

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2006

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

- PRESENT:** Mayor John G. Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Sandra Barnes and Councilmembers Reinhold, Ganley, and Ciraulo.
- ABSENT:** Councilmembers Regan and Walters.
- ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Eric Holmes, Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn, Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams, City Attorney Brian Wolfe, Chief of Police James McDaniel, Finance and Information Services Director David Reeves, Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona and City Clerk Claire Warner.
- PRESS:** None.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to excuse Councilmember Walters from this evening's meeting for personal reasons. Motion carried with Councilmember Reinhold and Deputy Mayor Barnes opposing.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to excuse Councilmember Regan from this evening's meeting as he is on vacation. Motion carried.

COUNCIL SENTIMENTS

Councilmember Reinhold said that he attended Harvest Days and judged the talent show and drove the Rose Float. He added that he was on the Food Bank team for the Fire Games and they finished 4th out of 6 teams. He noted that he saw many Rockford Home signs staked throughout the area and thought that they were excessive.

Deputy Mayor Barnes stated that she thought Harvest Days went well, and thanked the volunteers.

Councilmember Ganley gave an update on the C-TRAN meeting he attended last week.

City Manager Eric Holmes noted that the high capacity transit issue would be coming before the Council on August 21st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Idsinga said that he had a good time at the Meet and Greet and thanked City staff. He said that there would be an open house for the Sports Complex on July 20th. He reminded everyone that, on August 1st, the City would be hosting National Night Out at 5:30 p.m. He informed everyone that the North County Community Food Bank garage sale would be August 3 – 5, 2006.

Councilmember Reinhold added that Goodwill has set up a trailer to receive items for the garage sale.

Mayor Idsinga thanked everyone who volunteered during Harvest Days.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Judy Zeiter, 25804 NE 220th Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Zeiter stated that she is here to talk about 4-H and the 4-H building. She distributed a handout (attached). She discussed 4-H's involvement in Harvest Days. She expressed her concerns about the need for power at the 4-H building. She said that she hoped that the Council would consider helping the 4-H with the need for power at the building and offered to answer any questions that the Council may have.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests specific items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion prior to the time council votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

#1.

- A.** Payroll Vouchers 07/05/06 #24558 to #24580 for \$48,323.66 and DD \$154,046.43
- B.** Minutes of the June 5, 2006 City Council Meeting
- C.** Minutes of the June 19, 2006 City Council Meeting
- D.** West 3rd Avenue Crosswalk Improvements Project Prospectus & State Funding Agreement
- E.** 2006 Slurry Seal Contract Approval
- F.** 2006 Overlay Contract Amount Authorization

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

Ordinance No. 06 – 10, Issuing Bonds for Parks Construction: Consideration

City Clerk Claire Warner read Ordinance No. 06 – 10 by title.

Finance and Information Services Director David Reeves said that the City Council has been working on this project for a long time. He explained that bond counsel has prepared the ordinance before the Council tonight. He reviewed the ordinance and noted that the interest is 4.4% and the debt service schedule is included. He reviewed payment of debt as presented in the Council packet.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to approve Ordinance #06 - 10 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Ciraulo, Ganley, Reinhold, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ganley noted that he would like to note in the budget that this bond is paid for by REET.

Construction Contract Award for Fairgrounds Park Phase I: Motion

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams said that, on July 6, 2006, the City had a bid opening for the Fairgrounds Park Phase I Project. The two bidders were Conway Construction and Andersen Pacific Contractors, Inc. The low bidder was Conway Construction with a bid amount of \$2,117,577.49. He noted that the engineer's estimate was \$1.9 million dollars and said that the differential was most likely due to the fact that steel and copper have driven prices up substantially.

Mr. Adams said that staff recommends awarding the contract to Conway Construction.

There was discussion regarding improvements in Fairgrounds Park.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to award the construction contract to Conway Construction Company in the amount of \$2,117,577.49 and authorize the city manager to execute said construction contract for the Fairgrounds Phase I Project. Motion carried.

Professional Services Contract for Pre-Design Services for Fairgrounds Phase II: Motion

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams explained that Walker – Macy has put together a team of architects and engineers to conduct pre-design and plan for Fairgrounds Phase II. He said that the scope of services presented would be for all necessary pre-design work. He stated that the pre-design work is needed to understand the needs and vision of Fairgrounds Phase II from the community and Council prospectus. The pre-design work will drive the ultimate design phase since it will establish the size, type and location of all the components in the final phase of the park.

Mr. Adams said that staff's recommendation is to approve the scope of services agreement. He added that staff from Walker – Macy is in attendance to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Councilmember Reinhold noted that if there were to be an advisory committee regarding this project, he would like to serve on the committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barnes and seconded to sign the Scope of Services Agreement with Walker Macy in the amount of \$120,289.00 and authorize the city manager to execute said contract. Motion carried.

Battle Ground Sports Complex Design Schematic: Presentation

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams explained that tonight's presentation is to present the draft of the Battle Ground Sports Complex layout. He explained that Walker – Macy has been working on design schematics for the Battle Ground Sports Complex. Mr. Adams reviewed the process that Walker – Macy went through in order to determine a preferred alternative. He added that Walker – Macy has consulted with the Battle Ground Little League to make sure their needs are met as best as possible. He added that the wetlands in the area posed challenges during the development of alternatives.

Mr. Adams explained that the preferred alternative that will be presented tonight meets the minimum requirements for the complex and has the least impact on wetlands.

Mr. Adams turned the meeting over to Mike Zylus, from Walker – Macy, who reviewed the preferred alternative discussion topics:

- Impacts of Wetlands.
- Baseball Field Location and Size.
- 260 Parking Spaces.
- Location of Buildings in the Preferred Plan.

Mr. Adams noted that the grading of the land is an important consideration when planning for the complex. Mr. Adams discussed the following topics:

- Parking Lot.
- Cost of Impacting Wetlands.

Mr. Tim Richard, an architect with the project, discussed the following topics:

- The residential building currently located on the property.
- The pole building currently located on the property.
- Issues with using the current buildings for commercial purposes.

There was discussion on the size and cost of the buildings proposed.

Councilmember Ganley showed his idea for a stadium which would be similar to the City of Renton's (attached). He discussed the possibility of seeking a donor to help fund the project.

There was discussion about:

- How many wetland areas would be impacted.
- Other uses of the field.
- Partnerships.
 - School District.
- Sprinkler system.

City Manager Eric Holmes asked the City Council if they would like to see more information and costs regarding the *Field of Dreams*.

Councilmember Ciraulo suggested that the open house is coming up and he would like to hear citizen input.

Mr. Adams said that the open house would be this Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He said that the feedback would be brought back to the Council.

There was continued discussion on wetland areas.

Speed Studies: Presentation

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams said that staff has reviewed the speeds on Onsdorff between Parkway and SR503, Onsdorff between SR503 and NW 20th, and speeds on NW 20th Avenue. Staff installed counters and recorded speeds in the areas and calculated the 85th percentile of the speed the public was traveling at. He explained that the 85th percentile is a common standard that engineers use to determine what should be the posted speed limit.

Mr. Adams added that many factors are taken into account in determining the posted speeds. He said that the other factors include accident counts, the type of roadway, sight distance of the travel lane, pedestrian volumes, etc. He explained the results of the study as presented in the Council packet:

- Onsdorff Boulevard between North Parkway and SR503 – 33.97 mph
- Onsdorff Boulevard between SR503 and NW 20th Avenue – 35.55 mph
- NW 20th in the 1300 block (south of Onsdorff) – 38.33 mph
- NW 20th in the 1600 block (north of Onsdorff) – 46.19 mph

He then reviewed the staff recommendations as presented in the Council packet:

1 – Onsdorff Boulevard is wide and straight between N. Parkway and SR 503 and the 85th percentile shows the public is currently traveling near 35 mph. There are very low accident counts on this section between vehicles and no recorded pedestrian to vehicle accidents. The roadway has a school crossing which is regulated during school hours by School Zone signs and school guards. Staff would recommend changing the speed limit to 35 mph.

2 – Onsdorff between SR 503 and NW 20th is relatively straight with three intersecting streets on the south side and none on the north. There are no recorded pedestrian or vehicle accidents. The public is currently traveling at approximately 35 mph, and staff would recommend changing the speed limit to 35 mph.

3 – Staff would recommend changing the speed limit on NW 20th Avenue from 40 mph to 35 mph in the existing 40 mph corridor, and 35 mph from Onsdorff north to the City limits, which is currently 50 mph. This recommendation is based on higher traffic volumes on this roadway, the location of housing fronting the roadway, most people are not traveling 40 mph per the City's speed study, and 35 mph is the speed limit for SW 20th.

There was discussion about Onsdorff Boulevard.

There was discussion on speed limits and crosswalks.

Barabara Ferguson, 1218 NW 20th Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Ferguson stated that she thought that 35 mph is still too fast, especially with the new school going in. She said that a lower speed limit would help to get people used to the school zone speed. She talked about the children in the area of the speed study and stated how unsafe it was for them to be in the front yard. She discussed the need for more crosswalks. She asked the Council to consider lowering the speed limit to 25 mph.

There was a discussion on the effects of increasing speed limits.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to authorize City staff to change existing speed limits as outlined in the proposal.

There was discussion regarding crosswalks.

Councilmember Ciraulo retracted his motion.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to authorize City staff to change existing speed limits as outlined in the proposal and add crosswalks at intersections on the south side of SR 503 and 20th at staff's direction. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams discussed providing temporary power at the 4-H building.

There was discussion about the cost and location of the power.

It was the consensus of the Council to explore options to provide power to the 4 – H building.

Mr. Adams encouraged the City Council to view the progress at the Kiwanis Building.

He then gave an update on the slurry sealing project in the City.

There was discussion on providing signage during the sealing.

Mr. Admas gave an update on the moving of the train at Fairgrounds Park.

Fire Chief Dennis Mason said the part-time worker at the Fire District performed maintenance on 530 hydrants. He then gave an update on the July 9th emergency call at Andersen Dairy. He thanked Police Lieutenant Roy Butler and Sergeant Jason Arrowsmith for their help during the call.

INFORMATION

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.

Community Development Department monthly report

Information only.

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel labor relations for approximately one hour, with no action to follow. Motion carried.

There was a 5-minute break at 8:23 p.m.

Executive Session began at 8:28 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the canceling of a Council Liaison to the Chamber Board.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct a letter to the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce to notify them that the Council Liaison to the Chamber Board would be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire A. Warner,
City Clerk

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