

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

MAY 2, 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
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director
Tammy Shannon, Office Assistant

II. Consent Agenda

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to Remove Item B, Resolution 6-2001, Building Fee increase, from the Consent Agenda pending further discussion.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to approve the remaining portions of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Authorization to Accept Low Bid, Trailer Mounted Vacuum; Authorization to Enter into Contract- Tad Construction, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Inspection Project; and, the Minutes of April 18, 2001.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

John Andersen, Community Development Director, was asked to provide a brief explanation regarding the amount of building fee increases proposed in Resolution 6-2001. Director Andersen explained to Council that the City of Fairview was asked to examine their current building fee structure by the City of Troutdale, as Fairview's building inspections are contracted through Troutdale. During the process of the review, it was noted that no record of building fee increases within the last ten years had occurred in Fairview. Director Andersen reported that as a result, Fairview's building permit fees were substantially out of step with current fees throughout the State. Director Andersen reported that the proposed building fee structure would be the same as those used in the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, and Gresham. Director Andersen also reported that according to figures obtained by the City of Troutdale's building inspection program, in the last couple of years Troutdale had lost over \$100,000 each year based on their costs to administer the building inspection program.

Additionally, Director Andersen stated that the fees are actually State building fees- the State allows the City to set up fee schedules as long as they stay within the State's parameters. According to State rules, the building fees charged can only cover the costs to administer the program.

Director Andersen described to Council the process the City is required to follow in adjusting building fees: 1) Calculations are made to determine the actual costs to administer the program; 2) The State reviews those calculations and either approves or denies the request; 3) If the fee structure is approved by the State and adopted by the City, the State notifies the building industry and allows for a 30-day appeal period. If any appeals are deemed justified by the State, a hearing will be held to make a determination on whether or not the fees will be adjusted.

Director Andersen acknowledged that if Council decided against a building fee increase, Fairview could continue to subsidize its inspection program. However, the City of Fairview was not paying its fair share to the City of Troutdale, and that would mean finding money from another source to supplement that amount.

Councilor Raze, along with Councilor Owen, requested a comparison of old fees vs. new fees on a median priced house. In addition, both Councilors expressed that they would feel more comfortable in reviewing building fee increases at the same time as the System Development Charges so that a more complete picture could be obtained.

Councilor Edwards expressed concern that Fairview could no longer continue to lose money on the inspection program and wanted to know why Fairview waited so long to adjust the fees. Director Andersen responded that the full extent of the disparity was unclear until the review had been completed.

Director Andersen reported to Council that although it was ultimately up to the State to approve or deny the request regarding the amount of fee increases, Council could hold Public Hearings on the matter prior to the fee structure going into effect.

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to table Resolution 6-2001 for further discussion at the next regular Council Meeting.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

III. Citizens Wishing to Speak on Non-Agenda Items

Stacie Weathers, 20140 NE Sandy Blvd, inquired about the progress of the proposed Skateboard Park on Halsey Street. Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, responded that an article sent out in the City Newsletter requesting volunteers had not yet produced any replies. Administrator Holstrom invited anyone interested in helping with fundraising or volunteer efforts for the Skateboard Park to contact Melissa Widman in the Community Development Department.

IV. Council Business
A. Resolution 7-2001
Approval of Parks Master Plan

John Andersen, Community Development Director, provided Council with a brief history of Fairview's Parks Master Plan since its inception in 1994. Director Andersen explained that with the growth occurring in

(Andersen)

Fairview, the Plan's new approach would be to focus on including more recreational activities within the City. Director Andersen stated that the Plan seeks to expand services near Sandy Boulevard and Fairview Lake and to improve services in Park Cleone and Fairview Village. The Parks Master Plan will also focus on active recreational activity, including the establishment of community centers, sports parks and recreational programs. Director Andersen stated that the Parks Master Plan would cause an increase in the Parks Systems Development Charges from \$1100 to approximately \$1300.

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to approve Resolution 7-2001, Parks Master Plan.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Resolution 8-2001
Fairview Creek Water Monitoring
(Sarvis)

Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director, introduced Dawn Gilkison, Environmental Science Teacher at Reynolds High School. Director Sarvis explained that the City has been providing materials and Ms. Gilkison's class has been providing the monitoring and data collection of Fairview Creek. Director Sarvis explained that Resolution 8-2001 would be enacting a cooperative agreement that could be modified or terminated at any time. Director Sarvis stated that this cooperative effort with Reynolds High School is providing the City with data it would not otherwise be able to collect.

Councilor Owen inquired as to the water quality of the creek; Ms. Gilkison responded that a presentation would be made in a couple of weeks at the student Watershed Conference.

Councilor Edwards moved and Councilor Quinby seconded the motion to approve Resolution 8-2001, Fairview Creek Water Monitoring.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

V. City Administrator Report

Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, reminded Council about the Four Cities meeting on May 17th at 6pm. Additionally, Administrator Holstrom informed Council that the proposed ODOT contract on the engineering for the 223rd Avenue railroad overpass was scheduled to be delivered to Multnomah County later in the week. Administrator Holstrom also wanted to remind Council that although John Andersen, Community Development Director, had received many awards and recognition as of late, many others on the staff at the City of Fairview have achieved comparable recognition and brought skills and expertise to the City that Council might be unaware of- including Caren Huson, City Recorder, who has been nominated for the State Board of Directors for the State of Oregon City Recorder Association. Furthermore, Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director, has been selected to represent Oregon with the National Water Utilities Association.

VI. Mayor/Committee Reports and Council Concerns

Councilor Quinby reminded everyone that he would attend the annual Recycling convention in Keizer and would be meeting with the persons instrumental in building the Skateboard Parks in Keizer and Newberg.

Councilor Lillard relayed information about the meeting she attended regarding the Community Center in the old City Hall building and thanked all who attended.

Councilor Owen commented on the proliferation of illegal signs in Fairview and wondered what effort was underway to remove them; Administrator Holstrom responded that an effort was presently underway to remove the signs.

Councilor Raze wanted to express appreciation to the members of the Parks Committee, both past and present, for their hard work in creating the Parks Master Plan.

Councilors Edwards and Jones had no comments or concerns.

Mayor Vonderharr reported about a tentative proposal from Metro to get corporate involvement in transportation planning for the region. Mayor Vonderharr also reported that he had attended a Green streets presentation that dealt with water quality issues.

VII. Adjournment

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Mayor Roger Vonderharr

Dated:

Tammy Shannon
Office Assistant