

REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2000

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Beaverton City Council was called to order by Mayor Rob Drake in the Forrest C. Soth Council Chambers, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon, on Monday February 14, 2000 at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Drake, Couns. Evelyn Brzezinski, Dennis Doyle, Forrest Soth, and Cathy Stanton. Coun. Wes Yuen was excused. Also present were City Attorney Mark Pilliod, Chief of Staff Linda Adlard, Human Resources Director Sandra Miller, Finance Director Patrick O'Claire, Community Development Director Joe Grillo, Engineering Director Tom Ramisch, Operations/Maintenance Director Steve Baker, Police Chief David Bishop, Economic Development Manager Janet Young, Redevelopment Project Manager John Engel, and City Recorder Darleen Cogburn.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

There was no one present who wished to speak.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Coun. Soth reported that he had been re-appointed to the Steering Committee of the Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the National League of Cities. He said he would be attending meetings scheduled for that committee.

Coun. Brzezinski reminded those watching the meeting, that in March or April they would receive a letter from the Census Bureau, and noted that it might look like junk mail, but was not. She explained the reason the Census was so important was that many activities and projects for the City were funded according to a per capita basis. She pointed out that it would be unfortunate to undercount the people in the City, since that would result in reduced funding from both state and federal budgets.

Coun. Stanton said she was the current chair of the Social Services Funding Committee and invited interested people to request information so they could apply for the funding. She said her voice mail number was 526-2343.

Coun. Brzezinski asked when the deadline was for the proposals.

Coun. Stanton said it was March 1, 2000.

Coun. Brzezinski explained that there was an application process that had to be followed.

Coun. Doyle wished his wife a Happy Valentine's Day!

STAFF ITEMS:

Linda Adlard, Chief of Staff, said she hoped people were noticing the changes at the new library site. She reported that it was going well and citizens needed to know that they were on budget and their money was being well spent. She noted there had been an appeal of the City Park Expansion that went along with the Library. She invited people to call her at 526-2482, and said it was an opportunity for people to bring their comments of support or concerns for the Library and Park. She said she would be happy to talk with them.

PRESENTATION:

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue North District Report

Bernie Otjen, North Division District Chief, noted that enclosed in Councilor's packets was a summary report of activities that the Tualatin Valley Fire District (TVF&R) had been doing in the last year (in record) in the Beaverton area. He explained that he was directly responsible for the activities for TVF&R in the North District, for both the stations and personnel.

Otjen reviewed the activities of the District over the past year. He reported that in the past calendar year there were 244 fires in Beaverton and described the various 5400 other calls within the City limits. He said they were involved in a variety of activities such as fire prevention and community service. He noted they had adopted the new Strategic Plan, and it had been adopted by various agencies. He reviewed the materials in the packet, and noted that a new fire station had been dedicated on Farmington Road. He noted that Platt Electric, a local Beaverton business had donated 1000 smoke detectors and he commented how much TVF&R appreciated that effort.

Otjen remarked that Chief Gary Nees had retired the past year and his dedication and experience would be missed.

Coun. Doyle referred to the photos (in record), and wondered who the recipient of the donuts was at the Chief's shootout.

Police Chief David Bishop said the police only ate bagels now and they returned the donuts to the Fire District.

Coun. Doyle asked Otjen to expand more on the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation classes (CPR).

Otjen said "CPR Saturday" was an event where citizens were instructed in CPR techniques for free. He said it would be in March, but did not have the exact date. He noted that the phone number to call for more information was 526-2469. He said it was worthwhile training and noted that it was citizens performing CPR on victims that could make the difference between life and death before the rescue team arrived.

Coun. Doyle asked if the students from the Health Careers Department from Beaverton High School were active in CPR Saturday.

Otjen said the students helped out in staging the workshop training.

Otjen said more information could be obtained from TVF&R's web page at: www.tvfr.com.

Coun. Soth said he liked the location of the station on Farmington, but even more, it was comforting to him to hear those sirens and other sounds from the station. He noted that the sirens were turned off when they were not necessary and he complimented TVF&R on that. He said he recognized Engines T267 and E267, but he noticed ST61, and he wondered if that was affiliated with the new station on Butner Road.

Otjen replied that it should say SQT 61, which would read Squirt 61 and which meant it had an elevated fire stream device on the back.

Coun. Stanton commented that Otjen was speaking too loud for the microphones, and that was a first!

Coun. Soth said he had noticed the designation 'S' on Engine 67.

Otjen said TVF&R had an engine and a truck out of there and there was soon to be a rescue vehicle, but there shouldn't be any designation 'S'.

Coun. Soth thanked Otjen for the information.

Mayor Drake asked Otjen to explain about the change in the staffing at the stations and the reason why things had been changed, and noted that he understood it had something to do with federal requirements.

Otjen reported that TVF&R would be adding staff in March. He said three of the stations would be adding rescue units with two personnel. He noted that it referred to the Federal OSHA standard of "two in, two out," which meant that two people would be outside ready to go when two people went inside to a burning structure to affect a rescue.

Mayor Drake asked if that had anything to do with recent fires that had involved casualties.

Otjen explained that the standard had been developed over the last five years and was now coming close to fruition where compliance would become mandatory.

Coun. Soth questioned if that was an outgrowth of NFPA 1500.

Coun. Brzezinski asked for clarification on the acronym NFPA.

Coun. Soth said NFPA meant the National Fire Protection Association and 1500 meant Rule 15 which governed some types of equipment and requirements for personnel and equipment on any given scene. He said it had been modified and would continue to be modified as different kinds of technology were developed.

Otjen pointed out that NFPA 15's focus was on fire fighter safety.

Coun. Stanton referred to legislation regarding sprinklers in apartment buildings, and asked for clarification on that legislation.

Otjen said that turned into a re-writing of laws to allow cities or counties to adopt TVF&R's sprinkler ordinance.

Coun. Stanton verified that the legislation passed.

Otjen said he believed it had turned into actual changing of the law itself, not necessarily legislation but rewriting the sprinkler code.

Mayor Drake said it was the State Buildings Division that changed the rules and the City's Development Liaison Committee (DLC) was currently reviewing that issue. He noted that the DLC was working with Fire Marshall Jeff Grunewald along with the building official from Wilsonville and Brad Roast, the City's Building Official, to evaluate the law and how it would apply in Washington County. He explained that each jurisdiction would need to review it. He said what would be recommended to other cities and Washington County would be a streamlining of the ordinance so each jurisdiction could relate to it.

Coun. Stanton asked Otjen to expand on what the new language covered.

Otjen said the general idea was that new apartment buildings would have automatic sprinkler systems and he was not sure about the final details. He noted that in recent years there had been two fires in Beaverton where there was significant loss of life, and the ordinance was designed to insure safer buildings. He said it was very difficult to change people's living habits but if their apartments could have automatic sprinklers the fire department would have a jump on not having loss of life in the future.

Coun. Stanton reminded the audience that even if an apartment had a sprinkler system, it was still very important to have a smoke alarm with a new battery each year.

Coun. Brzezinski asked if the Jenkins Road Facility would still be open certain times of the day when the Butner Road facility opened.

Otjen said the Jenkins Road Facility would be operated for six days a week, and for 12 hours a day there would be staff in attendance.

Coun. Brzezinski said she passed the fire station on her way to work in the mornings, and it appeared that the door of the station was plywood.

Otjen said they had an accident and would be replacing the door.

Mayor Drake thanked Otjen for the update and complimented him on the great job TVF&R was doing. He said they had no complaints and anytime there had been issues the fire department had responded very quickly.

00-48 Background Presentation for Economic Development Strategic Plan

Linda Adlard, Chief of Staff, noted that Janet Young, Economic Development Director, would give background information on the economic aspect of the City. She explained that Young would detail part of several different presentations, which would be presented throughout the strategic planning process for Economic Development. She said they were proud of the group who had been appointed as Task Force members and they were very devoted to the process. She said they would keep track of questions and respond later if they did not have the answers at that time. She said if people watching via cable TV, wanted copies of the presentation they could call her office at 526-2482.

Young noted that she started at the City three months earlier and one of her first tasks was working on the Economic Development Plan for the City. She reported that they were fortunate to have superb people on the Task Force Committee who were proving to be very thoughtful. She explained that the presentation that evening was designed to give background information, let Council know what they were talking with the committee about, and give Council some framework so they could make informed decisions in the future. She reviewed the PowerPoint presentation (in the Record).

Young noted that the way the economic information was compiled was not within city limits but instead was by zip codes. She said technology had created a whole new generation of business, and noted that telecommunications had dramatically altered the way business was done today from in the past. She talked about the impacts of the international markets on economic health of the area.

Young noted there had been a lot of discussion about how realistic the projected growth numbers were for the area. She said the specific numbers were not as important as the trends. She noted that the synergy between the primary large businesses and the small service businesses had been an important factor in the local economy for some time.

Young noted that of the employment in the area, over 40% were in the traded sector, and 22% were in the supplier and support industries. She explained that together, those sectors gave a strong foundation for the local economy.

Coun. Stanton asked what Young meant by the local services.

Young pointed out a PowerPoint chart that showed average wages, and a scale that showed the number of persons employed in a certain kind of occupation in the Beaverton area economy. She gave an example of local services as eating and drinking establishments that had an average wage of \$12,000 to \$13,000, but there were almost 4500 people employed in that industry. She said other fairly low wage sectors were personal supply services, like dry cleaners and hairdressers. She noted that grocery stores and other services were catchall kinds of services.

Mayor Drake asked Young to give Council copies of the presentation.

Young said she had copies ready for them.

Young reviewed the chart, which detailed the major employment sectors (in record).

Coun. Stanton asked if this was for Beaverton.

Young said it was for the zip code economy of Beaverton. She explained that the primary area that had the majority of jobs that were not already inside the City limits would be to the northwest of the City.

Young reviewed the specifics of the Economic Development Strategic Plan (in record), and gave the time line of the process (in record). She said they would bring back information on the vision and goals to the Council on March 6. She said that on March 16, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. they would have an Open House at City Hall for citizens to make comments and ask questions about the Plan.

Coun. Doyle asked how far in advance of the meeting of March 6, would Council get the documentation on the recommended vision and goals.

Young said it would go out in the packet, unless they wanted it earlier

Mayor Drake commented that earlier would be best.

Coun. Soth commented that he understood what Young said was contingent on the present economic structure and forecast. He noted that what he had read indicated people were wondering how long the present situation would last, and asked what she would plan regarding a potential economic downturn.

Young said they knew that economies worked in cycles and this was a good time to do economic planning because currently they were working from a position of strength. She noted that they could outline the actions that could be taken to look at as diverse of an economy as possible, because that was what tended to keep things as recession proof as possible (diversity of economy). She said if a strategic plan worked well, it would work well in the high points as well as the low points. She said it would encourage a strong diverse economy to help weather the down times that would inevitably come.

Coun. Soth said he thought there seemed to be an over-expansion of office space and hotels in the metropolitan area. He asked if that had been taken into consideration, and within the structure of the committee what was the estimate for a time frame within which the office and hotel space would reach equilibrium.

Young reported that they had not gone down to that level of specifics and she did not think they would get to that point. She explained that the question of how the correct space would be provided for the jobs that would be available, had to do with types of jobs that were created. She noted that they were currently seeing office space taken up by companies that at one time would only have been located in flex space (traditionally in the suburbs) and were now even locating downtown. She said the newer companies were able to work in different types of space. She noted that the question of absorption was one that was a region-wide issue that needed to be dealt with and it fed back into the question of Metro's jobs/housing balance.

Coun. Soth said there was concern about the export of manufacturing jobs overseas, specifically machine tools. He said that his understanding was that much of the machine tools were imported from overseas. He said he wondered about how a company like Amazon.com, who had been in business for about five years and had made no money, could maintain a healthy stock picture. He asked if Young could comment on or clarify that.

Young commented that she thought it was an amazing phenomenon. She explained that what was important about Coun. Soth's question, was helping the Committee look at what the things were that the committee could make a difference in. She pointed out that many of the items mentioned were bigger than the City's ability to impact. She spoke about where the City could focus, trying to keep in mind those changes in the economy that were happening, and still make sure Beaverton maintained a healthy economy.

Coun. Brzezinski commented that practically all citizens would support a strong economic base in the City, but not all would support responding to Metro's suggestions about jobs, homes, etc. She suggested they focus on what a strong economic base did for a community and why planning was needed for that. She asked that the Committee acknowledge the eight Council goals in their work. She also asked Young to comment on the size of the committee and what kind of people were on it.

Young reported that the Council Goals and the Comprehensive Plan goals, etc. were sent to the Committee in advance. She named the members of the committee (in record) as herself, Betty Atteberry, Westside Economic Alliance; Rich Bader, Easy Street Online Services, Inc.; Mayor Rob Drake; Joyce Porter Green, Beaverton Arts Commission; Joe Grillo, Community Development Director; Mary Grimes, Pacific Continental Bank; Gordon Hoffman, Oregon Graduate Institute; Lisa Kyle, Goleta National Bank; Karen Lee, PGE; Wally Preble, Carr Chevrolet; Robin Roberts, Portland Development Commission; Patricia Scruggs, Scruggs and Associates; Ethan Seltzer, Director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University; Bob Tenner, Committee for Citizen Involvement; Denice Thompson, Safeway Credit Union; and Robert Toppel, President of Axiom Industries.

Coun. Stanton asked for a list of the committee members.

Young replied she would supply a list of the committee members to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Coun. Brzezinski MOVED, SECONDED by Coun. Doyle that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

- 00-49 Liquor License Renewals – Annual Renewals
- 00-50 Loan to Tualatin Valley Housing Partners (TVHP) for a Special Populations Housing Project Through the Community Development Block Grant Program and Transfer Resolution

00-51 Authorization to Purchase the Mayfield and Christianson Properties for the Community Development Block Grant Program

00-52 Boards and Commissions Appointment

00-53 KPDX Fox Studio "Expedited" Annexation (ANX 2000-0001) of one Parcel in the Cornell Oaks Corporate Center

Contract Review Board:

00-54 Change Order to Kurahashi & Associates Engineering Contract for Construction Services for the Rose Biggi/Henry Street Project

Coun. Stanton thanked John Engel, Redevelopment Project Manager, for answering her questions.

Coun. Doyle expressed his appreciation for the City's participation in the purchase of property to develop housing for the disabled through the Community Development Block Grant Program. He said it was an excellent thing to do.

Mayor Drake noted that they could be proud that the City was an initial partner with the Tualatin Valley Housing Partners and it was Engel and the Tualatin Valley Housing Partners that made the City aware of the need in the community. He said Council did not get enough credit for the work they did and they had been supportive of these efforts which made a difference in the community.

Question called on the motion. Couns. Doyle, Stanton, Soth and Brzezinski voting AYE, motion CARRIED unanimously (4:0)

Ordinances:

Suspend Rules:

Coun. Soth MOVED, SECONDED by Coun. Doyle that the rules be suspended, and the ordinances embodied in AB 00-55 and AB 00-56 be read for the first time by title only at this meeting, and for the second time by title only at the next regular meeting of the Council. Couns. Brzezinski, Doyle, Soth, and Stanton voting AYE, the motion CARRIED unanimously (4:0)

Mark Pilliod, City Attorney, read the following ordinances by title only at this meeting:

First Reading:

00-55 An Ordinance Annexing 6.3 Acres of Land Lying Generally Outside of the Existing City Limits to the City of Beaverton; ANX99-00012, (Consent Annexation)

00-56 An Ordinance Annexing 5.19 Acres of Land Lying Generally Outside of the Existing City Limits to the City of Beaverton; ANX99-00013, (17005 NW Cornell Road)

RECESS:

Mayor Drake called for a brief recess at 7:45 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Coun. Soth MOVED, SECONDED by Coun. Brzezinski that Council move into executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (1) (d), to conduct deliberations with person designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and in accordance with ORS 192.660 (1) (h), to discuss the legal rights and duties of the governing body with regard to litigation or litigation likely to be filed. Couns. Soth, Brzezinski, Doyle and Stanton voting AYE, motion CARRIED unanimously. (4:0)

Executive Session convened at 7:53 p.m.

(Coun. Stanton left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

Executive Session adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Mayor Drake called for a brief recess at 8:45 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Coun. Doyle MOVED, SECONDED by Coun. Soth, that Council approve AB 00-57, (presented at the meeting), Authorization to Enter into Contract for Legal Services and Transfer Resolution.

Question called on the motion. Couns. Brzezinski, Soth, and Doyle voting AYE, motion CARRIED unanimously. (3:0)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Darleen Cogburn, City Recorder

APPROVAL:

Approved this 1st day of May, 2000

Rob Drake, Mayor