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REGULAR GARIBALDI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2020

Zoom Conference at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONVENING OF MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Judy Riggs called to order the regular City Council meeting at 6:34 p.m. Present were Council members Paul Daniels, Melissa Elmore, Tim Hall, Judy Riggs and Marlene Westerfield. City staff present were City Manager Geoff Wullschlager and City Recorder Laura Schmidt. Unknown citizens were present electronically.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wullschlager gives directive on how to raise hand during the zoom conference and asks the public to do so at that time if they wanted to make a public comment.

There were no public comments.

V. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

VII. COMMUNITY REPORT - NONE

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. SDC Discussion

Wullschlager discusses SDC payments by Paul Daniels. He states that for the last three years those payments have all been paid on time. He notes that there was question by community members regarding payment during the last cycle as Daniels' payment was made in February of 2020 and not January of 2020. He goes on to state that those SDS payments are not due until October of each year and that Daniels has been paying them in advance of their due date each year.

In addition, there were questions regarding a Resolution from 2015 that mentions something about 1 percent interest plus prime. Wullschlager states he cannot speak to that Resolution as he was not working for the City at that time but states he can confirm that when reviewing Daniels payments to date, Daniels has been paying the same interest rate as the other three (3) SDC payment holders to date. He has not been given any reduced rate or special circumstance on what he has been paying. Those records have been pulled up and audited by the City's Finance Director, Lori Longfellow. If anyone wants a copy, they can request a hard or soft copy.

Cn. Hall requests a copy. Wullschlager states the City can send those to him. Cn. Hall also requests meeting notes about the discussion of SDC's since there is confusion about the rate. He would like to see what Mayor McCarthy and John O'Leary and the rest of former council decided when they came up with the 2% plus prime. Wullschlager states he can pull the records for that time for him but informs Hall that the Resolution doesn't supersede the Ordinance for SDC's which was applied to Daniels and what he has been paying. Wullschlager states he will pull the records and get them to council.

Mayor Riggs ask if meeting minutes are online. Wullschlager states the City Council packets only go back to 2016 online.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2020-06 (In the Matter of Opening Certain Transient Lodging Facilities)

Wullschlager explains Lincoln, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties have been endeavoring to be on the same page regarding reopening and all have set the end of the month as the date to open lodging options. Wullschlager states he has been in contact with the County Commissioner's office and Community Development, who have been intimately involved in this conversation as they administer the Airbnbs and short-term rentals for the county, and they are both comfortable with Garibaldi opening its lodging on the 28th of May, one day before the others, and in doing so it gives our businesses an extra day to prepare for reopening before the weekend influx.

Wullschlager states as an asterisk to this, there was a decision that just came down from an Eastern Oregon county judge overturning Governor's Executive Order, but that we shouldn't be surprised to see that reversed within 48 hours. This decision should have no barring on the decision to pass Resolution 2020-06.

If the decision is held then council will need to reconvene to match what the Supreme Court rules, but at this time we are not there yet.

MOTION made by Cn. Elmore to approve Resolution 2020-06. Seconded by Cn. Westerfield. AYES: Daniels, Elmore, Hall, Riggs and Westerfield. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Wullschlager gives update for Public Works stating they are working on the "SCATA" update, which include computers and radios used for our systems to talk to each other. This was in the capital budget.

- A. Also states the engineer has been extremely busy with several land use applications. Last week there was a public hearing, but that did not involve our engineer. There is an upcoming public hearing this week that he will be involved with and the City just got an additional land use application that he estimates given the timeline and requirements for notice will probably be included in the June Planning Commission meeting for a public hearing. There have been a large number of administrative applications gone through as well.

In addition to all that, the engineer has been very busy in getting the City's new water operator up to speed. Wullschlager introduces Kelly West, explains he comes to us from Idaho where he worked for several cities and has over 20 years of experience in public works, water and wastewater. He was most recently a supervisor of the wastewater system for the City of Bellevue.

Public works has been working on a lot of maintenance and overgrowth as we are getting closer to fire season. Most of the credit goes to Ms. Bennett.

Mr. West came up with an ingenious way to get an old tank moved to allow a new tank to be put in and it freed up an enormous amount storage space.

Mr. West states it was a group effort and they all worked together to get it done.

Other items being working on was the maintenance of multiple vehicles and removing the main pumps out of ground for maintenance at the main lift station behind the market. Wullschlager informs/reminds everyone that it is extremely bad for the system to flush wipes and therefore, they had to be pulled and cleaned out.

Cn. Daniels asks if the issue was a continuance maintenance problem or a one-time event. Wullschlager states there is nothing wrong with the pumps they are just not designed or engineered to chew up these types of substances. Mr. West suggests we put a plan for grinder pumps in our capital improvement plan to alleviate this type of problem in the future.

Cn. Daniels asks if Mr. West can give a cost-benefit ratio and how long it would take to capitalize the improvements. Mr. West states he would have to research the information first. Cn. Daniels suggests that labor is not going to get cheaper and it would be beneficial to take on the cost of the upgrade rather than continue to pay for the labor to maintain them.

Wullschlager states he will have a discussion with Mr. Lettenmaier and Mr. West regarding this.

Cn. Westerfield states that the issue with the wipes is a widespread problem and not unique to Garibaldi.

Wullschlager goes on to give his report and states he has been working on culling through information coming down from the Governor's office, state agencies, etc. all of which is a bit mishmash and deciphering what it all means for our local businesses. In addition to working with several business leaders in the community, he states a lot of work has gone into working with the Port to try to come to some conclusionary statements of what they can and cannot do and offer guidance. Discussions have been had regarding issues across the county, boat ramps, halibut season, springer fishing, and regional issues. This week the Governor did give more definitive guidance for most businesses, but there are still a few business sectors left out in the cold with little to no guidance.

Wullschlager states he has been meeting with County Commissioners three times a week on their weekly leadership calls that have now been downgraded to two times a week. Information was gathered into a packet that was given out to businesses with regard to how to access recovery funds from Federal and State programs, although most of the funds dried up fairly quickly. There is a new package potentially coming out from the Federal government in the future if approved.

Wullschlager states Mayor Riggs spent an enormous amount of time checking in with our local businesses in an effort to put together a listing of who is open and who is doing what.

Cn. Daniels asks about budget. Wullschlager states he has worked out a budget schedule and will get it out later this week as he is still contacting a few more volunteers to put in their time to assist with the budget planning. Wullschlager explains Mrs. Longfellow is finish up some reconciliation for previous audits and will start crunching numbers the following week. Since her reconciliation will be up to current, the starting point for the budget is more favorable this year as opposed to last year.

Wullschlager explains the updated office schedule and that there are effective social distancing measures in place.

Cn. Elmore questions if we will allow funding for emergency preparedness in the next budget. Wullschlager responds that the County is anticipating a 25 percent cut in all departments, and that the City will likely follow suit and cut each fund by 25 percent as well. Once the numbers are pushed out and it is found there is surplus, we could look at potentially doing this.

Cn. Daniels states these types of cuts are what is happening across the board nationally and revenues are going to be off.

XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cn. Westerfield has no comments says things are quiet.

Cn. Daniels has no comments.

Cn. Hall has nothing to report.


Cn. Elmore thanked everyone for joining the meeting and for the information shared. Reminds everyone to be kind to each other and to check on your neighbors.

Mayor Riggs discusses compiling the list of businesses regarding their status and keeping it updated. Reiterated what Elmore said, and that we all need to work together.

Wullschlager shared that the list the Mayor put together had been share to over 3,600 people and viewed at least 400 times, which is a huge potential boost to our business sector. States the list is on the City's website and Facebook page. He also states there will be an immediate position open on the Planning Commission as Ms. Inman has decided to step down as she is leaving the area for some time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riggs adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Judy Riggs, Mayor

ATTEST:



Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager