

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF DINNER MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors: Present Excused Absence

 Scott Hill Kellie Menke Alan Ruden
 Kevin Jeffries Larry Yoder
 Paul May

Also present were City Manager Kent L. Taylor, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Planning Director Doug Montgomery, Finance Director Marcia Baragary, Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Partner Rob Moody, Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Audit Manager Cinnamon Williams, and a member of the news media, Nicole Montesano of the *News Register*.

DINNER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the Dinner Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and reviewed the agenda. He noted that Councilor Ruden was excused from the evening's meetings. Mayor Olson advised that the Council would hold its Regular City Council Meeting, and then would convene as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors.

2012 - 2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Finance Director Baragary explained that Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Partner Rob Moody would be the presenter on the City's Consolidated Financial Audit Report (CAFR) at the Regular Meeting. Following his report, Councilors Menke and Hill would add their comments.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Olson announced that neither of the two informational presentations - the first by the "Stop the Dump Coalition" and the second by Representatives of Community Rights - Yamhill County on "Zero Waste" would be public hearings. He advised that no member of the audience would be able to ask questions of the presenters.

AGENDA REVIEW: Mayor Olson reviewed the balance of the Regular Meeting agenda. He noted that following the Regular Meeting, the Urban Renewal Agency Board Meeting would convene.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the Dinner Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

CITY OF McMinnville
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absence</u>	
	Scott Hill	Kellie Menke	Alan Ruden
	Kevin Jeffries	Larry Yoder	
	Paul May		

Also present were City Manager Kent L. Taylor, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Planning Director Doug Montgomery, Finance Director Marcia Baragary, Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Partner Rob Moody, Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Audit Manager Cinnamon Williams, Police Captain Dennis Marks, and a member of the news media, Nicole Montesano of the *News Register*.

AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilor May led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Councilor Hill MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 Dinner and Regular Meetings as submitted: SECONDED by Councilor Menke.

2012 - 2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP (TKW) Partner Tob Moody and TKW Audit Manager Cinnamon Williams spoke to the Council regarding the City's 2012 - 2013 audit. Mr. Moody advised that the 2012 - 2013 audit received an unqualified opinion from the auditors. He thanked City staff for their cooperation with the audit and the auditors while they were on-site. He encouraged the City Councilors to spend some time reading the Management Financial Analysis and he briefly reviewed the high points of the audit and future implementation guidelines that will come within the next few months from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Councilors Hill and Menke commented on the excellent relationship the Audit Committee (including Budget Committee Member Travis Parker) has with TKW. They lauded the accomplishments and professionalism of the City's Finance Department. Councilor Hill pointed out that the CAFR balances and flows well with budget decisions.

Councilor Menke added that she was pleased with the cost-effectiveness of the City's auditors and the continuity there is between staff and TKW.

Mayor Olson added his thanks and stated that it was truly a team effort for the auditors, Audit Committee, and staff.

City Manager Taylor called attention to the Debt Service discussion and the sewer system revenue bonds. He noted that the City has just made its final payment on the revenue bonds and the City's wastewater system is now debt free.

Mayor Olson thanked Mr. Moody and Ms. Williams for their presentation.

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OLD BUSINESS

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INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY STOP THE DUMP COALITION:
Stop the Dump Coalition members Ilsa Perse, 7565 Mineral Springs Road, Carlton; Brian Doyle, 24001 NE Ellis Lane, Newberg, Susan Watkins, 13440 SW McCabe Chapel Road, McMinnville, and Susan Meredith, 14100 McCabe Chapel Road, McMinnville spoke to the Council about issues relating to the expansion of Riverbend Landfill.

Ms. Perse spoke of the Coalition's concerns regarding the impacts of an 8.5 or 9.0 earthquake at the landfill. She spoke, in particular, about the "berm" and whether it would withstand the seismic shock of a large earthquake. She also referred to the odor surrounding the landfill and pointed out that International Pinot Noir Celebration (IPNA) Director Amy Musselman has said that the IPNC reroutes tour busses in order to avoid the odors from the landfill.

Mr. Doyle stated that he was an engineer and has served on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for eleven years. He pointed out that for several years the Committee has not forwarded any recommendations to the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners. He listed alternative sites for dumping of refuse: Coffin Butte, north of Corvallis, which is close enough to not adversely affect collection rates, is not located near a river, and has many years of capacity. Another alternative site he mentioned was Marion County's Waste-to-Energy solid waste disposal plant, located near Brooks, Oregon. Trash at this location is dumped into pits and is burned at temperatures reaching 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The high temperatures boil water and generate steam which in turn drives turbines that generate approximately 13 Megawatts of electrical power annually. Mr. Doyle urged aggressive recycling and removal of recyclable materials from the waste stream.

Susan Watkins stated that she was a neighbor of Riverbend Landfill and addressed the two most common objections to the closure of Riverbend: garbage rates would increase and

the McMinnville area could lose up to 20 living wage jobs. She countered by stating that the rates for garbage collection are between the garbage hauler and each of the jurisdictions that it serves, not the landfill. She discussed that when Metro closed the St. Johns landfill, jobs remained. Currently Metro is recruiting for a specialist at the rate \$25 per hour. Additionally, if more recycling occurred, additional jobs could be created.

Susan Meredith stated that she, too, was a neighbor to Riverbend. She spoke to the effects that the landfill has on local livability. She pointed out that people live and purchase homes in this area because of its livability. The biggest threat to the livability is the foul odor generated from the landfill. Enlarging the landfill would only make odors more problematic. Additionally, heavy truck traffic through McMinnville on the way to the landfill, leaves odor and leachate in its wake. The trucks also damage the roads because of the heavy loads. She felt that the traffic affects local real estate values and might make new business siting difficult in the Granary District. She noted that there is solid evidence that the mere presence of a landfill can make land unsalable.

Ms. Perse spoke about the Clover Flat Landfill in Napa, California. She stated that this landfill has extended life because of aggressive recycling. The landfill is owned by a local family and creates electricity and sells composed materials made from harvested grape pomace, yard trimmings, and food waste. Surrounding wineries have noted no noise or smell.

Following a brief question and answer period, Mayor Olson thanked the Coalition members for their presentation.

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NEW BUSINESS

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INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY RIGHTS - YAMHILL COUNTY ON "ZERO WASTE": Patriciafaye Marshall, 503 NW Cypress Street, Liz Marlia-Stein, 1525 NE 18th Street, Beth Dell, 635 NW 9th Street, Ramsey McPhillips, 13000 SW McPhillips Road, Duncan Reid, 1138 SE Davis Street, and Linda Grove, 510 NW 9th Street spoke to the Council regarding a "zero waste" challenge. Ms. Marshall explained that representatives from eight Oregon counties came together to form the Oregon Community Rights network. She explained that because the hottest, most recently talked about topic is Riverbend Landfill and issues related to the landfill, the group is asking the City of McMinnville to launch a Zero Waste Campaign. Each of the members shared their vision of what life might be like in and around McMinnville if zero waste could be attained. Ms. Dell agreed that zero waste seems impossible and most cities working toward that goal define it as reaching a 90 percent diversion rate. She pointed out that currently San Francisco is at 77 percent, San Diego is at 68 percent, Eugene is at 61 percent, Corvallis is at 47 percent; and

McMinnville is currently recycling 42 percent of its waste. In the end, zero waste is a goal with water, soil, and air having everything to gain if McMinnville accepts the challenge.

Duncan Reid stated that he is the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability assistant at Linfield College. He stated that Linfield's zero waste program is just one year old but the program could become a model for the community. He stated that they are using recycling bins and composting containers on campus and they envision moving to zero waste by 2020 or 2025. He invited the City to have an open conversation about a collaborative partnership.

Ramsey McPhillips thanked the City Council for the opportunity for both the Stop the Dump Coalition and the Zero Waste groups to speak. He spoke about the Riverbend Landfill from its inception as a locally-owned small landfill to a large regional landfill that is owned by a large out-of-state corporation and that accommodates garbage from a sizeable area, including the Portland metropolitan (Metro) area. He pointed out that without Metro's garbage, Riverbend would no longer be a regional landfill. He explained that he believed the solution is to work toward zero waste. He stated that the local garbage and recycling company, Recology, is an excellent example of a company that is very focused on recycling waste. He urged the City Council to consider getting back to its local roots and to plan for positive zero waste. This could be done in conjunction with Linfield College. He pointed out that ORS 459.284 gives each local government unit that has a disposal site operating under the provisions of ORS 459.005 the ability to collect a fee of \$1 for each ton of solid waste. These funds could be used to further the zero waste goal. Additionally, he urged the Council to contact the leadership at Coffin Butte landfill about the use of Coffin Butte as the City's landfill.

Mayor Olson thanked the group for its informative, thoughtful presentation and also thanked all for the courtesy and respect that was shown during the presentations. He noted that this topic is on the Council's 2014 Goals and Objectives for the second year in a row. The City Council feels that its citizens are impacted by this matter on several different fronts. He pointed out that at this time the City Council is not the decision maker on this matter; however, as long as this Council sits, they will take an active part in zero waste and other sustainable programs.

4 ADVICE / INFORMATION ITEMS: Mayor Olson briefly reviewed the Advice and Information items. No Council or Department Head reports were heard.

5 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary