

**February 2, 2006
City Council Regular Session
Oakridge City Hall Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**



MINUTES



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Sue Bond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Sue Bond, Mayor
Glenn Fortune
Carina Schorer
Don Hampton
Rayetta Clark
Dawn Shields

Council Absent: Leah Chapman

Staff Present: Community Services Director Kevin Urban
City Recorder Chantell Hayson
Police Chief Louis Gomez

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Kevin Urban added 2.4 to the Administration section for a Department of Land Conservation and Development Grant application.

CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Minutes of Regular Session of January 19, 2006

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by D. Hampton to approve the consent agenda. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Shields (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), and R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations

The Council convened into executive session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations at 7:03 p.m.

Executive session ended and Council reconvened in open session at 7:36 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Sales of Surplus Property

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by G. Fortune to reject all offers on the Dunning Road Property. D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Bond (Nay), D. Shields (Nay), and C. Schorer (Aye). Motion carried 4-2.

Councilor Fortune noted that he would like to direct staff to check into legal issues about any pollution issues with the property.

Mayor Bond directed staff to discuss this with the City Attorney.

Councilor Schorer asked if the Council needs to ask for an extension on the offers.

Mayor Bond explained that with the current motion on the table the Council has declined the offers instead of asking for an extension to reply. She stated that if a Councilor that was in favor of the motion wanted to, that councilor could motion to reconsider the motion and then state a new motion. She continued to state that if no other motion is made then the bidders would receive no explanation.

Councilor Schorer attempted to create a motion that was clarified by Councilor Hampton as needing to be broken into two separate motions.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by R. Clark to reconsider declining of all offers. G. Fortune (Nay), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Shields (Aye), D. Hampton (Nay), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 4-2.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by R. Clark to extend the bidder's offers until February 17, 2006.

Councilor Fortune would also like the motion to include a statement of a contingent liability from the attorney.

Mayor Bond asked Councilors Schorer and Clark if they would accept this friendly amendment to the motion.

Councilors Schorer and Clark accepted the amendment.

D. Shields (Aye), D. Hampton (Nay), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), and G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-1.

2.2 Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Library

Kevin Urban proceeded to read the issues on the agenda item that explained the great need for an expanded library. The grant request is for \$500,000 to help pay for a new library located next to City Hall.

Mayor Bond asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked.

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by R. Clark to approve the City's request for \$500,000 for CDBG funding for a new library and authorize the Mayor to sign the application. Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Shields (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), and D. Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

2.3 Categorization of Issues and Concerns

Mayor Bond explained to the Council that all of the Councilors should review the issues and circle the letter that corresponds to their viewpoint. This sheet should be returned to the City Administrator by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2006. She then asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilor Hampton had concerns about the format. To him the S and L for short-term and long-term are time issues, where the A for administrative is a "how it gets done" issue. What he would consider a short-term issue could be handled administratively and the same goes for long-term. He felt this is like comparing apples and oranges.

Mayor Bond responded that the Council has been doing it this way for the last few years and it has been working well.

Councilor Hampton stated that it just needs to be done for now and the procedure can be discussed later. Mayor Bond agreed.

2.4 Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Grant

Kevin Urban explained to the Council that he has written this grant for the comprehensive plan update. He explained that the Oregon legislature has said that cities no longer need to update the comprehensive plans nor will they offer financial support to upgrade the plans. He feels that they are basically saying they don't care as long as cities don't ask for money for comprehensive plans. This current grant is a possible loophole that the City can ask for technical assistance rather than calling it a comprehensive plan update. The grant is for \$12,000 and will be classified as economic development that affects recreation. This money can be used to hire a firm to review our area as far as recreation is concerned. Some of the monies may be able to be used for park plans.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to accept the grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development. R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), and D. Shields (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3.1 Adoption of Ordinance 884 Property Maintenance Ordinance

Mayor Bond explained that the Council only needs to approve this ordinance that has been read at two prior meetings.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by D. Hampton to approve the adoption of Ordinance 884 Property Maintenance. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Shields (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Gomez reported that the crime has leveled off and is now at normal levels for the City. He feels the recent rain has contributed a lot to the lack of crimes being committed.

Mayor Bond pointed out Chief Gomez's new uniform. Chief Gomez reported that they are a dark blue rather than black, lighter, breathable, and overall a better uniform.

Mayor Bond explained that Chief Shorey is out of town due to family illness and expressed her concern for him and his family.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Schorer attended the Warm Homes/Clean Air Program introduction with the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority on Saturday. There was excellent participation with over 130 people and nearly 90 applications for assistance. Applications can be picked up at City Hall if anyone is interested in applying for services.

Kevin Urban reported that the Chamber dinner is this Saturday with the social beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge.

Mayor Bond stated that she would be out of town tomorrow and not returning until Monday.

Mayor Bond attended the Regional Investment Board meeting that gives lottery funds to four counties. Oakridge applied for \$15,000 over two years ago. Because of some changes, the City did not believe they would be reimbursed for the money that had been spent. Some recent changes have reversed this and the City will be getting the reimbursement. Nearly \$800,000 more will be available in April and she advised staff to be ready to apply for other projects.

Kevin Urban responded that we are ready and waiting.

Mayor Bond and several Councilors and Staff attended the Lane Council of Governments dinner. She wanted to make a point that the service and meal was very good this year and she will be sending a letter to the culinary students for their hard work.

Councilor Hampton reported that he was appointed a member of the Lane County Food Policy Council. The Council is composed of thirty members with twenty-seven residing in Eugene and only three from other communities including Oakridge, Creswell, and Springfield. He is concerned that Oakridge is the only rural community on the board and is part of the reason for his interest in the Council. He plans to give a presentation on rural hunger issues to help the larger cities understand the unique obstacles we face.

Councilor Hampton then mentioned that the Media United Against Drugs television program once again involved our high school students. If anyone would like a copy of the telecast, he can get it.

Councilor Fortune stated that Region 2050 has a meeting coming up soon. He would like feedback before that meeting regarding intergovernmental agreements. In the last few meetings they have been talking about these agreements and the idea that if all parties do not sign then there technically is no region. He is concerned about spending his time over the next year on a topic that cannot be settled between two cities (Eugene and Springfield). He would like to know the feelings of others on this issue.

Councilor Hampton was a part of this group for many years and he believes there could be positive results between these cities down the road.

Councilor Schorer asked if anyone is allowed to attend the meetings and where are they held.

Councilor Fortune said it is a public meeting and anyone can attend. The normal meeting location is at the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB).

Mayor Bond said she would e-mail Councilor Schorer the schedule.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bond reminded the Council that February 16th is a joint meeting with the County Commissioners. She would like to also invite the City of Westfir.

Councilor Hampton asked if an agenda has been compiled.

Mayor Bond said that has not been finalized and any suggestions should be forwarded to Gordon Zimmerman. A small discussion to invite the Planning Commission followed. It was concluded that they are welcome to come but not required. The Council consensus is to invite the City of Westfir but not the Planning Commission. The location of the meeting was settled on the Willamette Activity Center (WAC) Senior Lounge with the meeting beginning with light snacks at 6:00 p.m.

