



Mayor
Patricia Smith

Council President
Mark Clark

Councilors
Stanley Dirks

Timothy Clark

Scott Harden

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WOOD VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL**

July 10, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Smith, Council President Mark Clark, Councilors Stanley Dirks, Tim Clark, and Scott Harden, City Attorney Condit, Finance Director Minter, and interested parties.

ABSENT: City Administrator Peterson.

MAYOR SMITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Sergeant Lichatowich presented the report and stated that the Council will receive a full report when Chief Deputy Gates returns from vacation. Lichatowich explained that there are no major incidents to report, and the department is excited about the Nite Out event next week. Lichatowich stated that there were no major incidents over the fourth of July.

The Council thanked Lichatowich for the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Review of bills paid in June, 2012
- b. Contracts \$2,500 - \$50,000
 - Waste Management – City Clean up Day: \$4,000
 - Siemens Water Tech – Bioxide: \$5,800
 - Play & Park – Engineered Wood Fibers: \$4,118
- c. Council Minutes:
 - June 12, 2012
 - June 26, 2012
- d. Personal Service Contract: Building Code Consultancy Renewal

Mark Clark asked what the \$15,000 to the Enviro-Clean Equipment Company was for. Minter explained that it was for the new valve exerciser.

Upon motion by Tim Clark, seconded by Harden and passing 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

PRESENTATION: EAST METRO CONNECTIONS PLAN

Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel thanked the City and the City Council for helping move the project forward. McKeel also thanked Metro Commission Craddick and project manager Monberg for their efforts on the project. McKeel stated that this is a valuable project that will improve transportation, safety, and increase economic development in East County. Smith thanked McKeel for her work on the project.

Craddick stated that this project has been a two year effort between the four cities and the county. The project supports economic development, safety, and increased transportation movement in the region. Craddick explained that this project has the attention of the entire metro region for the cooperative efforts made by the cities to make this place a better place to live. Wood Village has been accommodating, and willing to work with the other agencies to complete the plan. Craddick stated that the projects outlined in the plan will join existing projects, and they will be very competitive for funding.

Monberg stated that he will briefly discuss the background, the process, the projects and then the implementation. Monberg explained that there is a regional transportation plan, and this plan will provide updates to that plan as well as individual city plans. The study area was East Multnomah County east from 181st to the sandy River, and I-84 south to the county line. Monberg explained that key land uses to support current and future investments were reviewed, and a large portion of the study focused on improving transportation from I-84 to US 26. The goals of the project were to improve connectivity, increase safety, and make the most out of the existing transportation system while fostering economic development and community living.

Monberg explained that the study looked out to 2035, and there were areas of congestion and bottlenecks. The US 26 triangle which consists of US 26, Powell and Burnside have issues, as well as 223rd and Stark. There were also some areas near Clackamas County, and on 242nd. Monberg stated that a new single facility is not needed to improve capacity, but there are several enhancements needed to improve connectivity traffic movement. Monberg explained that safety impacts were included in the study as well as a transit analysis.

Monberg stated that the idea behind the plan is to support the existing traffic grid, and move traffic across the entire region. Hundreds of projects were reviewed to determine which ones will improve the system the most while being cost effective and competitive for funding. Monberg explained that in all there are 16 investment packages that contain several projects. Each package will improve safety, connectivity, economic development, is feasible and cost effective.

Monberg stated that specific projects include the main corridors of 181st, 223rd and 242nd. A number of projects were looked at for 242nd, and the major project is to the 238th/242nd hill. That project would widen the existing roadway to have wider lanes, and bike and pedestrian access on both sides. While

the roadway would still be three lanes, it will improve mobility and safety. Monberg stated that an entire gateway project for the US 26 Triangle has been identified, as well as increasing pedestrian access and safety on 257th between the high school and college.

Monberg explained that other projects aim to improve downtown and industrial districts. Those projects include improving Halsey Street between Troutdale and Wood Village. The Gresham Vista project also has a set of improvements to support growth. Monberg stated that regional mobility was included and includes projects such as linking the 40 mile loop on the Sandy River to the Springwater Trail. Transit movement and access projects have also been identified. Monberg explained that signal improvements were reviewed throughout the entire system. Coordinated and linked traffic signals that can adapt to changing traffic conditions were included, and will be a near term project.

Monberg stated that there was a lot of public outreach involved with this process, and several open houses and meetings with key stake holders were held. Monberg explained that there has been a lot of work by the involved agencies to get to an agreement, and the Steering Committee for the project endorsed the plan, as well as the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee. Monberg stated that the East Metro Economic Alliance endorsed the plan, as well as the Troutdale City Council.

Monberg stated that the next step is for this Council to endorse the plan, which will update the regional and local transportation plans. Having a unified agreement between all the cities and the county will make the projects more competitive for funding.

Travis Stovall from the East Metro Economic Alliance extended gratitude to the Council regarding the project, and stated that it will improve all of East County. Stovall stated that this work could not have happened without the help and support of the entire Council. The EMEA Board is excited about the project, and is satisfied with the outcome. Stovall explained that the cooperative efforts of the jurisdictions have been noticed by other entities including those in the private sector. Stovall stated that this project has shown the rest of the region that East County can get things done.

Mark Clark stated that he likes how everyone has worked together on this project. Mark Clark asked about any hazards of having truck traffic on the 238th hill, especially with the grade and if hazardous material are being transported. Monberg stated that he does not have specifics, but explained that the design is within engineering standards and practices. Mark Clark asked about the use of compression brakes, and if something could be done to prohibit their use on the hill. Condit stated that since it is a county road that may fall under the county's jurisdiction to regulate. Mark Clark explained that he is concerned about noise pollution, and while the hill will be improved, it may create some new issues.

Tim Clark thanked Craddick and Monberg for their work, and stated that he feels that there may need to be more agreements on the plan before it goes to Metro, but overall it is a good plan. Harden stated that he lives near the 238th hill and is concerned about the traffic impacts to the residents who live near there. Harden stated that he would like to see additional points of access for that development when the improvements are made.

Smith thanked Craddick and Monberg for their work, and stated that she would like to condition the approval of the plan on the vacation of the 242nd right of way. Smith explained that vacating that right of way soon would foster additional economic development.

Monberg stated that the regional transportation system plan has a roadway designation on the 242nd right of way to identify a future project. This plan does not have a roadway project there, so it will remove the regional designation. Monberg stated that without the designation, the county will be free to proceed in the vacation process, which can begin as early as next year.

Craddick stated that the projects are grouped in phases, but they are not prioritized. Projects will get accomplished as funding becomes available, and there are several funding sources depending on the project. Tim Clark asked if this package will open up the opportunity for new grants or funding sources. Monberg stated that this is the first completed study in the region, and linking funds to show that these projects will enhance safety and economic development will increase the funding opportunities.

RESOLUTION 27-2012 ENDORSING THE EAST METRO CONNECTIONS PLAN

Upon motion by Mark Clark, seconded by Dirks and passing 5-0, Resolution 27-2012 endorsing the East Metro Connections Plan was approved.

RESOLUTION 28-2012 REFERRING TO THE VOTERS OF WOOD VILLAGE TO SITE A CASINO AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER AT THE FORMER MULTNOMAH KENNEL CLUB

Condit presented the resolution and stated that it will refer the question regarding citing a casino in Wood Village. Condit explained that this was done two years ago, and a local vote is required. Condit stated that this is back before the Council because there are two statewide measures that will most likely make the ballot that would remove the prohibition on non-tribal casinos. Condit explained that referring to the voters at this stage would essentially be cost free to the City, and if a special election had to be held, the City would have to pay a portion of the cost.

Condit stated that the measure is limited to the casino outlined in the state measures only. It does not open the door for any and all casinos. Condit explained that if all three measures pass, the project developers would still have to go through all the required land use and permit process. Harden asked if all three measures have to pass for the project to move forward. Condit stated that is correct.

Upon motion by Dirks, seconded by Mark Clark and passing 5-0, Resolution 28-2012 referring to the voters of Wood Village the siting of a casino was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660(2) (D) TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO CARRY ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The Council entered into executive session at 7:15pm.

The Council entered back into regular session at 7:24pm.

RESOLUTION 29-2012 APPROVING LABOR CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mark Clark, seconded by Tim Clark and passing 5-0, resolution 29-2012 approving the labor contract was approved.

COUNCIL REPORT

Mark Clark asked about the Building Code Consultancy contract that was approved in the Consent Calendar and if there were any increased fees. Minter stated that she was not sure of all the details in that contract, but would get back to the Council on that.

Harden asked if the Council would be okay with him writing a non partisan article for the next newsletter regarding the importance of voting. Harden stated that this district had a very low turnout, and he would like to see that improve. Condit stated that it would have to be non partisan and could not support any candidates or measures. The Council agreed.

Greg Dirks stated that the ex-official Board Member to the West Columbia Chamber of Commerce needs to be renewed. Greg Dirks stated that the current member is Bill Peterson. The Council renewed Bill Peterson as the ex-official Board Member.

ADJOURN

With no further business coming before the Council, and upon motion by Dirks, seconded by Tim Clark and passing 5-0, the Council adjourned at 7:30pm.



Patricia Smith
Mayor

8-22-2012
Date

ATTEST:



Greg Dirks
City Recorder