

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

**AGENDA ITEM 1**      **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**CONVENED:**

Mayor Young called the regular meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Cheryl A. Young  
Councilor Sally Ann Marson  
Councilor Bob Schmor

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilor Josh Fromm  
Councilor Gary Hudson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michael McGlothlin, Chief of Police  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder  
Lisa Smith, City Planner (arrived 7:18 p.m.)

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Harold Olsen, City Attorney

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**AGENDA ITEM 3**      **CITIZEN INPUT:**

Fred Bernet of Scappoose said he graduated from Scappoose High School in 1941. He said at the time, people residing in Portland generally thought Scappoose was a very small town located way out in the country, and certainly it was no place one would want to live while working in Portland. He said most people in Portland didn't even know where it was. He said Scappoose has had an incredible amount of growth since that time, and in current times it no longer seems like too far a commute to and from Portland. He said similarly, he believes right now the development of the Bitte property to the west of Columbia City, as well as the development of his property to the west of the Reichold site, may seem hard to imagine, but in years to come he thinks this will change.

Mayor Young talked briefly with Fred about the City's past, and possible continued, interest in a portion of his property for water improvement purposes.

**AGENDA ITEM 4**      **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1      **Parks Committee:** No report.

4.2      **Water Source and Development Committee:** No report.

**4.3 Street Committee:** Leahnette said she had planned to talk with the Council about Spinnaker Way, but she suggested this matter be postponed until the next meeting when Chair Hudson is present, as well as the Spinnaker Way representatives, who are no longer present due to the delay in getting a quorum together for tonight's meeting.

**4.4 Sewer Committee:** Leahnette said Public Works staff is currently responding to a sewer main break at Spinnaker Way.

**4.5 Audit Committee:** Councilor Marson said the Audit Committee report of the April 24, 2010 meeting is included in the meeting packets.

**4.6 Library Report:** None.

**4.7 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** None.

**4.8 Other Reports:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 15 2010.**

**5.2 Bills paid with check numbers 14939 through 14993 during the month of April 2010.**

~~5.3 Written report from the Public Works Superintendent.~~

~~5.4 Written report from the City Administrator/Recorder.~~

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (SCHMOR) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1 First reading of Council Bill No. 10-557: An Ordinance declaring the City's election to receive State Revenues.**

The Council completed the first reading of Council Bill No. 10-557.

**7.2 First reading of Council Bill No. 10-558: An Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Columbia City, Oregon, as adopted by Ordinance No. 03-585-O, expanding the Urban Growth Boundary and amending the Columbia City Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map.**

This item was postponed until the next Regular City Council meeting.

**7.3 First reading of Council Bill No. 10-559: An Ordinance annexing property to the City of Columbia City and re-zoning annexed property.**

This item was postponed until the next Regular City Council meeting.

**7.4 Amendment to Cooperative Assistance Agreement: Amendment 1 to Public Works Cooperative Assistance Agreement.**

Harold said some of the statute's cited in the original agreement have been replaced and have new statute numbers.

Leahnette said this agreement extends the term of the original agreement, which expired in January 2010.

MOVED (SCHMOR), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.

Leahnette will forward Harold's comments about some of the items contained in the original agreement to the County for their review and consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Engineering proposals:** Councilor Schmor suggested that all members of the Council participate in reviewing the proposals received for engineering services. It was the consensus of the Council that the review committee be composed of Council Members (with the exception of Councilor Fromm, who's declared a conflict of interest), Micah and Leahnette.

**Emergency exercise:** Leahnette said the City staff recently participated in an emergency exercise, along with Councilor Hudson, Councilor Fromm and other emergency operations center volunteers, and it was a very valuable learning experience.

**Police update:** Chief McGlothlin said he will miss the next Council Meeting because he will be on vacation preparing for his upcoming wedding.

Chief McGlothlin reported that NW Natural is donating three Panasonic Toughbooks and docking stations to the Police Department. He said they were originally designed for the military, and he's very familiar with them. He said the mobile data terminals (MDTs) that are currently in the patrol cars are starting to need some repair work. He said the Toughbooks are capable of doing what the MDTs do, and they are also laptop computers that the officers can use. He said they will replace the MDTs that are in the cars now. He said the donated equipment is worth over \$15,000.

The Council meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued):** To receive written and oral testimony regarding updating the Columbia City population forecast; expanding the urban growth boundary; annexing approximately 6 acres to the City of Columbia City; rezoning the annexed property from Columbia County FA-19 and SM to City of Columbia City low density residential, R-1 and City of Columbia City public land, PL; creating 4 single family lots from 3 existing parcels including 2 flag lots; and a variance to minimum street frontage for 2 lots, as submitted by property owners Wayne and Judith Weigandt for Tax Lots 5128-000-00200, 5128-000-00417, and Tax Lots 5121-032-00200, generally located at 3505 Sixth Street and at the west end of Yakima Court, Columbia City.

Public Hearing opened.

Wayne Weigandt of St. Helens apologized for missing the 6:00 p.m. hearing held earlier this evening. He explained that he thought the notice he'd received had said that tonight's meeting would start at 7:30 p.m. He said some of the concerns raised during the Planning Commission meeting related to access off of the cul-de-sac and Sixth Street, and it was clarified at the Planning Commission level that all four lots have street frontage, and the request includes a variance to the street frontage width on the two lots with access from the cul-de-sac. He said the two lots with access off of Sixth Street will be flag lots. He said there will be one driveway developed from Sixth Street, and one driveway developed from the cul-de-sac, with reciprocal easements granted by the two

properties that will share the driveway accesses. He said two single shared drives will minimize the impacts to the neighborhoods.

Wayne said this is a real straightforward project, and it will allow the continuation of the park near the Sophie Park subdivision to the west along the creek, where it will loop back into Sixth Street.

Mayor Young said the City would prefer that the parkland be deeded to the City, rather than dedicated to the City.

Wayne said he would not have a problem with that, and he'll talk with his surveyor.

Mayor Young asked how the parkland will be accessed. Leahnette said there will be access to Sixth Street.

Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Young said the Council has directed staff to prepare the necessary ordinances for action during the next regular City Council Meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM 8      OTHER BUSINESS (continued):**

**Senior Center Open House:** Mayor Young invited everyone to the Senior Center Open House on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court:** Leahnette asked the Council to authorize a change in the Municipal Court date during the month of June - from Thursday, June 10 to Monday, June 7.

MOVED (SCHMOR), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL COURT DATE CHANGE TO JUNE 7, 2010, AS REQUESTED.

**AGENDA ITEM 9      ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Cheryl A. Young  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leahnette Rivers  
City Administrator/Recorder