

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

July 17, 2002 -- 6:15pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Ken Quinby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Barbara Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Roy Wall, Finance Director
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Melissa Slotemaker, Associate Planner
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. DISCUSSION -
YMCA Agreement**

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, reported that staff had met with the YMCA after the last Council Work Session with them and had scoped out different levels of service which the YMCA could provide. In turn, the YMCA had prepared two options.

John Andersen, Community Development Director, commented that the YMCA had distributed a sample brochure which listed program choices that they could provide to the City. Also, inside the packet which had been distributed by the YMCA, the Council could find examples of fund raisers and additional information.

Matt Wallace of the YMCA reported that included in the packet was a list of benefits and an expense list. Mr. Wallace indicated that if the YMCA were to manage the Community Center that they would staff it part time and take reservations from the public who would like to use the Community Center, thus removing this task from City staff. However, if the YMCA took care of reservations, those rental fees received would go to the YMCA.

Mayor Vonderharr stated that the Council's original intent was that the Community Center be just that, a facility for the community to use and that rental rates would remain affordable. Mayor Vonderharr commented that the City should retain the right to set the rental fees and that he was concerned that the City might lose control of the facility. Director Andersen added that the City would arrange certain blocks of time for the Community Center to be available to the public. Mr. Wallace commented that the City would pay all utility costs and that the YMCA would hold fundraisers to offset those costs. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the Community Center.

Councilor Raze suggested that the process be simplified by having the YMCA pay all expenses for the Community Center and then hold fundraisers to offset those costs; also, the City should always retain the first right of renting the Center. Councilor Raze mentioned that the City needed to review quality assurances and tenant improvements.

Councilor Quinby stated that the process should be phased in; he was in favor of the YMCA and the program, but he did not like the idea of losing the opportunity to provide the rental space ourselves to the residents of the City. Councilor Quinby suggested that the first year be a trial basis and that perhaps the City should remain involved in the rental of the facility.

Mayor Vonderharr mentioned that from the recreational aspect, he was very much in favor of the YMCA managing the Community Center, but his concern was that the City had promoted the Center and we need to make sure it is available to the public.

Councilor Owen suggested that the City own the Community Center and that the YMCA manage the recreational programs.

Councilor Jones stated that the Community Center should be available for use by the community, and that the Council needs to decide who the best entity was to oversee the facility; costs need to be reviewed and a decision made.

**III. DISCUSSION -
Economic Development**

Mayor Vonderharr reported that when Council had determined their goals for the year, that one important issue was economic development. Staff had identified all developable industrial land in the City; urban renewal has been discussed along with possible partnerships. Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, stated that the City's future was dependent upon economic development and

developing it well.

Councilor Lillard commented that developers want to know what type of incentive the City could offer them to locate here. Director Andersen stated that the City has developable land available, but we need to attract the businesses we would like to have here. Mayor Vonderharr added that a team needs to be formed with the property owners of industrial land. Administrator Briggs asked Council for their support of spending money on this issue and that they make it a high priority.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Roger Vonderharr

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Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder