

MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024

APRIL 18, 2001 – 7:30PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Ken Quinby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen

Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Barbara Jones

STAFF PRESENT:

Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
John Andersen, Community Development Director
Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director
Roy Wall, Finance Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder
Tammy Shannon, Office Assistant

II. Consent Agenda

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Quinby seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes of April 4, 2001.

YES: 7
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NOES:
ABSTAINED:

III. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK ON
non-
NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Vonderharr called for persons wishing to speak on agenda items. As there was no response, the session continued.

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS
reported to Council

John Andersen, Community Development Director,

E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Development

about the Intergovernmental Agreement on Economic

Economic Development
approving

with the City of Gresham that was up for renewal. He recommended

renewal of the agreement for the year 2001. Director Anderson stated that even though the City was most likely not going to receive monetary assistance for this program from Fairview Village Developers Holt & Haugh, (they contributed \$7,500 of the \$10,000 in year 2000) he felt the benefits to the City of Fairview in terms of the assistance provided made the agreement worthy of approval. Director Anderson commented that the agreement was beneficial in that it provided the City with economic development services that Fairview alone would not have the resources to offer. Director Andersen stated that this partnership with the City of

Gresham helped “get the message out” to potential businesses that Fairview is interested in economic development.

Councilor Quinby inquired as to whether there was a plan in place that could gauge the success of the program- could the recent interest in Fairview’s commercial opportunities definitively be tracked to the partnership with Gresham? Director Andersen responded that although no numerical or physical monitoring was in place to track the benefits, he could report that some businesses which had been talking with Fairview had indicated they had talked to Gresham and were referred here. Additionally, Director Andersen stated that in two instances, tips were provided by Gresham’s Economic Development Office and were followed up on either by the City or by the private property owners in Fairview. Councilor Quinby also questioned whether or not the fees were an arbitrary figure since the program was now up and running and did not have the extra costs related to start up. Director Andersen responded that the amount was questioned and the response from the City of Gresham indicated that the amount was calculated by looking at the overall program, including the proportional benefits received by the different partners. A percentage was then allocated based on the proportional benefits. Director Andersen also stated that last year’s fees were not based on activities- they were calculated with the assumption of a multiple year arrangement between the jurisdictions. He felt Gresham most likely put forth more than a \$10,000 effort last year, but was willing to charge that amount in order to foster the partnership. Councilor Raze commented, and Councilor Edwards agreed, that the Agreement with Gresham was a good value and ought to be renewed. Councilor Raze stated that if no concrete results were seen after next year, the agreement should be reevaluated.

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to adopt the Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement with the City of Gresham for Economic Development in the year 2001.

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:0

F. OREGON PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM Roy Wall, Finance Director, provided Council with a short explanation of the

Actuarial Pooling of Local Government Rates present status of PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) as it relates to the City of Fairview. Within PERS there are three main groups: 1) All State employees; 2) School Districts; and, 3) Special Districts, Cities, and Counties that comprise their own individual pools. Director Wall explained that the State is proposing setting up a pool where cities, counties and special districts can join together to form a third big pool. Director Wall

recommended not joining the new pool at this time for the following reasons:

- 7) There is no opt out – once you join the pool, you are in forever.
- 8) The opportunity to join the pool will be presented every two years, so the decision not to join need not be permanent.
- 9) Any small jurisdictions with very high PERS rates would be eager to get into a pool and spread that money, while the jurisdictions under favorable PERS pooling individually would probably not be as eager to join.
- 10) It is too soon to know whether joining this pool will be beneficial to the City.

Mayor Vonderharr questioned how the rate would be affected if only small jurisdictions joined the pool. Director Wall responded that the rate would most likely be higher given that scenario. Mayor Vonderharr also commented that if only a limited number of jurisdictions joined, the spread of liability would indicate members of the pool could suffer as a result.

Councilor Raze commented that as enrollment is open every two years, a wait and see attitude would probably be the best solution at this time.

As no motion was needed, the discussion ended with a decision not to join the pool at this time.

G. FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL COURT annual operations of the Annual Report 2000

Roy Wall, Finance Director, presented a report on the

Fairview Municipal Court. Director Wall gave a brief overview of the court process and explained that the court handles minor traffic infractions and nuisances. Director Wall relayed the significant changes in the year 2000:

- 1) An administrative fee was implemented for those attending traffic school in order to cover the costs of paperwork, etc.
- 2) A new pro-tem judge was trained for those times when the regular judge is not available.

Director Wall stated that the court is funded 100% from fines and in the year 2000, the court contributed \$60,000 to the general fund.

Councilor Raze noted that the net income from citations was down 20% from the previous two years.

Councilor Owen wanted to know if a person cited in Fairview by Multnomah County ends up in Fairview Municipal Court. Director Wall responded that they usually do not come to our court

for a number of different reasons, including the difficulties for officers from other jurisdictions to be present at different courts in various cities.

Mayor Vonderharr questioned whether or not Gresham has municipal court; Director Wall responded no, they do not- but they have traffic court.

Councilor Lillard questioned the current court situation in Troutdale. Director Wall responded that Troutdale has its own municipal court.

Mayor Vonderharr thanked Director Wall for presenting the Fairview Municipal Court Annual Report for the year 2000.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

Chief Jackson relayed to Council the story about the missing girl from the Fairview Oaks/Woods Apartments on April 12. Chief Jackson reported that Multnomah County Search and Rescue, Multnomah County Explorers, and the FBI joined four Fairview Police officers in the search. Chief Jackson reported that the girl was found in the apartment of one of her friends.

Councilor Raze asked Chief Jackson about the amount of time Fairview Police spend patrolling Interstate 84. Chief Jackson explained that the officers usually patrol the area on the afternoon shift, but only when time is available. He further explained that while the primary responsibility for the area rests with the Oregon State Police, often times they are unavailable and as a result, Fairview Police are required to take care of anything that happens on the freeway in Fairview.

Chief Jackson clarified a prior question regarding citations in Fairview: Any citation issued by a Fairview Police officer ends up in Fairview Municipal Court, but County officers and the Oregon State Police have the option to cite to Gresham traffic court. Chief Jackson explained that Fairview would welcome the citations here; however, other jurisdictions prefer the revenue from those citations in their own general fund.

Councilor Owen requested an update on the agreement with Metro regarding Chinook Landing. Chief Jackson responded that the fourth revision of the contract was currently going through the process at Metro.

B. Public Works

Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director, reported that the policy advisory board for Community Development Block Grants met earlier in the day and approved Community Development Block Grant funds for Fairview's stormwater project. Following the public hearing, Fairview will be on its way to receiving another grant. Director Sarvis reported that source options for water are currently being discussed at the staff level and at this point, summer supply for water looks good.

Director Sarvis advised Council about a Public Hearing scheduled May 16 to discuss Systems Development Charges and rates. Director Sarvis reported that the cities of Gresham, Portland, and Fairview met on April 17, 2001 to discuss groundwater protection and that a coordinated effort between the three cities might take place in the future.

C. Community Development

Community Development Director John Andersen reported that building activity in Fairview continues to be strong; he stated that there has not been many land use permits but the building permits continue to be very active. Director Andersen stated that his department has been involved in increased code enforcement activity particularly along the riparian areas and around Fairview Lake. Director Andersen reported that work is moving forward on the Sandy Boulevard Study and he anticipated that the project would be completed on time in June 2001. Director Andersen stated that a neighborhood meeting regarding the Community Center would be held on April 24, 2001 at 7:00pm. Director Andersen also reported that the woodcarvings in Fairview Community Park are progressing nicely. Additionally, work is being done regarding Lakeshore Park and he anticipates that earth moving will be started within the next month. Director Andersen reported that the Parks Master Plan has been completed and will be coming before Council in May.

Councilor Jones commented that the woodcarvings in Fairview Community Park were beautiful and that the artist was doing a great job. Councilor Jones also questioned the regulations regarding burning permits; Director Andersen stated that the Gresham Fire Department issued burning permits. Councilor Raze added that backyard burning was allowed and by calling a recording at DEQ, you could find out whether or not burning was allowed on any particular day.

As she had to leave early, Councilor Jones inquired about the last part of the meeting on the Sandy Boulevard Project. Director Andersen reported that a good exchange of ideas had been put forth.

Councilor Lillard asked if Multnomah County had been doing everything needed to work on the railroad bridge. Director Andersen responded that he had heard nothing since the last time they talked about it, but he has continued to press for priority on the project.

Mayor Vonderharr mentioned that until preliminary engineering is completed, the City couldn't even proceed to the next step in the project.

D. Finance

Roy Wall, Finance Director, reported to Council that the Budget Committee met on April 2 and after making some amendments, approved the budget as amended and it is now being prepared to go to the Tax Supervising Conservation Commission of Multnomah County and will be coming back to us soon with their comments. Director Wall also reported that the second round of billings from the Fairview Lake Sewer LID had been sent out and that all participants had paid. Director Wall also informed Council that he would be participating in the selection of the consultant for the PGE audit.

E. Administration

Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, informed Council regarding dates and times for two upcoming Work Sessions: May 23 at 6:00pm, and June 13 at 7:00pm. Administrator Holstrom reported that the land Sale for the Target Store was finally completed and construction is scheduled to begin in May. Administrator Holstrom introduced Caren Huson, City Recorder, to provide Council with additional updates.

Recorder Huson reported to Council that the City of Fairview would no longer contract with the City of Troutdale for nuisance enforcement services, and that Tammy Shannon, Office Assistant, would be taking over this responsibility beginning July 1, 2001.

F. Legal

Pamela Beery, City Attorney, stated that her written report was before Council, and that the closing of the transaction for the Target Store sale had been a priority. Ms. Beery thanked the staff for all of their hard work and effort on this project.

VI. MAYOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ Citizen Advisory Committee COUNCIL CONCERNS the publication, "News

Councilor Quinby reported that another Solid Waste meeting had taken place. He reminded everyone to read

to Reuse" - especially the article on recycling computers and the proper disposal of household hazardous waste. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the coupon good towards a compost

bin, along with the coupon in the City Newsletter for a discount on the collection fees for yard debris.

Councilor Lillard reminded everyone about the program created for Fairview Citizens that encourages those interested to email the City regarding requests for information on agendas and upcoming meetings.

Councilor Owen informed Council about the meeting he attended earlier in the day with Mayor Vonderharr, Councilor Raze, Administrator Holstrom, and Dick Townsend of the League of Oregon Cities regarding the process for selecting a new City Administrator. Councilor Owen requested approval from Council to allow Mayor Vonderharr to enter into an agreement with the League of Oregon Cities to utilize their services in the recruitment process for a new City Administrator.

Councilor Quinby inquired as to whether or not it would be an exclusive contract; Councilor Raze responded no, and that all decisions would still be left with the Council.

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to approve utilizing the services of Dick Townsend of the League of Oregon Cities in the recruitment process for a new City Administrator.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED:0

Councilor Jones reported that Reynolds High School was one of 27 High Schools in the United States designated as a “New American High School” by the U.S. Department of Education. Councilor Jones congratulated the staff and students of Reynolds High School for this great accomplishment.

Councilor Raze reported that the Parks Committee had been working diligently, and that the plan for a pavilion was expected soon.

Councilor Edwards had no reports or concerns.

Mayor Vonderharr reported that a plaque dedication ceremony for the bridge and two of the docks at Salish Ponds Wetlands Park had occurred earlier that day. Mayor Vonderharr reported that he attended a tour of the Boeing Plant that produced discussions regarding interest in the industrial areas in East County; he planned to follow up on those discussions.

Administrator Holstrom and Community Development Director John Andersen invited everyone to join in the Earth Day Volunteer effort to help clean Salish Ponds on Saturday, April 21.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
motion to adjourn.
8:57pm.

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the
Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at

Mayor Roger Vonderharr

Dated:

Tammy Shannon
Office Assistant