

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

May 21, 2003 -- 5:30pm

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze

ABSENT: Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Jim Trees

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Bob Cochran, Public Works Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder
Pam Beery, City Attorney
Tom Sponsler, City Attorney

**II. PROPOSED TOURISM
TAX**

Diane McKeel of the West Gorge Chamber of Commerce introduced Stuart Miller and Roger Vonderharr, also of the Chamber. Ms. McKeel reported that the Chamber Committee had been meeting weekly since January 2003, and that their funding source in the past, when they were the Troutdale Chamber of Commerce, came from membership dues, fund-raising efforts, and part of the Hotel/Motel Tax which Troutdale receives. The current Chamber's Finance Committee thought it would only be equitable if all the cities which are a member of the Chamber contributed similarly to Troutdale. Mr. Vonderharr commented that an extra 1% Hotel/Motel Tax would support the Chamber as a whole.

Mr. Miller stated that even though his business would not benefit immediately from having the West Gorge Chamber of Commerce, it would benefit him in the long-term. In addition, he was in favor of 1% being collected with the Hotel/Motel Tax for the Chamber. Mr. Miller reported that the City of Cascade Locks had already approved the additional 1% tax.

Councilor Raze questioned whether Wood Village would participate. Ms. McKeel responded that the businesses in Wood Village were in

favor, but that the Chamber had not presented the proposal to the Wood Village Council.

Council agreed that the Chamber should move forward with a formal request and schedule it on a future Council Agenda

III. WATER CHLORINATION

Bob Cochran, Public Works Director, reported that with the tremendous amount of growth that the City has experience, that the water system has become quite complex. The rehabilitation of Well #5 introduced dirt into the City's water system, and taste and odor complaints have been received since Well #8 was put on line. Director Cochran stated that chlorine removes hydrogen sulfate from water, and that the City is responsible to ensure that the water system is as secure and safe as possible. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to sign new groundwater rules on August 1, 2003, and the City's water consultant sees this as leading to permanent water disinfection for cities the size of Fairview. Director Cochran commented that the City was currently treating Well #5 with chlorine, and the same would occur with Well #8. A more detailed Council Work Session will be held once the EPA has adopted their new regulations.

Councilor Owen questioned what the additional cost of chlorine means to the City. Director Cochran responded that it would require \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year.

IV. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

City Attorney Pam Beery introduced the newest member of their firm, Tom Sponsler, who was very knowledgeable in Parliamentary Procedure.

Mr. Sponsler stated that, basically, the guidelines for motions on the floor are whatever the Council makes them. Some jurisdictions state that if nothing else applies, that they will follow Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Sponsler added that Robert's Rules of Order were actually design for parliament and groups that have 350 or more people. Mr. Sponsler's experience has shown that if people are getting along, there is no problem in the order in which motions are voted on, and it is up to the presiding officer to make the call.

Mayor Weatherby asked if once someone has called for the question after discussion, was that it. Mr. Sponsler responded that the Mayor could rule "out of order" and let debate continue; it is the Mayor's job to stop a discussion and call for a vote. No Councilor has a right to close a debate; however, a Mayor can be overruled.

Councilor Owen asked that the Council agree as a group as to how to deal with amendments to motions. Mr. Sponsler suggested that if a City Councilor knows in advance of the Council meeting that they

would like to amend a resolution or ordinance, to let the Mayor and City Administrator know so that when the meeting occurs, they may discuss how they wish to handle the amendment.

Mr. Sponsler closed by saying that the point of rules is so everything is applied fairly to all members.

Mayor Weatherby indicated that he would make a decision on how amendments to motions will be addressed (whether the amendment would be voted on first or the initial motion) and follow that formula.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder