sidewalks and storm water improvements in Battle Ground West.

Mr. Carrico briefly explained each project and noted that they are all eligible for funding. He said that the maximum award is \$300,000 and no minimum match is required by the County for the proposal, but due to the way the scoring is set up, the higher the City match is, the higher the score will be. Mr. Carrico added that the City has typically applied with a 50% match.

He said that, within the CDBG proposal, the first step is to identify some projects to do a pre-application on; he then explained the pre-application process. Mr. Carrico said there are matching funds for the SW 4th Street Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements project and the other projects do not have sources of matching funds. He said that tonight staff is seeking public testimony for project ideas and direction on which projects should be submitted for pre-application.

Mayor Idsinga opened the public hearing on 2006 CDBG Project Identification.

Mr. Carrico explained the deadlines for project submission.

With no public comment, Mayor Idsinga held open the 2006 CDBG Project Identification public hearing through the Study Session on the 24th of October.

There was discussion about potential projects and matching amounts for projects.

There was discussion about the sidewalks on Parkway and the use of prior public testimony to support submitted projects.

There was continued discussion about potential projects.

Mayor Idsinga reminded everyone that the public hearing would be continued.

DNR Trust Lands Transfer Request: Motion

Community Development Director Brian Carrico said that the City Manager discussed, during a past meeting, a community recreation vision in the context of Fairgrounds Park that would include properties that are currently owned by the Department of Natural Resources (as depicted in the Council packet). Mr. Carrico said that, as part of the state budget process the DNR reviews these lands and recommends certain lands be transferred to other categories of DNR land or to other public agencies. The state legislature then reviews and makes decisions on lands to be transferred during the legislative session. The trust is then reimbursed with funds appropriated by the legislature to fund schools or to buy other lands to be held in trust for income generation.

He explained that the next opportunity for this process is the 2007-09 biennium. Mr. Carrico said that to begin this process with DNR the City needs to formally identify and ask for consideration of the properties. He said that what staff is seeking is for the City Council to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources requesting that the subject lands be considered for transfer to the City of Battle Ground through the 2007-09 Trust Land Transfer Program.

There was discussion about the Tukes Mountain area.

There was discussion on maintenance and the types of use of the DNR land.

Moved by Councilmember Walters and seconded to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources requesting that the subject lands be considered for transfer to the City of Battle Ground through the 2007-09 Trust Land Transfer Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Transportation Capital Facility Master Plan and Impact Fee: Presentation

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams handed out changes to section 4 and 9 in the Transportation Capital Facility Master Plan (attached). He said that the changes to Chapter 4 were some classifications that would meet federal standards for road classification so that later on the City could apply for STP grants and other federal programs. Mr. Adams said that Chapter 9 changes were due to additive errors in the projects.

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Mr. Adams said that this would be the first of many meetings on the Transportation System Plan. He said an Open House would be held on October 26 at 5 p.m. and then it will be presented to the Planning Commission on the same day. On November 9, there will be a public hearing during the Planning Commission and then it will be brought before Council for a Public Hearing in November for adoption.

Mr. Adams gave the attached presentation entitled, "Transportation System Plan (TSP) 2005" (attached).

There was discussion about:

- What the gas tax covers with relation to the maintenance of streets.
- What maintenance occurs now on the roads and what maintenance would or would not be occurring in the future.

Mr. Adams reminded Council that this item would be returning to Council.

City Manager Eric Holmes added that staff is hoping that the traffic impact fee adjustment will be ready for the Council to consider before the end of the year. He said that Mr. Adams had said that a worse case scenario would be the fee doubling, and this would equate to approximately \$3,800 for a single-family house.

2006 Preliminary Budget Overview

City Manager Eric Holmes said that, last Monday, the preliminary budget was delivered to the Council and tonight's presentation would serve as an initial overview of the preliminary budget and will include a review of last year's activities as well. Mr. Holmes distributed a handout that referenced corresponding pages of the budget for Council's convenience (attached). Mr. Holmes and Finance Director David Reeves gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Preliminary Budget 2006 Overview" (attached).

Mr. Reeves stated that at the next meeting the individual departments would be giving detailed presentations on their portions of the budget.

Mr. Holmes reminded Council that they could contact staff at anytime to discuss the budget as well.

Administrative Reports

Public Works

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams announced that the City's Public Works Trust Fund Loan, in the amount of \$1 million dollars, is on the Public Works Trust Fund Board's consent agenda on October 24, 2005. He said he hoped this would result in good news and that the funding would be used towards the Salmon Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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Mr. Adams said that the City is still working with Safeway regarding vegetation.

Councilmember Walters said that on Onsdorff, by the church, part of fence has come down due to a tree.

Mr. Adams said that he would look into this matter.

Mr. Adams announced that there would be an Open House regarding the Skate Park on November 10th.

Mr. Holmes said that at the next meeting the Skate Park master concept plans would be reviewed.

Executive

Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn informed the Council that Judge Grant Gehrman has opted to leave the position of judge for the City and the City is now interviewing for the position.

City Manager Eric Holmes gave updates on the following meetings:

- Columbia River Crossing Task Force.
- Louise Bray (Executive Policy Advisor to the Governor) Transportation Meeting. Mr. Holmes distributed the Community Profile, which was presented during the meeting (attached).
- House Finance Committee Finance Hearing (material presented at House Finance Committee Finance Hearing attached).

Mr. Holmes stated that since the Tukes Mountain annexation had been brought up during this evening's meeting, he would like to know if Council would like staff to take action on this annexation.

There was discussion about the potential of annexing the Tukes Mountain area.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to gather more information on the potential of annexing the Tukes Mountain area, including contacting the Tukes Mountain Homeowners Association to find out if the annexation would be of any interest to the homeowners.

INFORMATION

Public Works monthly report

Information only.

Public Works Operations monthly report

Information only.

Finance Department monthly report

Information only.

Engineering Department monthly report

Information only.

Police Department monthly report

Information only.

Fire Department monthly report

Information only.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire A. Warner
City Clerk

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