

WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2009

Council Present:

Mayor Patti Galle, Council President Jody Carson;
Councilor Scott A. Burgess, Councilor Teri Cummings and Councilor John Kovash

Council Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Kirsten Wyatt, Assistant to the City Manager;
City Attorney Bill Monahan; and Shirley Richardson, Minute Taker

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Galle called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. She announced the changes in tonight's agenda:

- Council will recess after the business meeting tonight and interviews will be held for the City's Advisory Boards and Committees. The Council meeting will reconvene and those appointed will be announced.
- Agenda Bill 09-01-12C, a public hearing for a step one annexation process for Wet Linn/Wilsonville School District will be continued until January 26, 2009. No testimony will be taken on this hearing this evening.

Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

None

Community Comments

Kevin Bryck, 1880 Nixon, representing the Robinwood Neighborhood Association stated he was here at the December 30, 2008 Council meeting voicing concerns and objections to their neighborhood being charged for their clean-up day. To-date he has not received a response to that issue. The residents do not feel it was fair to be charged \$200 for their annual event. He asked Council for answers to why there are

changes in City policy that affect their \$1,500 stipend. For the past nine years they have not been charged, why now.

Roberta Schwarz asked that one of the new goals of this Council will be to focus on the White Oaks Savannah. West Linn is fortunate to have this 20-acre park in their city and extended an invitation to the Council to come take a tour of the natural park. Some of the people who have visited are a representative from Darlene Hooley's office (letter of support), ODOT (letter of support), the Nature Conservancy, Clackamas County, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, the Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, President of West Linn Chamber of Commerce, City of West Linn City Council (Resolution), Parks Department (Parks Master Plan), Osburg (Environment Oregon Group), scientists, hydrologists, master gardener and a representative from Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Ms. Schwarz showed a picture of a tree where each leaf represented a signature of a resident of West Linn (415 signatures) who think it would be a good idea to make this a beautiful natural park forever. She has been emailing back and forth with the Trust for Public Lands and they are trying to help bring a deal together. A preliminary grant has been submitted to Metro for \$500,000-600,000, there may be up to \$1 million from the State from Lottery money, have the City put in some funds and possibly broker a deal with Trust for Public Land.

This parcel is one of rare final pieces of White Oak Savannah in the whole Portland metropolitan area. Some of these trees are hundreds of years old.

Bob Thomas, 2563 Pimlico Drive stated that City Council meetings offer a way to provide information and correction of mis-information. He wanted to state a correction to the \$1.4 million embezzlement by the former Finance Director. The last check she wrongly cashed was March 30, 2005 and she resided of August of 2005. Her embezzlement wasn't discovered until April 2006. It was discovered by a newly hired CPA. No one else was involved in the discovery. He wanted to set the record straight that several people tried to take credit for it.

Mayor Galle noted this was not something the Council could take action on nor is it City business and asked Mr. Thomas to change his subject matter. Mr. Thomas was asked to step down.

Election of Council President

Mayor Galle opened the nominations for the office of Council President.

Councilor Burgess moved to nominate Councilor Jody Carson to the office of Council President. Councilor Cummings seconded the motion.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Galle closed the nominations.

Ayes: Burgess, Cummings, Kovash, Carson, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Burgess noted that the swearing-in process can be done at the next Council meeting on January 25, 2009.

Councilor Carson asked staff to bring back discussion related to Mr. Bryck's concerns. She would like to know how the decision was reached to charge the neighborhoods for their clean-up day. Other neighborhoods would like to know how the decision was reached so they can discuss whether or not this is something to continue in the future or change back to the original policy.

Councilor Cummings stated she would also like to find out how this decision was made. It was a valuable activity for the neighborhoods.

Mayor Galle stated she too would like to have this information. In the future when any decision minor or major that is made which affects neighborhood associations that they be noticed first to get their input. At that time, the City can get an explanation to them.

Mayor Galle asked staff to talk with Ms. Schwarz to make a more in-depth presentation on the Savannah Oaks. Some of the work done by Ms. Schwarz is extremely impressive and the amount of organizations and people who are interested in this land brings it to the forefront of something that the City should be looking at.

Councilor Kovash suggested that information be submitted ahead of time to allow Councilors to review and comment at the time of the presentation. It is helpful to have the information in writing.

Consent Agenda

1. Agenda Bill 09-01-12A Newspapers of Record

Councilor Carson moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda Bill 09-01-12A, Newspapers of Record. Councilor Burgess seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cummings, Kovash, Carson, Burgess, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0.

Report from the City Manager

Kirsten Wyatt, Assistant to the City Manager reported there is a change in process. This Council has requested that public testimony forms be placed in the box on the recorder's desk.

Business from the City Council

Councilor Carson requested staff to prepare a resolution and draft letter supporting the funding for the upgrades needed and the study on the Willamette Locks. Currently a list of shovel-ready projects is being forwarded to the Legislature for consideration. It is the only project from West Linn that is on the list to be considered in terms of a stimulus package.

Council President Carson moved to direct staff to draft a resolution and letter in support of the Willamette Locks Upgrade and Study for review and consideration at the next Council meeting. Councilor Burgess seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cummings, Carson, Burgess, Kovash, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0.

Council President Carson asked for a report from Council on the appointments to Metro committees. Councilor Cummings reported that she and Councilor Kovash went to Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C-4) meeting. A representative from West Linn City Council will be attending the monthly Rural Reserves Steering Committee meetings and the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Councilor Kovash noted that Councilor Cummings and he were at the C-4 meeting. They combined their notes and created a trip report which was shared with the other councilors and staff.

Mayor Galle asked that these meetings be added to the meeting list on the City's website.

Councilor Cummings noted other meetings that may be of interest to the citizens:

- Lake Oswego will be hosting the Clackamas City Dinner meeting on January 29, 2009. This is an opportunity to meet with officials and citizens from other Clackamas cities.
- League of Oregon Cities website shows what on the agenda for Legislature
- Clackamas Business Forum will be at the Monarch Hotel on January 21, 2009. Damascus, Happy Valley and Milwaukie, Oregon City and Gladstone mayors will be giving their State of the Cities reports.

Business Meeting

1. Agenda Bill 09-01-12C Public hearing for a Step One Annexation process of a 21 acre site located between Rosemont Road and hidden Springs Road (Applicant: West Linn/Wilsonville School District)

Mayor Galle opened the hearing on a Step One Annexation for West Linn/Wilsonville School District at 7:10 p.m. She asked for a motion to continue the public hearing.

Council President Carson moved to continue the annexation hearing for West Linn/Wilsonville School District (09-01-12C) to January 26, 2009. Councilor Cummings seconded the motion.

Ayes: Carson, Burgess, Cummings, Kovash, Galle

Hearing no further business from Council, Mayor Galle recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to conduct interviews of applicants for boards and committees. She announced at the conclusion of this process Council will reconvene this meeting and take further action on the appointments to these committees.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 8:35. The meeting reconvened however there is no video available. (City Attorney Monahan was no longer present.) Mayor Galle read the following list of terms and appointments to boards and commissions:

Budget Committee

12/31/11 Thomas Frank

12/31/11 Thomas Griffith

Clackamas Cable Advisory Board

12/31/10 Jon Miller

12/31/11 Karyn Pennington

Historic Resources Advisory Board

12/31/12 Gail Holmes

12/31/12 Midge Pierce

Library Board

12/31/12 Kathy Graef

12/31/12 Sterling James

Park & Recreation Board

12/31/11 Todd Jones

12/31/11 Don Kingsborough

Planning Commission

12/31/10 Christine Steele

12/31/12 Mike Jones

Public Safety Advisory Committee

12/31/11 Dave Becker

12/31/11 Grant Oakes

12/31/11 Dennis Richey

Sustainability Advisory Board

12/31/13 Tamara Gilbert

Transportation Advisory Board

12/31/11 Eric Underwood

12/31/12 Erik Gakstatter

12/31/12 David Rittenhouse

Utility Advisory Board

12/31/11 Michael Monical

12/31/12 Alice Richmond

Council President Carson moved to approve the list of appointments. Councilor Burgess seconded the motion.

Ayes: Burgess, Cummings, Kovash, Carson, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Galle adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45.

Adjournment

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tina Lynch /s/

Tina Lynch

City Recorder

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
ON MARCH 23, 2009

Patti Galle /s/

Patti Galle, Mayor