

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

February 4, 2004 -- 7:00pm

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Larry Cooper
Councilor Jim Trees

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. CITIZEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Trees stated that he had two corrections to the minutes of December 17, 2003: page 11, where it refers to Ms. Class, and page 15 where it refers to who would write language. Councilor Owen suggested that the audio and video tapes be reviewed before any corrections were made to the minutes; Council concurred.

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes of January 14 and 21, 2004.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS

**A. APPOINTMENTS
Planning Commission
Budget Committee**

Mayor Weatherby announced that during a Work Session held earlier in the day, Council had interviewed candidates for both the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. Mayor Weatherby asked the Council to write their name on a slip of paper, along with their first

choice for the Planning Commission appointment, and pass the votes to the City Recorder.

Caren Huson, City Recorder, reported that Council voted as follows:

Candidate Patricia Martin:

Councilors Cooper, Lillard, Cornelius and Mayor Weatherby

Candidate Gary Stonewall:

Councilors Raze, Trees, and Owen

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to appoint Patricia Martin to the Planning Commission for a term of four years.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Weatherby asked the Council to write their name on a slip of paper, along with their first choice for an alternate to the Planning Commission. Recorder Huson read the results as follows:

Candidate David McCausland

Mayor Weatherby

Candidate Gary Stonewall:

Councilors Cornelius, Lillard, Owen, Cooper, Raze and Trees

Councilor Cornelius moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to appoint Gary Stonewall as alternate on the Planning Commission for Chairman Sam Asbury who is on military leave in Iraq, for up to one year.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Weatherby asked the Council to write their name on a slip of paper, along with their first choice for the Budget Committee vacancy, and to pass the votes to the City Recorder.

Recorder Huson announced that the votes were unanimous for Helen

Maguire

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion to appoint Helen Maguire to the Budget Committee for a three year term; in addition, George Lingelbach was appointed as alternate to the Budget Committee.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

**B. UPDATE
East Metro Economic
Alliance**

Mark Garber, Secretary to the East Metro Economic Alliance (EMEA), reported that many people in Fairview have been involved with the group, such as John Andersen, Roger Vonderharr, City Administrator Mary Jo Briggs, and Mayor Mike Weatherby. EMEA sprang from an original group that was somewhat Gresham based. Gresham Mayor Chuck Becker had formed an Economic Development Task Force to look at how Gresham could do a better job in obtaining businesses and providing training, both for the public and private sector. From that Task Force, a desire arose to establish a unified voice for the entire East County. The West Side Economic Alliance has developed a lot of clout which is proven by their industries such as Intel and Nike. EMEA was formed similar to the West Side Alliance by having individuals both from the public and private sector; a vision was adopted to "Create Community Wealth through Smart Growth, Smart Kids and Smart Industry". Mr. Garber indicated that EMEA has had good representation from all of the East County cities; EMEA by-laws call for up to 18 board members with at least four being from the public sector. EMEA has identified a number of initiatives that they are interested in pursuing.

Councilor Raze commented that his feeling, in listening to the Chair of EMEA (Hiroshi Morihara), was that he felt it was good to speak with one voice as long as it was Hiroshi's voice; it seems that Gresham wants to place the Port of Portland in Fairview's backyard. Mr. Garber responded that Hiroshi was trying to put together a process that everyone could work with and that Hiroshi was actually very conscientious and it would surprise him if Hiroshi came off as only being interested in himself. When EMEA speaks about unity and coming to a conclusion, the number one priority is that we will be united in what we say to the Port; we need to be careful and do it in a thoughtful way. Councilor Raze stated that his concern was that the EMEA vote will be weighted by business owners from Gresham instead of the elected officials of the three cities. Mr. Garber commented that he thought the numbers were pretty well even and businesses operate in all communities in East County, not just for one city.

Councilor Cornelius questioned if the Fairview Council voted to participate in EMEA when it was first formed. Roger Vonderharr, EMEA member and Fairview resident, responded that EMEA morphed into what it is today; there was a consensus among elected officials and businesses in the community. However, none of the cities have officially taken a vote to become a part of EMEA. Mr. Garber added that EMEA has not asked for dues, but that may be a process they will go through. Councilor Cornelius commented that he has some reservations about EMEA as it appears as though EMEA is a 60/40 partnership, meaning 60% of the board members will be from the private sector and 40% from the public sector; if it is a true partnership, the split should be 50/50. Secondly, there does not seem to be anyone from a Fairview business on the board. Mr. Vonderharr responded that the EMEA board will have one Fairview business member in the future, and that the West Gorge Chamber of Commerce will also have a member on EMEA. The West side has more cities and larger employers; when we start talking about issues specific to cities in East County, and EMEA wants to maintain a positive approach, they will be selecting people from each group to form steering committees. EMEA still needs to come up with some method on how they will handle issues if the majority of the cities in East County have a different opinion. EMEA is not an umbrella government. Mr. Garber commented that the 60/40 split came straight from the Economic Development Westside Alliance by-laws; the purpose of EMEA is to have an eastside voice. There is no intention of EMEA being an umbrella government and dictate to cities what will happen. Councilor Cornelius stated that there will be critical issues coming before EMEA, and the private sector may lean towards something that the public sector does not want to see. Mr. Garber commented that EMEA could certainly review by-laws of other economic development groups. Mr. Vonderharr added that the business community tends to be less parochial and does not look at city borders; they take the greater community into consideration, so he was not concerned about the 60/40 split.

Councilor Raze reminded everyone that some economic committees are only made up of private businesses and that EMEA is not a decision-making body. He has no problem with the 60/40 split and it should be left as is. Mr. Vonderharr commented that the most important thing is that each city take a very active interest in EMEA and participate; also, the cities should support the business community in participating. East County has been criticized regionally not working together and EMEA is one way to prove them wrong.

Councilor Owen stated that the idea of the EMEA organization was a good thing; his concern is that when it started out, it was Gresham-

based and it still feels somewhat like that to him. He would encourage the group to vote sooner than June 2004 on the Port of Portland proposal. Mr. Garber responded that he thought it would actually occur sooner than June; in fact, probably soon after the next EMEA meeting. Mr. Garber asked the Council to allow EMEA the courtesy to hear from the Port the same way the Council had. Councilor Owen agreed that that was fair.

Councilor Cooper commented that he thought EMEA was definitely needed and had no problem with the make-up of it. Having previously been a member of Metro, what bothers him is the lack of representation of East County as there is none to speak of. East County really needs a voice that makes an impact.

Councilor Lillard questioned how EMEA would take the vote on the Port of Portland proposal. Mr. Garber responded that each board member would have one vote. Councilor Lillard asked how the public could provide input to EMEA. Mr. Garber responded that the public could make their wishes known through their elected officials, by talking to EMEA board members, or by attending EMEA meetings.

Councilor Trees stated that he would like to see an equal amount of representatives from each city on the board.

**C. UPDATE
Fairview Summertime
Festival**

Councilor Trees reported that the Fairview Summertime Festival Committee was currently working on the third annual Festival to be held on Saturday, July 31, 2004. Additions being discussed for this year's Festival included a sidewalk art competition, art in the park, and a possible beer garden. Councilor Lillard stated that, personally, she was not sure a beer garden was a good idea as alcohol is not allowed in City parks and we would be in violation of our own ordinance. Administrator Briggs commented that the Council could make an exception for the Festival. Councilor Cornelius stated that he did not think the Festival was the right venue for a beer garden as its intent is to be a family day. Councilor Owen and Mayor Weatherby concurred that they would like the Chief of Police to present his views on a beer garden at some point. Councilor Raze stated that he was not opposed to a beer garden, but perhaps the Festival was not the right venue.

**V. CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT**

Administrator Briggs reported that she had packets of information for the Council which she would be distributing: a letter from the Port of Portland; a letter from Portland State University which basically states that it would not be wise for the Port to proceed with their proposal at this time; a memo from Wood Village regarding the fire feasibility issue; and a copy of an analysis that Public Works Director Bob Cochran prepared on the Multnomah County Roads Study. In

addition, Administrator Briggs distributed the City's new Welcome Packet to the Council.

Councilor Lillard stated that at the last East Multnomah County Transportation Committee, they were asked if they thought they were still a viable committee, in which they responded yes. Personally, she has not seen the County Roads Study.

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

Councilor Trees commented that he had asked about getting speed signs near the Library and LaPetite Academy and requested that Director Cochran look into that.

Councilors Cornelius, Lillard, Raze and Cooper had no reports or concerns.

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Raze seconded the motion for the Mayor to be reimbursed 50% of his expenses should he decide to attend the National League of Cities Conference. Expenses included such items as conference registration, class fees, airfare, hotel, meals, and ground transportation.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Weatherby indicated that he will be adding a section to the City Administrator's Weekly Report that is distributed to the Council, and reported that he had attended a lunch meeting with Chris Grace of Alcoa who stated that there was no moratorium on the sale of the property.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder