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# **WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES September 9, 2013**

## **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Council Present:**

Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

### **Staff Present:**

City Manager Chris Jordan, Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, City Attorney Tim Ramis, Associate Planner Sara Javoronok, and Planning Director John Sonnen.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve the agenda for the September 9, 2013, West Linn City Council meeting. Councilor Jody Carson seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

## **Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations**

### **\* Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette Grant Presentation and Quarterly Update\***

On behalf of Metro, Councilor Carlotta Collette presented a \$220,000 check to Mayor John Kovash for the City of West Linn Arch Bridge/Bolton Center project.

Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette Presentation.

[Councilor Carlotta Collette PowerPoint](#)

[Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette Handouts](#)

### [Consent Agenda](#)

**Agenda Bill 2013-09-09-01: Approve July 1, July 15, and August 19, 2013, Meeting Notes**

### [Draft Meeting Notes Information](#)

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 9, 2013, West Linn City Council Meeting which includes the July 1, July 15, and August 19, 2013, Meeting Notes. Councilor Thomas Frank seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

### [Community Comments](#)

Thomas Pudil spoke against the aquatic center and would like to see the City save more money rather than spend it.

[Thomas Pudil submittal](#)

Alice Richmond spoke about Oktoberfest and other holidays.

### [Report from the City Manager](#)

City Manager Chris Jordan said the library had a record 20,000 users in August. The American Library Association supports September sign up month. Currently, the West Linn Library has 17,746 cardholders; the goal is to get to 18,000. The cut the red tape project has been delayed so there are no items for the September 16 work session and therefore no meeting.

### [Business from the City Council](#)

### [Voting Delegate at the League of Oregon Cities Conference](#)

Council President Mike Jones moved to nominate Jody Carson as the voting delegate at the League of Oregon Cities conference and Thomas Frank as the alternate voting delegate at the League of Oregon Cities conference. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

Councilor Jody Carson spoke about the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition. They are working on getting the area around Willamette Falls designated as a National Heritage Area. They are currently working on a Feasibility Study highlighting features of national significance. Part of this process is to make sure the public has input so the Feasibility Study is available online at [westlinnoregon.com](http://westlinnoregon.com) and hard copies at the library for check out. She encourages citizens to provide feedback.

Council President Mike Jones discussed the Charter Amendments that are on the September 17 ballot. None of these change the current practices; they clarify the practices the City already does.

Councilor Jenni Tan thanked Associate Planner Sara Javoronok for arranging the paper mill tour and showed some pictures of the tour. She also invited everyone to put a ribbon on the fence over I205 to commemorate the victims of September 11. The 911 Ceremony will be at Willamette Park again this year starting at 5:50 p.m.

Councilor Thomas Frank also spoke about the West Linn Paper Mill and showed pictures that are located on his website at [www.thomasafrank.com](http://www.thomasafrank.com).

Mayor John Kovash stated they broke ground on the new Police Station and thanked all the citizens, police, and staff who attended.

### **[Business Meeting](#)**

### **[Agenda Bill 2013-09-09-02: Ordinance 1615 Gloria Drive Right-of-Way Vacation \\* PUBLIC HEARING\\*](#)**

#### **[Gloria Drive Information](#)**

Mayor John Kovash opened the Gloria Drive Public Hearing and asked if any of the Councilors had any Conflict of Interest.

Councilor Jenni Tan had been contacted by the applicant because she lives in the notice area. She does not believe that the vacation could cause a financial benefit or detriment to her or her relatives, and even though it is not legally required, she chose to recuse herself.

Councilor Thomas Frank lives just outside of the area. He does not believe the vacation could be a financial benefit or detriment to him or his relatives, but in the interest of transparency, he made this disclosure. Living in the general area has not biased him and he will make his decision based upon the facts and evidence presented in the hearing.

No audience member challenged Councils ability to make this decision.

Associate Planner Sara Javoronok Staff Report.

**[Associate Planner Sara Javoronok Presentation](#)**

Alice Richmond spoke in favor of the vacation.

Mayor John Kovash closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Jody Carson clarified the City is vacating the property, not the citizen.

Mayor John Kovash clarified it is the right-of-way.

City Attorney Tim Ramis stated ownership is solely for the public right-of-way, if the City is not using it, they have no right to hold it.

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve First Reading for Ordinance 1615 relating to the vacation of a portion of the Gloria Drive right-of-way within the City of West Linn, Oregon, and retaining a public utility easement, and set the matter for Second Reading. Councilor Jody Carson seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, and Councilor Thomas Frank.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 4 - 0**

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve Second Reading for Ordinance 1615 relating to the vacation of a portion of the Gloria Drive right-of-way within the City of West Linn, Oregon, and retaining a public utility easement, and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Thomas Frank seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, and Councilor Thomas Frank.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 4 - 0**

### [Work Session](#)

#### [Arch Bridge Project](#)

Associate Planner Sara Javoronok Staff Report.

#### [Associate Planner Sara Javoronok Presentation](#)

#### [Planning Department Work Plan](#)

Planning Director John Sonnen Staff Report.

#### [Ongoing and Long-Range Planning Projects](#)

### [Adjourn](#)