



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 20, 2017
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Bruce Anderson, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor
Amy Ryan, Councilor
Kim Freeman, Councilor

Staff:

Chris Eppley, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Nate Brown, Community Development
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
John Teague, Police Chief
Tim Wood, Finance Director
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Students from Whiteaker Middle School led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL
ORDERS OF
BUSINESS**

**a. Keizer Police
Department –
Recognition of
K-9 Vest
Donation**

Chief John Teague explained that Pat Wilson and her family donated money to “Vested Interest in K-9s, Inc.” to provide bullet-proof/stab-proof vests for Keizer K-9s Buster and Bruno. He then presented a plaque to the Wilson family. Sgt. Jeff Goodman gave a brief presentation on the vests.

James Decker, a teacher at Whiteaker Middle School, explained that Whiteaker students are desirous of providing a day of service to the community but that funding is needed to help with the cost of transportation. He distributed a handout of planned activities. Council heard testimony from many of the students reiterating the request for funding. Mr. Decker then asked that those willing to be a part of this effort contact the principal at Whiteaker Middle School to donate adding that the financial goal is \$2000.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of having a list of available service projects posted on the City’s website.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Cat Gaynor reported that the Parks survey had been completed and the details are being compiled. The analysis will be complete next week and information given to staff for their report to Council. She added that 1102 surveys were completed; over 450 of the responses came from citizens 55 years old or older and 83% of the responders were in favor of a fee. Mayor Clark thanked the Board for their tireless efforts and praised Jordan Epperly for his work on the video.

Hersch Sangster reported that the

- Planning Commission Public Hearing to consider allowing a gas station in the Safeway parking lot was continued to April 12 to allow time for clarification of a few details.
- Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee is working to upgrade the status of the City's Bicycle Friendly status, is hoping to find funding for a bike repair station, and recently did a presentation at the Safe Routes to School Open House in Salem.
- Monster Cookie Bike Ride is April 20; registration is now open. A portion of the registration is used to promote bike safety. Last year the sponsor, Salem Bike Club, donated \$300 to the Keizer helmet program.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Cindy Swaney, Keizer, voiced concern regarding safety in Keizer. She explained that she has had contact with people who felt they were unwelcome in Keizer because of their race, citizenship, language or sexual orientation and she urged Council to work together with the Salem-Keizer Education Association, the Salem-Keizer School Board and the City of Salem and develop resolutions to provide a safe and welcoming environment. Councilors voiced support. City Attorney Shannon Johnson reminded them that in 2003 Council passed a resolution indicating they preferred non-involvement with State and Federal policy issues so they should consider whether or not it was an appropriate local concern. Council agreed that they wanted to pursue this.

John Scott, Keizer, echoed Ms. Swaney's concerns, provided details relating to discrimination and urged that Council consider the communities of color and the communities of other. Mayor Clark noted that following through on Council goals for community engagement might be a more effective method of change rather than passing a resolution. She urged Councilors to consider how to deepen the commitment to this and make sure that they are listening, available, and building relationships.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. ORDINANCE – Amending Keizer Development Code Regarding Section 2.311 (Planned Unit Development

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reminded Council that the matter was before them last month in a Public Hearing and Council had directed staff to bring back an ordinance with findings to make the change in the Code. That is being offered for Council approval.

Councilor Parsons moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Amending Keizer Development Code Regarding Section 2.311 (Planned Unit Development Design Standards); Amending Ordinance 98-389. Councilor Freeman seconded.

Mayor Clark offered a friendly amendment to amend page 6, Section 2.311.06, Section A.6, by adding: "to include the Fair Housing Act, ADA and other regulations". Councilors Parsons and Freeman accepted the amendment.

**Design
Standards);
Amending
Ordinance 98-
389**

Councilor Freeman questioned if this sort of addition is one that is typically included in other ordinances. Mr. Brown responded that typically staff avoids getting too specific about naming federal laws in local ordinances because they are beyond the City's ability to enforce.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Parsons, Ryan, Freeman, Herrera and Anderson (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

- A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Salem Concrete Paving for Construction of ADA Sidewalk Drop Ramps (Stonehedge/Manzanita/Lockhaven)
- B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract for River Road Storm Drain Repairs with Emery & Sons Construction Group
- C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Amendment of Street and Right of Way Landscape Maintenance Services Contract
- D. Approval of February 21, 2017 Regular Session Minutes
- E. Approval of March 6, 2017 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Freeman pulled Item D.

Councilor Parsons moved for approval of Items A, B, C and E of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Freeman seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Parsons, Ryan, Freeman, Herrera and Anderson (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Responding to inquiry Mr. Johnson explained that the rule had been changed and Councilors could vote to approve Minutes of meetings they had not attended.

Councilor Parsons moved for approval of Item D of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Freeman seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Parsons, Ryan, Freeman, Herrera and Anderson (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**COUNCIL
LIAISON
REPORTS**

Councilor Reid reported on McNary news and activities, Keizer Homegrown Theater, and Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association. She thanked Ken Gierloff for his work with the association and involving the Hispanic community and other communities of color. She reported that the Civic Center cleanup event had about 50 volunteers including

McNary youth, ROTC, and National Honor Society youth, thanked Mark Caillier and Matt Lawyer, and work continues on developing the Deputy Youth Councilor position.

Councilor Freeman reported on the recent West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting and announced committee vacancies. She thanked Councilor Reid for working the entire shift at the Civic Center cleanup event, and thanked Lakepoint Church, Highway Fuel, Mark Caillier and Matt Lawyer.

Councilor Ryan reported on the Chamber Forum luncheon, the Marion County State of the County address, and the Keizer United Board. She reminded voters to take time to read about the School Board candidates and commended the Oregon State University and University of Oregon basketball teams.

Councilor Parsons praised the State of the City address given by Mayor Clark and urged everyone to visit www.keizereclipse.com to learn more about the upcoming eclipse event and to reserve a campsite. Volunteers for this event should contact her.

Councilor Herrera reported on the Commissioners breakfast, Kennedy School fundraiser and the Kennedy Leadership school grounds cleanup project. He noted that he took former Councilor Koho to see Lewis Black and announced that a great man from the community and legendary coach, Larry Smith, had passed away.

Councilor Anderson reported that he too had attended the State of the City address and the Commissioner breakfast. He urged drivers to be cautious during spring break and announced the upcoming choir festival at Sprague.

Mayor Clark thanked the Chamber for hosting the State of the City Address and announced that it is available for viewing on line. She added that she had attended a dinner with Salem Pastoral Center which was a fundraiser for people who need money for counseling services. Upcoming meetings include Council of Governments and Strategic Economic Development Core Boards, and Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study meetings. Claggett Creek Watershed Council April 1 event was cancelled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finance Director Tim Wood announced that for the 18th consecutive year Keizer had received the Certificate for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mayor Clark asked Public Works Director Bill Lawyer if the vegetation in the creek by Courthouse and McNary Restaurant would cause flooding in the spring. Mr. Lawyer explained that there is no cause for concern.

Community Development Director Nate Brown reported that Tuesday the Salem-Keizer School Board Task Force for Facilities Planning made their final recommendation to the School Board: All high schools are to be sized to

appropriately handle a slightly larger population instead of building a new one. This recognizes the importance of schools in the community fabric and would mean constructing facilities that are already at McNary. Parking was not addressed at this level. Seismic upgrades were addressed as well.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

None

AGENDA INPUT

April 3, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – City Council Regular Session

April 10, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. – Long Range Planning Task Force Meeting

April 17, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Session

April 24, 2017 – 5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session

- Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force Presentation

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

Councilor #5 – Amy Ryan

Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

Councilor #6 – Bruce Anderson

Minutes approved: 4-17-17