



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

March 1, 2006 – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Jim Raze
Councilor Larry Cooper
Councilor Barbara Jones
Councilor Ken Quinby

ABSENT: Councilor Steve Owen

STAFF: Jan Wellman, City Administrator
Laura Zentner, Finance Director
Connie Hansen, Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE FAIRVIEW BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Weatherby called for the staff report.

Administrator Jan Wellman stated that there are four vacancies and five applicants for the Budget Committee. Tonight the Council will interview two new applicants, but as the other three have been serving on the committee it had been decided by Council not to interview them again. The two new applicants are Kitty Fudge and Stephen Wachner, and the incumbents are Cara Phillips, Teresa Gallucci, and Todd Johnsen.

Councilor Cornelius stated that he had heard that Helen & Frank Maguire had sold their house and would be moving shortly. Councilor Cornelius called Mrs. Maguire and confirmed that the house had sold in one day and she would not be able to continue on the Budget Committee. Mrs. Maguire would immediately send her letter of resignation to Director Zentner and the Council.

Administrator Wellman noted that with the resignation of Helen Maguire there would be five openings and five applicants. However, if the Council decided that an applicant would not be qualified, the Committee could still continue with one vacancy.

Director Laura Zentner stated that Budget Committee appointments are three-year appointments and staggered under State law. Three of the positions are for three-year terms, one term would need to be filled through 2007, and Helen Maguire's term was set to expire in December 2006. Teresa Gallucci will be moving this year and could be appointed to complete Helen Maguire's term.

Administrator Wellman stated that the first interview with Kitty Fudge would be at 6:10 and the second one with Stephen Wachner was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Council will appoint the committee members by position and signify the term limits for each one during the regular session tonight. Director Zentner stated that sample interview questions were included in the Council packets.

Mayor Weatherby asked Administrator Wellman about the proposed Metro housing excise fee. Administrator Wellman stated that each of the three cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village would send a combined letter to Metro detailing their position on this fee.

Mayor Weatherby asked about the progress on clarifying the ownership of the right of way along Wistful Vista. Administrator Wellman stated that the City Attorney had a title search completed and it appears that property is owned by Multnomah County, which is not interested in maintaining title and would probably put through a quitclaim deed. Councilor Cornelius stated that, in his opinion, the owners could apply to Multnomah County for vacation of that right of way. Administrator Wellman responded that since the City has a 100 foot ROW easement, Attorney Elsner suggested that a committee be formed of two or three Councilors, Bob Cochran, Director of Public Works, and Jan Wellman, City Administrator to work through this process. If the City maintains control of the road then it would need to be maintained by the City, but it has been determined that only 50 feet would actually be needed.

Councilor Raze stated that he has an interest in property in that area, and did not want the appearance of a conflict of interest. He asked to be excused from being considered for the committee. He suggested that the City Attorney provide a report and for staff to make a presentation before the Council. Mayor Weatherby appointed Steve Owen, Darrell Cornelius and himself to the Committee.

Mayor Weatherby noted that Kitty Fudge was present and began the interview at 6:10 p.m. Mayor Weatherby welcomed Ms. Fudge and reviewed the interview process during which the Councilors would ask questions. The questions follow:

1. Please talk about your education and background and how it relates to finance.
2. Do you have any knowledge of, or experience with, Oregon Budget law?
3. What do you think is the biggest issue facing Fairview with regards to its budget?
4. Please tell us your philosophy on balancing budgets.
5. What prompted you to apply for this volunteer position?

Ms. Fudge stated that she graduated from PSU with a Masters degree in accounting and after graduation worked in several types of businesses, but is now self-employed. She has not worked with Oregon Budget Law, but noted that she was willing to learn in order to be more effective. The biggest budget issue facing the City of Fairview is declining revenues with costs increasing for most budget items. Balancing the budget is a very important part of what has to be done with the projected revenues. When asked why she applied for this position Ms. Fudge responded that she had received a call asking if she would be interested and, she wanted to become more involved in the community and this position would work well with her background. Council asked what would be the most important component of the budget to maintain. Ms. Fudge stated that public safety is high on the list, along with schools, but she would be willing to discuss the priorities of the citizens to be sure that their priorities were met. When asked her philosophy on working with groups Ms. Fudge stated she is a consensus builder and does not force her opinions on anyone.

The Council thanked Ms. Fudge for applying and for taking the time to interview for the position.

Mayor Weatherby called for the next applicant, Stephen Wachner, to come forward to address the Council. Mayor Weatherby welcomed Mr. Wachner and reviewed the interview process during which the Councilors would ask questions of the applicant.

Mr. Wachner stated that although he does not have an extensive background in finance or accounting that he has been reviewing last year's budget, the one for Multnomah County, and other jurisdictions in order to prepare if he is accepted on the Budget Committee. Although he does not have experience with budget law, once again he has reviewed the documents in order to have a better understanding of the law. The biggest issue for Fairview is the need to balance the budget and provide adequate services for the citizens. The most important aspect is public safety, education, and general maintenance to keep the livability of the City. The reason he has applied for this position is that it plays an important role in planning for the needs of the City.

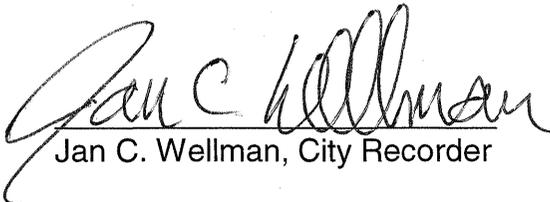
The Council thanked Mr. Wachner for applying and for taking the time to interview for the position.

III. ADJOURNMENT OF THE WORK SESSION

Mayor Weatherby called for and received a consensus to close the work session.

The work session was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Mike Weatherby, Mayor


Jan C. Wellman, City Recorder

April 20, 2006
Date of Signing