

Minutes
Aurora City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT Kelly Richardson, City Recorder
Mary Lambert, Finance Officer
Darrel Lockard, Public Works Superintendent
Dennis Koho, City Attorney

STAFF ABSENT: Pete Marcellais, Marion County Deputy

VISITORS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Graupp at 7:05 pm

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

Mayor Graupp- Present
Councilor Sahlin - Present
Councilor Sallee-Present
Councilor Brotherton
Councilor Vlcek - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes – February, 2015
- b) Planning Commission Minutes – February, 2015
- c) Historic Review Board Minutes – January, 2015

4. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Letter of Resignation from Councilor Brotherton,

A motion to accept Scott Brotherton' resignation from City Council and declare an open position on Council is made by Councilor Sallee and is seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Passed by all.

- b) Letter of Interest from Bob Southard to join City Council, Councilor Vlcek asks Mayor Graupp if in conversations he informed this applicant there is no need to apply because another applicant had already applied and was the favored applicant. Mayor Graupp states no that he had not told the applicant not to apply.

- c) Letter from BMI informing us they can no longer fulfill their contract. Councilor Vlcek asks if there was a reason given and Mayor Graupp informs him that the only thing they sent was this letter. Mayor Graupp states my guess is that since we had taken the cross connection program away this could be a portion of the problem.

5. Declaring an Open Position on Council

A motion to accept Scott Brotherton' resignation from City Council and declare an open position on Council is made by Councilor Sallee and is seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Passed by all.

6. Visitor

Anyone wishing to address the Aurora City Council concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Aurora City Council could look into the matter and provide some response in the future. No comments were made during this section.

Bob Southard, Aurora
Joseph Schaefer, Aurora
Rob Graham, Aurora
Ben Williams, Friends French Prairie
Annie Kirk, Aurora
Greg Leo, Wilsonville
Mike Iverson, Marion County
Tara Weidman, Aurora
Scott Brotherton, Wilsonville

Greg Leo, I urge you to support the Willamette Falls Locks reopening and draft a resolution of such support.

Ben Williams, again urges City Council to write a letter not supporting Senate Bill 534 and get it sent out very soon.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor Bill Graupp

- Mayor report on Senate Bill 534 currently it is stalled in the house and nothing has been scheduled. Vic Gilliam's assistant had informed me that Mr. Gilliam wanted to meet with me however no one ever called back. At the Aurora Planning Commission meeting last week it was very informative meeting there was a lot of good information presented however there was also a fair share of misinterpreted information given as well. At that meeting Chair Schaefer asked the question if they were against Airport growth the majority of the people who made statements simply wanted them to have to follow the process. I did speak with Rob Howard with DLCD and he informed me no matter what you still would be required to apply for a goal exception with DLCD. Now I really understand Senator Girards statement that this bill is doing what he thought it was designed to do which is stimulate conversations. At last week's meeting the Aurora Planning Commission voted 6 to 1 to write a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 534.

Mayor Graupp goes on to say that according to his conversations this is a nothing bill it still requires a goal exception however since we have a recommendation from Planning we will send a letter.

Council discussed, Both Councilors Sahlin and Sallee agree that they went to a lot of trouble on this bill for it to do nothing and since we have a recommendation from Planning we should send a letter of nonsupport.

Members of the audience Tara Weidman, Mike Iverson, Greg Leo, Ben Williams, Annie Kirk and Spud Spurb also state that a letter of opposition should be sent out by Aurora.

Mayor Graupp goes on to say, regardless of my position no one came to present the positives of what is trying to be done here, Wilsonville chamber leader who supported this bill has resigned. I was trying to balance the negatives and the positives. I am going to try to address some of the positive, if we were to consider this it could be a lucrative deal where we could get the funds and facts we could ask the state to do a feasibility study to see the long range goals of this and if it is beneficial to the city or not. If we don't take a positive outlook and or collaboration with other cities and share costs we could miss out on funding for things we need to continue. Since we don't have all of the facts and figures then we can't really make a decision. Also if there isn't collaboration between entities then things cannot happen. In the Planning Commission meeting I hear that we shouldn't support unless there is an annexation, Councilor Sahlin the problem I have is that they just didn't come and speak with us first they sneak and do something like this. Councilors Sallee and Vlcek agree with Sahlin' statement and all agree that without information needed that we shouldn't support the effort.

- Senate Bills 498 and 497 discussions, State of Oregon requires that upon receipt of notice that cities must annex UGB property at the request of all of the property owners and majority of the voters in the annex area without ability to vote on annexation. Greg Leo states that these are very bad bills and the League of Oregon Cities is not in support of them either. These bills really preempt cities authority on how to plan ahead. League is a strong no on both of these. These have a stronger implication that 534. The bills are sponsored by Senator Edwards Eugene's area chair of environment and energy committee. Leo stat that he doesn't think they have the votes to come out at this point.
- **Action item** from last meeting the house along 99E it is owned by an elderly couple who have no attachment to the home however they do not have the resources to do anything with it either. They asked if the city could help so I talked with Chief Yoder to see if they could do a learn and burn on it however it didn't sound like that would be an option. Anything that is done would first need to go through the HRB first.
- ACVA had their annual meeting and they voted in new officers except the treasurer they do now have a co-treasurer. Items that they do are the Aurora historic sign in town and they are looking into flowers and wreaths and maybe some banners to be placed around the business district. I was informed last week that someone has stepped up for the parade but we will need to see how that plays out.
- Orchard View turns out that the detention pond is considered a ground water detention pond and according to the City Engineer John Ashley we cannot remove it as it controls the flow to the river.

- Graupp states that as I try to get Aurora out there and be seen as a player, we really don't have the money to lobby like bigger cities around us, but it is nice to be at the table.

ACTION: Dennis Koho the City Attorney is directed to draft a letter in opposition of SB 534 based on council discussion. Councilor Sahlin is approved to review and sign on behalf of the city.

b) Marion County Deputy, absent

- Deputy report, City Recorder Richardson informs the council that the 2nd street stop sign has been taken care of as per Deputy Marcellais.

Council discussed, NA

ACTION: NA

c) Traffic Safety Committee

- Traffic report...

Council discussed, NA

ACTION: NA

d) Finance Officer

- Finance officer reports that there is still an opening on budget committee however I did find out that as long as I do my due diligence if we don't fill it there will be no problems. I am requesting that the budget meetings be at 7 rather than 6. We will need to decide if we are going out for RFP on auditors. Through discussion the council didn't feel it was necessary as long as the firm has internal controls on changing up who performs the audit that should be good enough.

Council discussed, NA

ACTION: Send out a new calendar with the time change for the budget meetings.

e) Public Works

- Public Works report, Flow meters were calibrated on March 3rd and I am working on getting the computers systems to work in unison of each other.
- This morning I notified the State regarding our cross connection program and that we no longer have one. During that conversation I found out that if there is a backflow device in the ground routine testing must be done, which is in conflict with what BMI had told me and have been doing often times they only test half of them and call it good. We are continuing to remove unneeded devices and working on a plan for those that will need to be tested annually.

Council discussed that the two reports on file regarding the tree grove in the park are conflicting and they discuss a plan to move forward with identifying trees that have issues and are unsafe. If there are trees that have been identified Councilor Vlcek states we need to show good faith and take care of them. Councilor Sahlin requests we have a licensed professional take a look at the trees and make a recommendation done.

A motion is made by Councilor Sahlin to get bids from a licensed professional to assess the tree grove in the park by April 1, 2015 and if under \$2500.00 dollars authorize it to move forward before coming back to Council and is seconded by Councilor Sallee. Unanimously passed by all.

Councilor Vlcek asks if there was an official report done on the accident at the water filtration plant. Kelly has provided me with a sample report of what she is looking for so I will begin working on that.

ACTION: Superintendent Lockard is to be working on report of accident at the water filtration plant.

f) Parks Committee

- Park report, the ball field has been treated. Councilor Vlcek informs the group that there may be some type of State help for the ivy situation.

Council discussed, NA

ACTION: NA

g) City Recorder

- Recorder report is mostly routine and is read into the record.

Council discussed, the Springbrook proposal and that they were having a hard time following it.

ACTION: To get a simpler Springbrook report prior to the budget meetings.

h) City Attorney

- City Attorney report, The Eddy property issue is moving forward there has been a lot of testing going on so it will be in better shape which ever outcome occurs.
- Mr. Sills has requested a hearing before Council regarding his window violation. I hope to have it on the April agenda.

Council discussed, because of the discussion here tonight let's hold off on the Orchard View situation and contact John Ashley the City Engineer.

ACTION: the house along 99E which was discussed during the Mayors report.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Discussion and or Action on Draft Resolution for the Willamette Falls Locks re-opening. Council would like a resolution on the April agenda for this item.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action on Appointing a Budget Officer for FY 2015/2016, Mayor Graupp volunteers and Councilor Sallee asks why are we not having our Finance Officer doing this and the Council asks Lambert if she wants to be the budget officer and she states yes I would.

A motion is made by Councilor Vlcek to appoint Finance Officer Lambert as the FY 2015/2016 Budget Officer and is seconded by Councilor Sallee. Passed by all.

- b) Discussion and or Action on RFP for New Water Quality Testing Company. We are going to attempt to bring this in house first.
- c) Discussion and or Action on Draft Resolution for re-opening of Willamette Falls Locks, this will be on the April agenda.
- d) Discussion and or Action on joining the National Heritage Area Designation, Councilor Vlcek asks if this would have any cost or issues for Aurora. Mayor Graupp states no cost involved and no new rules to follow. Greg Leo informs the group that it basically puts you on a map and provides promotions for your city.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a) NA

11. ADJOURN, The March 17th Council Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Graupp at 9:05 P.M.



Bill Graupp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly Richardson, CMC
City Recorder