



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Commission

Dan Holladay, Mayor
Rocky Smith, Jr., Commission President
Brian Shaw, Nancy Ide, Renate Mengelberg

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers

Special Work Session

1. Convene Special Work Session and Roll Call

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Brian Shaw, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Renate Mengelberg and Commissioner Nancy Ide

Staffers: 9 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band, Public Works Director John Lewis, Library Director Maureen Cole, Human Resources Director Jim Loeffler, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Finance Director Wyatt Parno and Community Services Director Phil Lewis

2. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

3. Discussion Items

3a. Clackamette Park Boat Ramp Letter of Support

Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, said the current boat ramp at Clackamette Park was recently refinished and had a five year replacement period. The recommendation from the Oregon State Marine Board was the current location was not sustainable long term and it needed to be moved 350 feet downriver of the current boat ramp. There was concern about what that would do to the greenspace at the park. An Open House was held in September which was well attended. The upland design portion was negotiable and the Oregon State Marine Board had to go through the permitting process which could be a lengthy process.

Doug Neeley, representing the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, said the Committee agreed to the replacement of the current boat ramp on a temporary basis. The Committee had concerns about the design options for the new boat ramp as they made the park not function as planned and impacted the park size.

Jerry Herrmann, representing the Natural Resources Committee, said the Committee was asking to be included in the review of these Marine Board facilities and was requesting a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to adjust the project and reduce the effects to the park.

Mr. Neeley said if this issue had to be addressed in timely manner, a special Work Session with PRAC and the NRC could be arranged. Mayor Holladay did not think there was an urgency. The Marine Board was asking for the Commission's blessing to move the boat ramp downriver a couple hundred feet. All of the upland area and park was negotiable.

Commissioner Smith was not in support of this. He did not think any of the options for the new boat ramp worked. The Commission also needed to decide whether or not they were going to keep the RV park and whether or not to sell the property across the street. Without direction and a plan for the park, he was concerned about the boat ramp being put in and losing green space at the park. He thought the City should be driving it, not the State. A lot of questions needed to be answered before he could support this.

Commissioner Mengelberg asked if the new location was not subject to the same hydraulic forces as the current boat ramp that kept getting washed out. Mayor Holladay said it depended on whether the river moved or not or the floods that might occur. Mr. Lewis said it would vary from year to year. The hydrology report said the new placement would be better for the current water flow rates and the flow would have less impact on the ramp.

Commissioner Shaw had done a preliminary master plan of the park. He thought the whole park should be revisited. He was not satisfied with the information for why the boat ramp should not be put on the Willamette. He thought with the development of the Cove that Clackamette Park would be used more. He thought the boat ramp would be better on the Willamette to lessen the truck and trailer traffic and make Clackamette Park more family friendly.

Mr. Lewis said the Marine Board did not support putting the boat ramp on the Willamette and if the City wanted to do that, the full cost would fall on the City.

Mayor Holladay said the Marine Board had been clear that they were willing to discuss the upland area of the park and if the City wanted to get the funding, they needed to work with the Marine Board. They had the ability to stop the process at any time. He agreed that they did not want to change the character of the park so it was not a park anymore and only a place to put in boats on the river. He did not think sending this letter was caving in and letting others determine the design of the park.

Commissioner Shaw suggested holding a Work Session to discuss master planning of the park.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said a Waterfront Master Plan was a Council goal. Staff could bring back options for a letter characterizing the concerns of the Commission. Mayor Holladay said the Commission wanted to make sure the City had the ultimate authority for the upland part of the park and wanted to ask again if the boat ramp could be placed on the Willamette. He thought they should support the idea of replacement of the ramp and at the same time maintain their ability to control what would happen in the park and surrounding area.

There was consensus for staff to draft a letter addressing the concerns of the Commission and bring it back to the Commission for review.

4. City Manager's Report

There was no City Manager's report.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder