

Rivergrove City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Oct 19,2022, 7:00 PM

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

Present were Mayor Williams, Council President Pierce, Councilors Barhyte, Tuttle and Lahsene (joined at 7:30PM).

City Manager (CM) Kibbey was present.

City Attorney Bill Kabeiseman

Guests were M Salch, Carolyn Bahrman, Jeff Williams, Sue Linnerooth, Mary Mann, Doug McLean, Arne and Colleen Nyberg, Byron Kibbey, Billie Cottingham, Landon and Jude, Joan Joyce, and Roger.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item

Carolyn Bahrman was concerned that with zoom, you can cut off faces and voices.

Public Comment on Agenda Item

Carolyn Bahrman was concerned about lack of citizen involvement in the processes of setting hours, and the need for face to face meetings.

The City Manager read a letter from the Tualatin Riverkeepers. They expressed concerns about who to contact for access and egress during closed hours and that citizens may want to use the ramp before 8 AM.

Mike Salch sent a letter which he summarized. There are parts of the boat ramp usage that are tied into the comp plan.

Jeff Williams stated that there are indications that the City does not care about citizen input.

1. Discussion/clarification of the process for adopting and posting the hours and language on a new boat ramp sign, either by ordinance and/or resolution(s).

City Attorney Kabeiseman recommends that to proceed with any changes we need to repeal the old ordinance and pass a new one. We could just post a sign (that is a resolution) but an ordinance is preferred for any type of enforcement. Then write the sign based upon the ordinance.

City Attorney Kabeiseman does not think this is a land use issue. He also thinks having all the rules in one place is best because if you change something, you can pull it out in pieces if needed.

Summarizing, boat ramp usage should be in an ordinance with several sections and we can change a specific section if we find a need or desire to do so.

2. Discussion regarding possibly adopting new hours of operation.

After some discussion, Council President Pierce moved that we abandon the resolution adopted March 14, 2022 which adopted hours by resolution and in a future meeting adopt hours by ordinance. Councilor Barhyte seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Councilor Barhyte moved to keep the operating hours as specified in Ordinance 80-11. Council President Pierce seconded. Council President Pierce, Councilors Barhyte and Tuttle voted for the motion, Mayor Williams and Councilor Lahsene voted against the motion. Motion passes 3-2.

2. Discussion of the need for the gate at the ramp to be closed after each entry or exit during operating hours.

After discussion, Councilor Barhyte moved to keep the gate open during operating hours, effective immediately. Council President Pierce seconded. Conclusion: Council voted 3-2 to keep gate open during operating hours. Council President Pierce, Councilors Barhyte and Tuttle voted for the motion, Mayor Williams and Councilor Lahsene voted against the motion. Motion passes 3-2.

Mayor Williams said we should take down the sign that says to close the gate after entering or leaving to avoid confusion.

4. Discussion/Clarification of the appropriate language regarding the city possibly requesting persons not to launch trailered boats during low water conditions. How does the city determine when low water occurs and when the request is lifted? Who determines that, and how is notification accomplished?

Councilor Tuttle suggested that we say trailering of boats down the ramp is not advised. Oregon Marine Board made that suggestion also.

5. Discussion of any other proposed sign language concerns.

There was extensive discussion regarding the language, trying to make the language as clear as possible and as user friendly.

The City Manager stated the next meeting to draft an ordinance would be a land use type 4 hearing.

Council President Pierce and Councilor Lahsene will revise the sign language based on the discussion in this meeting. Councilor Tuttle moved and Mayor Williams seconded that the revised sign language be presented at the next Council meeting. The motion was approved 4-1 with Councilor Barhyte voting no.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilor Tuttle moved to adjourn, Mayor Williams seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.