

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

May 5, 2004 -- 5:30pm

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Sherry Lillard (arrived 5:50pm)
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Larry Cooper
Councilor Jim Trees

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Ken Johnson, Chief of Police
Officer Doug Asboe
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. POLICE EMPHASIS:
GANGS**

Ken Johnson, Chief of Police, provided a brief overview of the Gang situation and introduced Officer Doug Asboe. Officer Asboe stated that he had been assigned to Gang/Narcotics Enforcement and provided a power point presentation on gang trends and their involvement in Fairview. A criminal gang is a group of individuals banned together to participate in anti-social or criminal activity and wear similar clothing. Officer Asboe reported that some reasons for joining a gang include: dysfunctional family, lack of role models, drugs, low self esteem, survival, protection, family tradition, or money. There are various levels of gang activity: hardcore (3-5% of total membership); affiliates, and peripheral (a.k.a. wannabes) which are often the most dangerous as they have something to prove. Common Gang Classification include: hispanic, asian, white supremacist, outlaw biker gangs, tagger gangs, and prison gangs, and Fairview has had them all.

Officer Asboe indicated that Gresham police have made gangs their number one priority this summer and added that this has been the worst year yet for gangs. Gresham has contacted and documented 200 gang members and anticipate that number to be 1,000 by the end of the year. This month, 3 cars were burned by arson suspected

gangs, a drive-by shooting off 223rd Avenue occurred, and a gang member was involved in a robbery in Fairview.

Chief Johnson stated that gangs will be a top priority for Fairview police; we will need to have a presence and make it look like we have a strong police force. Chief Johnson reported that he was proposing that Officer Asboe work four overtime shifts in order to work with the Gangs/Narcotics team and focus on Fairview. Also proposed is posting overtime officers for two hours to create a team and have a strong visibility in Fairview.

Mayor Weatherby mentioned that he fully supports the proposal. Mayor Weatherby stated that he understood that gang members can be traced through tattoos. Officer Asboe responded that that was correct and that Fairview hopes to get a computer system in place to document the tattoos.

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, suggested that Officer Asboe could return back to Council in a month or so with an update.

III. MULTNOMAH COUNTY ROADS STUDY

Mayor Weatherby asked for a presentation from Vic Rhodes, consultant for Multnomah County who had prepared the Roads Study, and County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey. Ms. Rojo de Steffey stated that she and Mr. Rhodes were present to answer any questions as Council had previously received a presentation from Mr. Rhodes on the Study.

Mayor Weatherby commented this he was concerned that if Fairview enters into the agreement, and then Gresham does not abide by it, that the County would then pull the funding and asked if the County could legally bind Gresham. Ms. Rojo de Steffey responded that the Board of County Commissioners received the same presentation that Fairview had on the Roads Study; the Board has made no decisions, but simply listened to Mr. Rhodes report. Ms. Rojo de Steffey added that she supposed that if a contract was broken, that there would be ramifications and possibly everything reverting back to the County. Mr. Rhodes commented that he thought a fairly strong contract could be written and that he had spoken to the Gresham Mayor and told him that if Gresham pulls out of the deal, they will not receive any funding.

Councilor Trees asked if the cities were to take over their own roads, would County employees join our Public Works crews. Mr. Rhodes responded no; the County will still perform maintenance on roads per intergovernmental agreements. Councilor Trees questioned if Fairview chose not to take over County roads in its city limits, if maintenance contracts would remain the same. Mr. Rhodes responded yes. Mr. Rhodes added that if he were a city, he would

want jurisdiction over his roads and not be dictated by another entity.

Councilor Cooper commented that he did not see why Fairview would want the responsibility of County roads. Mr. Rhodes responded that the City would have more say in terms of construction, etc; it was basically taking the middleman out of the scenario.

Councilor Lillard stated that the County actually equalizes the cities and ensures continuity in our roads and she was afraid that a larger jurisdiction would bully a smaller city to have a different character as they would have more money. A neighboring jurisdiction could decide to have a very wide road that would then funnel down to a smaller road in Fairview, as we could not afford to widen our portion.

Councilor Lillard questioned if there was any indication of the jurisdictions coming to the table to work together in terms of roads. Mr. Rhodes responded that he was suggesting that East Multnomah County Transportation Committee needed to be remade to function as one system. Councilor Lillard asked if language could be worked into the contract that the cities need to work together. Mr. Rhodes responded that language could be worked into the contract, but it needs to be defined what the responsibilities of each city are and set some boundaries. Ms. Rojo de Steffey commented that one concern would be that the County is ultimately responsible for transportation issues so recommendations would come from the formal group to the County who would have final authority over the recommendations. Councilor Lillard clarified that Multnomah County would retain their full authority on road decisions. Ms. Rojo de Steffey responded yes, adding that the Commission has not made any decisions or held any public discussions on this issue as yet. Mr. Rhodes stated that if the four East County cities have a plan that is cohesive and works, the County Board would not disagree with the recommendation as long as it was not way outside the bounds of current transportation policies. The Multnomah County Transportation Commission (5-member board with each city having one vote), would include the Mayors of the four cities and would be similar to a planning commission which makes recommendations to the County Board.

Councilor Cornelius stated that if the County is going to give road jurisdiction to the cities, then give it to us. We do not need all four cities trying to make decisions for each other which could then be overturned by the County.

Councilor Trees mentioned that it seems as though Mr. Rhodes' report was leaning towards status quo. Mr. Rhodes responded that that was not correct; as he said before, if he were a city he would want jurisdiction over his own roads.

Councilor Owen questioned how many staff would a city have to add

to manage the additional roads. Mr. Rhodes responded that he did not think the City would have to add any additional staff; current staff already reviews plans for driveways, etc. Councilor Trees asked if County employees would be transferred to cities and paid with the money the cities would receive from the County. Mr. Rhodes responded that he supposed that could occur, but he was proposing that employees stay with the County as agreements would remain for road maintenance.

Councilor Raze stated that he perceived the 5-member Commission would always have a 4-1 vote with one of the smaller cities always being ramrodded into accepting something they do not want.

Councilor Lillard commented that the entire proposal did not sit quite right with her; Gresham wants their roads and it seems as though they are instigating this. All roads are on a grid system and everyone needs to work together; the right players need to be around the table.

Councilor Lillard questioned what was really in it for Fairview. Mr. Rhodes responded that if Fairview has a desire to control their roads, to control how they are designed and operated, then there was something in it for them. If Fairview is not interested in controlling their roads, then they would be held harmless and continue status quo with the County determining what happens on the roads through the City.

Councilor Cooper indicated that there are about ten miles of County roads in Fairview, with Fairview being pretty much built-out, so he did not see how Fairview could benefit from accepting County roads.

Councilor Owen questioned when the County needed the City's recommendation. Ms. Rojo de Steffey responded that she hopes to bring the topic to the County in June, but there was nothing written in stone of when the item would be heard. The County would like to receive a letter stating Fairview's position on the study, and it would be helpful if the City spelled out its concerns and recommendations.

Councilor Raze asked if there was any financial benefit to the City. Mr. Rhodes responded no.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weatherby adjourned the Work Session at 6:55pm.

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder