

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

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**FEBRUARY 21, 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  
Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director  
Roy Wall, Finance Director  
John Andersen, Community Development  
Director  
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Jones seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Resolution 2-2001, A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND INDICATING INTENT AND METHOD FOR DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROPERTY; Resolution 3-2001, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MT. HOOD FESTIVAL OF JAZZ WITH ENDORSEMENT BY THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW; and, the Minutes of January 21 and February 7, 2001.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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

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

Nancy Hoover, 1822 NE Fairview Avenue, Fairview, thanked the Council and staff for the one-year trial period for the Community Center. Ms. Hoover stated that she was a member of the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society and that the Community Center building was very well preserved and could still be used for many more years. Ms. Hoover reported that the Fairview Grange was formed in 1904, and in 1927, the Grange Hall was built and used for Grange meetings, as well as a Community Center. Ms. Hoover commented that she had no problems with the growth of Fairview, but that the City needed to be careful and retain its

historical sites, as the City motto is, "A Community of History and Vision", and the City should live up to that motto. Ms. Hoover concluded by stating that retaining the old City Hall as a Community Center would preserve a part of Fairview history.

Mayor Vonderharr thanked Ms. Hoover for her comments.

#### **IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **A. PRESENTATION/ PROCLAMATION - Literacy Week**

Kathie Minden, 612 NE 197th Avenue, Portland, reported that she had addressed the Council last year during the first Celebration of Literacy, and stated that Mayor Vonderharr would be attending the kick-off ceremony the following week for the second annual Celebration of Literacy. Ms. Minden stated that not every home had a bookcase or a time set aside to read, and that Project Literacy was hoping to establish reading skills and also a bonding among families, in addition to the East County cities establishing literacy as a foundation. Ms. Minden thanked the Council for their support and mentioned that next year, they hope to have the kick-off for the third annual Celebration of Literacy at the new Fairview-Columbia Library.

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to proclaim the week of February 26, 2001 as Literacy Week.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

#### **V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

##### **A. Police**

Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police, reported that he had sent a flyer to all residents of Fairview, asking them why they did, or did not, vote for the police levy in November 2000. Chief Jackson stated that he had not been receiving many responses, so he was unable to determine a trend.

Councilor Lillard questioned what Chief Jackson thought of the article which had appeared in the Outlook regarding police consolidation in East County cities. Chief Jackson responded that he had not been involved in any discussions on the issue and had learned about the subject from the newspaper article.

Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, stated that a Citizens Advisory Committee in Troutdale had been working with the Troutdale Chief of Police in developing a Master Plan for Troutdale law enforcement; one option listed in the Plan was consolidation of law enforcement for all East County cities, but Fairview was not involved in discussions and had not seen the Plan.

Chief Jackson reported that staff was reviewing the second draft regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for police services in Blue Lake Park and Chinook Landing.

##### **B. Public Works**

Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director, reported that staff would be before Council at a later date for a recommendation on the Source Option Water

Study which was recently completed; staff would also like to discuss water rates and System Development Charges with the Council at a future date. Director Sarvis commented that staff would be coming to Council with the Northeast Fairview Stormwater Master Plan the following month for adoption. Director Sarvis reported that Marilyn's Park was currently under construction, and that the Salish Ponds parking area was complete with "no parking" signs placed on NE Glisan Street. Director Sarvis mentioned that the City was accepting bids for demolition of a house on Halsey Street which the City purchased for a future reservoir site.

### **C. Community Development**

John Andersen, Community Development Director, stated that before the Council was a copy of the monthly report from Community Development which shows building activity continuing to be strong in Fairview. Director Andersen reported that a joint Planning Commission/City Council Work Session would be held the following month regarding the Parks Master Plan, and that the first workshop for the Sandy Boulevard Corridor Study occurred the previous week. Director Andersen stated that staff had been working on many of the parks in Fairview, with a proposal of having wood carvings made of the Cedar trees in the Community Park.

Councilor Jones questioned where the wood carvings would be placed. Director Andersen responded that the carvings would remain where the trees stand today - the trees will not be removed. Director Andersen mentioned that there was a display on the second floor of City Hall regarding the landscaping that will be inserted in the Salish Ponds area to buffer the trail through the park.

### **D. Finance**

Roy Wall, Finance Director, reported that Fairview would be participating with 19 other jurisdictions in the Franchise Audit of Portland General Electric, which was being done to minimize costs to the cities and also to be prepared for deregulation which will come into affect later in the year. Councilor Owen questioned how much Fairview was anticipated to pay for the audit. Director Wall responded that the City could be paying under \$2,000 to mobilize the study, and then based on the work which is done, cost will be determined on a prorata basis with Fairview's cost probably ending up being minimal.

Director Wall stated that the Council's packet included a memorandum from him and letters of support for the proposed Community Center. Director Wall commented that he was asking for feedback from the Council on the proposed plan which includes only opening the top floor of the building for use; the dais needs to be removed, smoke detectors need to be installed, and rules and regulations for use need to be developed. Director Wall reported that a neighborhood meeting will be held with those residents living around the Community Center to work with them on the usage of the building. To date, two church groups were interested in using the building, along with the Historical Society. One of the churches sent a bare-boned proposal and would like to offer help in refurbishing the Community Center in exchange for a reduction of rent, and the second church was looking for a new location to hold their services. Director Wall added that a group of students at Reynolds High School had also volunteered their services in refurbishing the building. Councilor Jones commented that "student volunteers" was a great program of Reynolds High School and she would encourage the City to utilize their services.

Councilor Quinby stated that he was appreciative of the letters which were included in the Council packet as he had been skeptical of how many groups would use the Community Center.

Councilor Lillard commented that she would like to see both floors of the Community Center available for use. Councilor Owen stated that the City was looking to do a minimal amount of work on the building at this time to get the upper floor ready to rent; the work involved in getting the bottom floor ready to rent was of a greater significance and should come back to Council at a later date. Councilor Owen asked that a timeline be distributed to Council as to when all work will occur on the Community Center prior to a grand opening celebration. Director Wall responded that the City was still in the stage of receiving proposals and information from interested parties, and that a meeting needs to be scheduled with the neighbors around the Community Center, so his best guess was that the Community Center could open around July 1, 2001.

Councilor Raze commented that it would make no sense to retain a Community Center if just one or two groups wanted to use it free of charge. Councilor Edwards mentioned that the City wanted to be careful and not tie up all of the weekend nights of the Community Center so that it was available for rental to generate funds for the upkeep of the building.

Mayor Vonderharr stated that the Community Center would be another service which the City provides, and that his intent was to run the Community Center as a business with the most valuable nights remaining available for rent.

#### **E. Administration**

Administrator Holstrom commented that she had asked Director Wall to work on the Community Center project, but that it was actually part of the City's Parks Program and the responsible department would be Community Development; at a future date, the Council will hear reports on the Community Center from Director Andersen.

Administrator Holstrom reported that the City's franchise agreement with Northwest Natural Gas had expired and negotiations were occurring between them and the City Attorney. Administrator Holstrom stated that she had sent a memorandum to the Council regarding the Goal Setting Session and the Committees which had been formed; she had assigned staff liaisons to each of the Committees who in turn will contact Councilors to work with them on this year's goals. Administrator Holstrom commented that the next Skateboard meeting had been scheduled for March 1st and that Hud Lasher of the Reynolds School District would be in attendance to discuss the potential of siting a Skateboard Park on school district property. Administrator Holstrom mentioned that Fairview's Council Chamber was becoming well known as Representative Karen Minnis has scheduled a Town Hall meeting in the Chamber on March 27th. Administrator Holstrom stated that she has been meeting with County Commissioner Lonnie Roberts' staff regarding their East County office location at Gresham City Hall.

#### **VI.MAYOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Councilor Edwards commented that he thought there was a discussion of having a skateboard park in Blue Lake Park. Administrator Holstrom responded that it was her understanding that a skateboard park was no longer in the Blue Lake Park plans.

Councilor Lillard stated that she hopes to attend the next Sandy Boulevard Corridor Study meeting in March.

Councilors Jones, Raze, Quinby, and Owen had no comments or concerns.

Mayor Vonderharr reported that he had met with the Mayors of Gresham, Troutdale, and Wood Village the previous week regarding common issues, and that he had attended Lowe's grand opening in Wood Village. Mayor Vonderharr stated that he would be attending a meeting sponsored by the League of Women's Voters, and that the Town Hall meeting with Karen Minnis was a result of his meeting with her a couple weeks ago in Salem.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Quinby seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Roger Vonderharr

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Dated:

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Caren C. Huson Quiniones  
City Recorder