

JOINT (CITY/PORT) WORK GROUP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, October 23, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome and Self-Introductions.
3. Adoption of meeting minutes of September 25, 2014.
4. Citizen Input.
5. Other Matters:
 - a. Energy Task Force Report.
 - b. Port report on Recreation Coordinator.
 - c. Update on City economic development efforts.
 - d. Update on Port economic development efforts.
 - e. Discussion regarding addition of members.
6. Next Meeting: November 20, 2014.
7. Adjournment.

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1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Cramblett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City and Port Subcommittee members present were Mayor Tom Cramblett, Port President Jess Groves, City Councilor Bruce Fitzpatrick (via phone), Port Commissioner Brenda Cramblett, and Citizen Member Gary Munkhoff. City Councilor Jeff Helfrich was excused. Also present were City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman, Port Interim General Manager Paul Koch, City Recorder Kathy Woosley, Century Link Area Operations Manager Tyler Master, Intertribal Police Chief Mitch Hicks, and Gyda Haight.

PIGM Koch introduced Tyler Master and Mitch Hicks. He said he would also like to add discussion on a recommendation for silencing railroad train whistles and to report on the Energy Task Force.

2. Welcome and Self-Introductions.
3. Adoption of meeting minutes of August 28, 2014. PP Groves moved, seconded by PC Cramblett, to approve the August 28, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Citizen Input. None.
5. Other Matters:
Tyler Master – Century Link (added). Mr. Master informed the Committee that Century Link has made network upgrades recently to the backbone of the fiber optic cable as well as the electronics. He said there is capacity and redundancy with the system. He said the fiber optic cable ends at the entrance to the Port Industrial Park on the south side of the railroad tracks and there is conduit under the railroad tracks. He said they just have to verify that the conduit is sized to take the cable through it.

Mr. Master said Century Link would be interested in adding the fiber underground when the City does the water project. He said this will provide more redundancy for their system. Mr. Master explained that Century Link is a top tier provider, secure and price practical for start-up businesses.

PP Groves asked about connecting the Port properties in Marine Park and the toll booth. Mr. Master said he would check into that.

c. Presentation – Indian Fishing Rules and Courtesies (moved ahead of a. and b.). Mr. Hicks gave the history of the Fish Commission, enforcement, and the Tribal Treaty. He explained that the Tribes are a Sovereign Government with their own rules and regulations. He said the best course of action for scaffolding or other related issues would be to request communication with the Yakama Tribal Nation.

CA Zimmerman said he had just received recommendations from the attorney for the Tribes on revisions for the City's Street Vendor Ordinance. He said Council would be reviewing those recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

a. Update on City economic development efforts. CA Zimmerman handed out draft resolutions for large industrial users of water and sewer. He said this would allow the Council to negotiate the rate based on impacts to the City's infrastructure. He said currently the City's two largest water users are averaging 162,000 and 154,000 gallons per month.

CA Zimmerman also discussed the revenue from water that is not going through City infrastructure or being maintained by the City to be put into the General Fund. He said then Council can determine where and how that money is spent.

There was consensus of the JWGED to recommend the resolutions to Council.

PP Groves reported that Nestlé is preparing to drill test sites on Port property off of Moody Street. He said they should have results by the end of October.

b. Update on Port economic development efforts. PIGM Koch handed out the Port's infrastructure projects schedule. He reported on meetings with other agencies to assist in funding the 10 year bridge maintenance program. He said the first two decks on both sides of the bridge will be the priority for deck repair of the bridge.

PIGM Koch said that Don Mann is working with Heukers and the Puff Factory on land sales. He reported that there is a signed Letter of Interest from Smokey Bear Company. He said they will be building two new buildings. He said Nestlé has first right of refusal on a portion of land in the industrial park.

PIGM Koch said the Energy Task Force hasn't met recently as we are waiting for the engineer from PacWest Global to review the Moro County system. PP Groves reported on a discussion with Skamania PUD regarding running an electric line across the Bridge of the Gods, which would add redundancy for both communities. He said there could be further discussion regarding co-ownership of generators. PP Groves talked about the Forest Service using brush to sell as fuel.

PIGM Koch said there is an application process for stopping train whistles. He said it is a lot of work but could ask the City Council and the Port Commission to approve a letter to be sent to Senator Wyden supporting the elimination of train whistles. The group discussed costs and issues with private and public crossings. There was consensus of the JWGED to recommend the Council and Commission to send a letter to Senator Wyden.

c. Presentation – Indian Fishing Rules and Courtesies. This took place earlier in the meeting.

PIGM Koch reminded all of the meeting on October 7th with MHCC to plan for 2020 and beyond. He urged all to attend. He said on October 28th the Business Association will be hosting a dinner to honor our public employees, elected officials, and volunteers of the community. CA Zimmerman said there will be dinner and dessert provided at the Fire Station on October 13th to appreciate our Emergency Services Volunteers. He said everyone is invited and asked to bring a side dish. He said there will be a meeting with students from the University of Oregon on October 18th to evaluate our downtown on the ability and access for walking and biking.

6. Next Meeting: October 23, 2014.

7. Adjournment. PC Cramblett moved, seconded by PP Groves to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by
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APPROVED:

Tom Cramblett, Mayor