

REGULAR MEETING  
September 18, 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 September 18, 2000 at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Drake, Couns. Evelyn Brzezinski, Dennis Doyle, Fred Ruby, Forrest Soth, and Cathy Stanton. Chief of Staff Linda Adlard was excused. Also present were City Attorney Mark Pilliod, Finance Director Patrick O'Claire, Community Development Director Joe Grillo, Engineering Director Tom Ramisch, Operations/Maintenance Director Steve Baker, Police Chief David Bishop, Library Director Shirley George, Building Official Brad Roast, Beaverton Arts Commission Director Jayne Scott and City Recorder Darleen Cogburn

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

There was no one present to testify.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Coun. Soth noted that he had attended the Steering Committee for the National League of Cities in Atlanta. He stated there would be changes that would impact all cities, in the United States. He reported the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASBY 34), passed requirements for audits which he gave to Finance Director Patrick O'Claire. He reported the "takings" issue that was in Congress and mentioned President Clinton said he would veto this, if passed in Congress. He added the bills essentially said people would need to be compensated for any government "takings" that diminished land value. He related that there were other issues discussed and it was a very good session.

Coun. Stanton asked Library Director Shirley George, if the Library Foundation Dinner was September 30, 2000.

George responded that it was and said that newscaster Paul Linnman would be the speaker.

Coun. Stanton invited those who were interested, to reserve their place to attend. She added on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, there was a dedication at Sexton Mountain Meadow Park, at 6:00 p.m.

Coun. Doyle thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Wine and Art festival, and also the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) for the facility, which was quite secure. He related there was wonderful talent displayed and noted that the Beaverton Arts Commission had a booth there.

STAFF ITEMS:

There were none.

PROCLAMATION:

September 20, 2000 as "Undoing Racism Day"

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes of the special meetings of April 21, and May 3, 2000

- 00-323 A Resolution Adopting Revised Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Permit Fee Tables and Schedules
- 00-324 CPA 98-00011 and TA 99-00010 Annexation Related Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendments
- 00-325 CPA99-00015 Title 3 Water Quality and Flood Management Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments
- 00-326 TA99-00006 Title 3 Water Quality and Flood Management Proposed Text Amendments to the Development Code Site Development Code and the Engineering Design Manual and Standard Drawings
- 00-327 CPA99-00014 Goal 5 Riparian and Wetland Resource Protection Proposed Text Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan

00-328 TA99-00005 Goal 5 Riparian and Wetland Resource Protection Proposed Text Amendments to the Development Code and the Engineering Design Manual Standard Drawings

Contract Review Board:

00-329 Ratify Work Performed and Authorize Contract Change Order – Legal Assistance for The Round at Beaverton Central

Coun. Soth stated AB 00-323 was the second piece of material that had been adopted by the Tri-County Building Industries Service Board. He mentioned one of the first updates was for the 27 jurisdictions to make procedures uniform throughout the three counties, so that all jurisdictions used the same process. He commented this was helpful to the developers throughout the area. He reported even though the fees might not be the same, the procedures to figure the fees would be the same, and noted that by the end of the year, there should be compliance throughout the three counties. He added there had been extremely good cooperation throughout the area.

Coun. Soth noted AB-325 would impose an additional requirement on anyone who was applying for a Site Development Permit. He said they needed to go to Unified Sewerage Agency (USA) and get a letter that stated the applicant was in compliance before they began the process. He pointed out that there was nothing written, which relieved the property owner of the liability on his own property, for any trespass within the prohibited zone. He said this agenda item would give fuel to those in Congress as far as “takings” were concerned. He added that it would be interesting to see how this turned out.

**Question called on the motion. Couns. Brzezinski, Soth, Ruby, Doyle and Stanton voting AYE, motion CARRIED unanimously. (5:0)**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

00-330 Proposed Use of Old Library Facility

Mayor Drake explained they were asking for public comment on the use of the 19,000 sq. ft. old library facility. He noted that the Council had committed a portion of the building to the Police Activities League (PAL) club, for a computer center, for at least a year with a renewable year. He said that left approximately 17,000 sq. ft. of space and there was much interest in additional meeting space in the community. He noted that there were letters from Bob Tenner, Chair for Committee of Citizen Involvement, Jack Franklin, Chair of the Central Beaverton Association, Dr. Yvonne Katz the Superintendent of the School District, and Marv Doty, Chair of the Highland NAC, who all had suggestions for potential uses of space. He recommended to the Council that they take comment that evening and at the first meeting in November. He added when a decision was made, they would proceed with any necessary remodeling.

Lori Leyba Kramer, Chair for the Beaverton Arts Commission, read her testimony (in record) and requested the Council to allow space for ongoing art classes and a gallery.

Coun. Soth asked if she envisioned this as permanently dedicated to the Arts Commission, or was she proposing a place to hang displays by various artists as well as a storage space.

Kramer replied they would like a 40 x 40 sq. ft. space for a gallery and be able to display art with partitions. She suggested they would like workshops and classrooms for artists. She added their needs were not great and they would welcome sharing the space.

Sgt. Terry Shaffer, Oregon Army National Guard, introduced Major Tann from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Major Don Newman, State Command Sergeant, Sergeant First Class Nunn and Staff Sergeant Tim Merritt, supervisors from the Beaverton Recruiting and Retention office. He reported during his 20 years with the Guard, he had opportunities to work with the youth of Oregon. He related that he had been impressed with the PAL youth group and said that the current building they were using, did not have enough room to accommodate the needs of the children in this area. He added they were very involved with youth activities in Oregon and felt the old library space would fill their needs.

Coun. Soth asked if they were asking for space besides the area already indicated by PAL. He questioned if they were asking for additional space exclusively for that group.

Sgt. Shaffer explained he was there to speak for the kids and to get space at the facility.

Coun. Stanton commented she thought the Oregon National Guard was going to be asking for space.

Sgt. Shaffer clarified that they just wanted to work with the kids.

Dave Halseth, Chair of the Board of PAL, reported that there were many people committed to the purpose behind PAL. He noted that many sports stars got their start at PAL, in other communities. He said they were committed, their goal was to share the space, and they were there to partner with other groups and bring them all together. He assured them that they were there for the long-term and said that they had put together a wonderful team for the community.

Coun. Doyle asked if they were going to explain what amount of space was needed.

Jill Showalter stated that four years ago they started on a \$10,000 budget. She explained when they started they were cops and kids in the community going out on field trips. She relayed the board made a commitment to the kids and was able to found the youth center this past year, and the attendance rate was great, with an average of 60 kids per day during the past summer. She noted the amount of equipment and game tables that they have in one room. She pointed out that this space was also shared with the Asian Families Center, and noted that there was one dedicated administrative cubical, with one phone, for several staff people to share. She indicated that with the attendance rates and the equipment, they had outgrown the facility. She noted they have a couple of pool tables, a boxing ring, office furniture and other items in storage with the idea that they are expanding and growing. She emphasized the need for a larger facility.

Showalter stressed they had partnered with many different agencies so this would be nothing new to them. She explained they were not looking to make PAL the only organization in this facility, and stated that they were about making community partnerships for the youth as a whole. She stated they envisioned several community organizations going into the facility and having shared common uses of the facility in different program rooms. She noted one of the things they would like to see in the facility is a large recreational game room to attract kids. She mentioned they would also like to see a team room that would enable team leadership programs to blossom from the Asian Family Center, PAL, and for other school groups. She stated in addition to the Computer Clubhouse program, they also had refurbished computers coming from Intel. She added they would also like to have a homework room and computer center that would be opened to all kids, schools and adults in the community, as well as an arts and crafts room. She added they would also like to see office space. She stated they would like the use of approximately half of the space available. She related they would like the community to use the facility when PAL was not operating since it was an after school center.

Coun. Soth asked how many square feet were in their present facility.

Showalter answered it was between 2,000 and 3,000 sq. ft.

Coun. Soth questioned if they were asking for approximately 10,000 sq. ft.

Showalter said that was correct

Coun. Soth asked what type of activities went on during the day, before school was out.

Showalter explained that currently there was no activity except administration, so that would leave a facility that could be widely used by the community. She added they did have community groups that come into the facility for meetings.

Mayor Drake noted that there had been some discussion about opening portions of the building so other groups could access the building when PAL was not operating.

Coun. Soth asked what were the hours of operation for the kids.

Showalter reported the hours were 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays during the school year. She explained that when there was a school break the hours were from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. She mentioned they were a young agency and they were flexible in the development stages. She commented if they needed to close down to have another group use it, they would be willing to look at that. She added if there was a need for the summer hours to be scaled down that was an option, also. She added that if they had the opportunity to use the facility they would work with all people.

Coun. Soth noted that a good share of the neighborhood meetings meet in the evenings and questioned if there would be conflict.

Showalter commented she had been in the youth services business for 10 years. She indicated Beaverton started off with the Beaverton Teen Center and then went to the Boys and Girls Club to look for support. She added there was not a failure of the agencies or lack of participation by kids, but lack of facilities. She explained the Community Center was a great facility but it was not youth oriented. She added what they needed for the youth of Beaverton was a place to identify with.

Coun. Ruby questioned if they had asked for enough space for a boxing ring and weight training facility.

Showalter related they had a partnership with THPRD and the Garden Home Recreation Center had a boxing facility. She stated that at this time it was the dedication of one police officer picking up the kids and taking them back and forth. She explained there had been a waiting list of kids because they did not have the room to accommodate them. She noted they would like to be able to set up their boxing ring and be able to have a work center for them. She commented half of the facility would be tight for them, but they would make it work.

Coun. Ruby asked if PAL had other types of classes like Judo or Tae Kwando, which require money that the kids do not have.

Showalter reported they currently had boxing and Kung Fu that was taught by police officers from Beaverton. She stressed these have been long standing programs that the officers had dedicated their time to. She

said they possibly would like to include dance, cultural programs, and a work out room for the officers to mingle with the kids. She added as well as providing for some children that cannot afford to pay for more expensive programs.

Coun. Doyle asked if they were looking for weekends and evenings.

Showalter indicated mostly during the week, but there had been requests for special events such as a movie night, or social event. She stated most weekend events were out in the community.

Coun. Doyle asked if anyone had looked at what it would take to make half the building usable.

Showalter reported that they had a contractor on their board and had resources lined up with Parr and Tualatin Valley Lumber. She mentioned the contractor that sat on the board had dedicated himself, pro bono, to this project, as well as any other resources he could bring to the table.

Mayor Drake stated he had asked PAL to move slowly because the Council was committed to the public process, and PAL was respectful of the public process.

Coun. Doyle suggested it would be wise to share PAL's vision and expectation of the costs, so they would have an idea of what is being asked of the Community. He felt it was absolutely necessary to connect with the ethnic groups, because that would help fix some things in the community. He related calling Dr. Katz about some extra portables that are no longer being used, for a boxing ring. He commented that might be the solution for more space. He suggested that it might be an excellent way to have that on sight and still use the library for more traditional functions.

Mayor Drake stated he had asked staff to look at that broadly because the initial space needed to be requested by the School District. He mentioned the School District is now using two portables for the English as a Second Language (ESL) contact and education. He explained that the difficulty was that it would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on that property. He added that if portables were put there they would lose the required parking, which would then spill over into the neighborhood.

Coun. Doyle said he thought that they might be able to look at it in perspective of the use, but agreed with the Mayor's input.

Mayor Drake said they had looked at that very closely.

Showalter said they had the commitment from their board, if given the opportunity to use the facility, to undertake the remodel cost from their agency stand point so there would be no cost passed onto the citizens.

Coun. Stanton said she thought that with Metro's new parking maximums and the Library built under the old parking minimums, there could be enough parking spaces for the square foot size of the building.

Mayor Drake replied that he asked the staff what would happen if the portables were put there in regards to parking, and learned that the old standards would apply because the building had not been vacated. He suggested they also needed to be concerned about the visual appearance of the area, and the portables would give it a rough look.

Coun. Stanton mentioned the library bookstore would be another option, since PAL had the computer lab and the homework center.

Showalter reiterated that they would have the Intel computer lab and possibly an arts and crafts room and a team room. She explained that the computer lab and homework center was separate from the Intel computer program.

Coun. Stanton asked if this would be duplicating services that the new library had in place.

Showalter explained that they tried to interest kids "through the back door," and it often took games or recreation to get them in. She noted that it would be nice to continue with what they had for the kids.

Showalter commented the homework room would have computers lined around the walls and a central table for homework. She clarified that this would be a quiet private area for volunteers tutoring the kids, away from the games.

Coun. Soth pointed out that this type of room, would detract from the meeting space.

Showalter clarified that was only one piece of their program and the Asian Family Center had received a grant from the County to bring in kids and parents to learn how to use computers. She added the Asian Family Center did not have the resources, but were able to share the PAL facilities and equipment.

Coun. Soth said the last boxing ring he was in was 16 x 16 sq. ft., which was standard at the time, but was unsure if that was still the standard size.

Showalter related between a Kung Fu studio, weight room and the boxing ring, it would take about one-third of the requested space.

Tam Nguyen, Asian Family Center, said he was a youth support specialist and worked with the New Enrichment Program with Washington County. He stated he worked with youth from middle school through high school and it seemed like the needs of Asian youth were

increasing. He stated that he did counseling with the kids and also did parental education. He said he got referrals for kids that had problems at school and there was no private place at the current PAL office, so a private office area would be helpful in those situations.

Vathara Oung, Asian Family Center, said his job was to provide activities for kids after school and they served kids from middle schools and high schools in Washington County. He pointed out that the current space was very small and there were similar needs for other ethnic groups. He noted that another reason for more room was that sometimes the different ages and activities needed to be separated. He commented Beaverton was a growing city with the Asian population between 5,000 to 6,000 students. He said the space at the old library would be a centralized, good location and everyone could come there to do his or her business easily.

Mayor Drake asked what were the top three languages spoken by the Asian students.

Oung answered the main languages were SE Asian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese and possibly Islander.

Coun. Doyle commended them on their work, and expressed his support for them partnering with PAL. He noted that groups working together, learned from each other, and helped break down barriers, to build a win-win situation for everyone involved. He added that he was glad they were there that evening.

Coun. Soth asked if he understood correctly that they would integrate their activities with PAL; the students would come in for counseling and be exposed to the PAL activities.

Oung and Nguyen said that was correct.

Coun. Soth asked if all of their clients came from the Beaverton School District or if they came from other areas.

Tam Nguyen said they came from Washington County.

Oung stated the highest numbers were from the Beaverton area and most of them were from the area around the old library. He added if they had an office over there, the children could walk there.

Nguyen commented the Asian Family Center had about 40 dialect languages including Russian, African, SE Asian, Islander, etc. and they had many ethnic staff that could speak their languages.

Coun. Soth said he agreed with Coun. Doyle that the more we know about other people and their languages the better we would understand and know the things we have in common. He commended them for their work.

Showalter filled out a testimony card for the kids and they came forward.

Showalter stated that she thought it was important for the Council to hear from the kids who were involved at PAL. She said the girls would talk about how much they liked PAL and the boys would talk about outreach into the Hispanic community. She added PAL had been successful reaching out to the Hispanic youth, and said over one-quarter of the children came from the Hispanic community.

Katie Harrold said she went to PAL every day and they need more space because the older kids got the first chance to play at the pool tables.

Mandy Thorgeson said she liked PAL because it was good place for kids to spend time with their friends. She added that it was hard to play games because it was crammed too full.

Juan Vasquez said PAL was good for Hispanic people because they helped them learn English and encouraged them to play sports. He said they helped Hispanics with what they needed, and explained that PAL helped them with their homework when they did not understand it, and PAL staff were always there for the kids.

Jogo Betar said the good thing about going to PAL was that there were people from many different countries and you got to learn from them.

Daniel Morales explained the more you know about the other cultures the better you become. He noted that with so many cultures together it would make a better PAL program. He said he liked weight training, which was a healthy activity. He added he liked PAL and would like it to be in a bigger space for them to have more room.

Coun. Brzezinski asked how long they had been going to PAL.

The time frames were from about six months to nearly a year.

Coun. Brzezinski asked how they got to the location.

Morales and Betar answered that they walked.

Coun. Brzezinski asked if it would be equally easy to get to the new location.

They answered that it would.

Coun. Doyle asked how many used the facilities.

A young man answered that it varied; sometimes there were five, but most of the time there were ten to fifteen, or more.

Penny Douglas reported she was there on behalf of the VOSE NAC and said they would all love to see PAL moved to the old library site; they were 100% behind PAL. She related that she had lived in the VOSE neighborhood and has raised her children there, and said she was concerned about what kids did after school. She added that if they had a big facility they could gather at, they could get some direction, respect, and heroes to look up to.

Rob Weber stated he was a volunteer at the Beaverton Police Department and commended Jill Showalter for a job well done. He reported he retired last year from the Oregon State Department of Corrections and he saw where the kids go if they don't have places like PAL. He commented PAL offered the kids a lot of alternatives that were good for them. He mentioned when he was in Salem in the Corrections Department he had a maintenance shop that had 27 young men and the average age was 20-30 years old. He expressed his support for programs like PAL, and added that with the population growth they needed a larger place. He emphasized what they were doing for these kids was great.

Officer Sam Wade, Beaverton City Police, noted he wore several hats that evening, and one was that of the concerned citizen of Beaverton. He said he saw where the kids went when they didn't have a place like PAL. He stated what they are talking about was a prevention strategy that went beyond crime prevention, and to the roots of strengthening the fabric of the community. He referred to the boys that spoke earlier and noted that they only mentioned the 10 to 15 friends of theirs that used the facility, which did not include the many others that use the facility. He explained just as it showed the diversity of the kids that showed up at the table, there was diversity in the City of Beaverton and it was changing. He read a petition signed by approximately twenty small business operators in and around the old library that supported the location of PAL at the old library site. He read from the list of names and communicated how this showed the diversity in the area. He noted that he hoped the people would not be let down.

Bill Hack, Director of the Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, located in Beaverton and serving Washington County, noted that since he was at another meeting he had come in late that evening and missed part of what had been said. He said PAL would be a great tenant for the facility, and explained that he owned two apartment complexes that housed

approximately 180 kids between the ages of 8 years old and 18 years old, within twelve blocks of the proposed site. He said keeping the site as part of the City was important and he hoped they allowed a variety of non-profit agencies to utilize it.

Coun. Doyle said he appreciated the statement that the City should keep it, and said he did not think that was a concern at all.

Mayor Drake noted there was a letter in the mail soliciting Neighborhood Action Committee (NAC) comment on the use of the facility, which would give the NAC's time to meet in their October meetings to provide input.

David Bishop, Police Chief, agreed with the need for identifying the needs of the youth in community. He stated this discussion started 30 years ago trying to establish a youth center and unfortunately it hadn't gone anywhere. He recalled being involved in law enforcement during this time and dealing with the problem of the children that had been forgotten, and said there had been many. He reminded them that PAL dealt with young people that were less fortunate than many others, and related that he got his start at PAL in Portland and felt it had a great benefit in his life. He felt that if a consultant came in, they would say this was a perfect location to meet the needs.

Mayor Drake noted that they would come back at the first meeting in November and take additional comment at that time, but there was no need to repeat testimony that had been given that evening. He explained that he would have some questions for potential users, and thanked them for their input that evening.

Coun. Stanton reminded everyone that if they lived in Beaverton they should remember to vote and drop off their ballots at the Library.

RECESS: Mayor Drake called for a brief recess at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Coun. Soth MOVED, SECONDED by Coun. Brzezinski that the Council move into executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (1) (g), 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 Ruby voting AYE, the motion CARRIED unanimously. (4:0) (Coun. Stanton was out of the room at the time and returned at 8:06 p.m.)**

The executive session convened at 8:02 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 8: 35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Darleen Cogburn, City Recorder

APPROVAL:

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000

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Rob Drake, Mayor