

Rivergrove City Council Meeting Minutes
July 11,2022, 7:00 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

ODOT has completed analysis of diversion impacts resulting from I-205 tolling. The intersection of Stafford at Childs is impacted and will not operate at a desirable level of service due to tolling traffic diversion and overall traffic growth. The ODOT Consulting team from WSP shared their findings and assumptions with us and provided the opportunity for questions and comments. This is a 15-minute informational item and no action will be taken. The power point presentation is to be made available on the City website. [closed]

STANDING ITEMS

1. Call to order and attendance (Mayor, Councilors, and Guests)

Present were Mayor Williams, Council President Pierce, Councilors Barhyte, Tuttle and Lahsene.

City Manager (CM) Kibbey was present.

Guests were M Salch, B Kibbey, Landon and June Gentry, Joan Joyce, M Hawkins, Mary Lou VonSalvie, Marcel Lahsene

Special Guests (ODOT): Garet Prior, April de Leon-Galloway and Chris Wellander

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s) – June

Mayor Williams moved and Councilor Barhyte seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of City financials – May, June

Mayor Williams moved and Councilor Lahsene seconded that the May financials be approved.

With the June financials there was a question as to why the City Attorney needed to review the newsletter. Council may need to visit this, Mayor Williams will ask him when they next meet.

Councilor Tuttle moved and Councilor Barhyte seconded that the June financials be approved. They were approved 4-0-1 with Council President Pierce abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen Byron Kibbey is of the opinion that it is disrespectful to turn off Zoom cameras for citizens as they should be able to show feelings on Zoom. He also is of the opinion that felt that CC, in particular 3 members, had not supported the Mayor in an attempt to secure the school playground for possible use in a City park.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Representative from the Planning Commission

There was no planning commission meeting in July

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Marcel Lahsene: Talked about the boat ramp. Realizes that because of economics, enforcement of boat ramp rules is difficult. Believes most users are not citizens of Rivergrove. Wants to make the sign easy to read. Sees three problems as follows: excessive traffic, unrestricted parking and noise. Believes the ramp is not conducive to fishing and not conducive to swimming. Swimming brings noise and has a safety issue. The Council needs to set the hours to make the neighborhood livable.

Mary Lou VanSalvie: The lack of guidelines for visitors has created a chaotic situation resulting in cluttered streets-kayaks, paddleboards, canoes and cars. Individuals take over the ramp partying and picnicking. Fishing is a problem especially as hooks are left on the ramp. We need guidance and rules for the ramp.

Landon Gentry: Glad to see signage on the agenda. This is a neighborhood, let's keep it that way. It is a boat ramp, emphasize that is the priority, other activities should give way. Prohibit amplified noise, smoking, drinking and fireworks. State there is no lifeguard and no toilet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Operation and Use of the City Stark Boat Ramp -

- a. *July 19th is the date for meeting with OSMB to look at the Stark boat ramp and potential of other river access points in the City. Live meeting to begin at 10 AM at the boat ramp. Councilor President Pierce reminded the public they are welcome. It is an information sharing session, there will be no actions taken.*

Councilor President Pierce revisited Items to consider for future possible action. These were as follows:

***Hours of operation**-Mayor Williams and Councilor Lahsene preferred 8M to 8PM, the other Councilors preferred the current hours*

8AM to 9PM.

Gates open or closed during operational hours

Park name on the ramp sign-We agreed that the sign should say Stark Community Boat Ramp, thus conveying a sense that this is a community facility.

Language for the sign with ramp use and operation rules-Council President Pierce and Councilor Lashene are working on this and have pretty much agreed on language. (see next item)

Vegetation control/improvement-This should be bundled with the property line determination because we need to know the property lines before taking dealing with vegetation issues. For example, some action taken could affect the adjacent fencing. There also may be several agencies that will need to be consulted. Council President Pierce has added some items for consideration with the Corona virus grant, and we may have some opportunities with a Metro grant.

Clarification and marking of property lines

Considering for additional river access points-The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) will perform a site visit on July 19 to look at the boat ramp, Heritage Park and the Headgate property. They will discuss possibilities and restrictions.

Making a clear public statement about public ramp use, Public Trust Doctrine

Lack of City funds for boat ramp solutions

[OPEN]

b. Council President Pierce reported on the status of signs for the Boat Ramp. He emphasized making people understand this is a community facility, including describing other locations people could use. It was decided by Council not to allow chairs. We cannot limit trailer size, but it may be limited by the size of the facility. We may want to warn users that in low water times it may be hazardous to launch. He and Councilor Lahsene will present a final draft to the Council in August. After electronic gate installation we may want to visit language on the sign. If we change hours of operation, we will need a public hearing. **[OPEN]**

c. Councilor Barhyte reported on the status of electronic gate estimates. The subcommittee was not able to meet and they need help facilitating the bidding process. [OPEN]

2. Mayor Williams said he would provide the City Council job descriptions and the plan for recruitment and a job offer for administrative support for the City Manager. [OPEN]

3. Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant - Report on the status of the City's priorities and the grant requirements.

Tabled. [OPEN]

4. Regarding the improper street sign at Renaissance Woods, City Manager Heather Kibbey said the HOA of the development sent her a letter stating the board would talk it over and let us know. [OPEN]

COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Councilor Lahsene: Transportation report (recurring)

- o I-205 tolling project-nothing further*

2. Councilor Pierce: Parks report (recurring) and any other matters

We have scheduled a meeting with Metro on July 25th to discuss what we can do with their grant.

He has \$3,000 for tree work at Heritage Park. He will engage a contractor. There is one dead, dying or dangerous tree that needs to be removed.

He stated that the City Manager sent him an email saying she was out of the business (Parks), but that the action in question was in her job description. He has met with the mowing contractor and detailed the issues and responsibilities. He will visit Minor Park to see if the issues are resolved.

He requested that the written City Council minutes that have been approved be posted on the website

3. Councilor Barhyte: Giving Program (recurring) and any other matters

Councilor Barhyte updated the status of the two properties selected for community help. He has contacted the owner of the Marlin property but has yet to get a response. He has not been able to contact the Dogwood property owner but will try again. The Mayor may go with him.

Councilor Barhyte then stated that he felt the Rivergrove Report unfairly treated the three Councilors who voted against funding removal and transfer of the Rivergrove Elementary playground structure. It implied they disregarded the facts and voted no. He believed the facts they presented to reach their conclusion

were not presented. He would like to see something go out to the citizens representing their reasoning.

4. Councilor Tuttle: City Code (recurring) and any other matters

Councilor Tuttle mentioned that the City will need to apply for a permit if necessary (dead, dying, dangerous tree) for tree management in Heritage Park.

Councilor Tuttle summarized the concerns of Council President Pierce, Councilor Barhyte and himself regarding their no vote on providing City funds for the Rivergrove Elementary play structure to be installed in the City.

First, if we recall correctly, any expenditure over \$10,000 requires 3 bids. There were not three bids for the removal or for the installation. Furthermore, the bids were sorely lacking in detail.

Secondly, there are serious legal issues with volunteer labor for such a project.

Third, this structure is not in conformance with the grant application and subsequent funding for Heritage Park.

Finally, the “survey” allegedly providing citizen involvement was inadequate in detail and likely not to withstand a challenge to LCDC.

According to one citizen the newsletter report “is the most biased, unprofessional communication to us citizens I’ve ever seen.”

5. Mayor: Mayor’s Report

CITY MANAGER REPORT

PENDING ITEMS (to be discussed at a later date but kept on the agenda while Council deals with higher priority items first.)

1. Status of Contracting out City Development Code Inspection Services: Lead Individual: Mayor Williams
City must have new Development Code to proceed.
2. Discussion Regarding How Sewer might be Brought to Unserved Properties, Exploring the Issues. Lead Individual: Councilor Tuttle
3. Review City Manager’s Budget--whether it should come from General or part Highway fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Council and staff may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 192.660: As needed (appropriate subsection shall be cited)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Lahsene moved to adjourn; Council President Pierce seconded. Zoom then quit.