

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine – Present
William (Bill) Simpson – Absent
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members except Bill Simpson present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Penrod, Romine and Weigold voted aye, Worrick abstained.

PARK BOARD UPDATE ON AQUATICS CENTER Mark Green and Keith Nicholson were present to give an update on the proposed Aquatics Center.

Mark Green reported the Park Board was looking to expand Morsches Park north of US 30 on the west side of the Blue River. He explained the addition would provide for another entrance and exit into Morsches Park, more land for programs such as football and soccer and the new Aquatics facility.

Mark Green reviewed some of the features of the proposed aquatics facility. He stated the cost of the facility was \$3.5 – \$4 million that has to be raised. He advised they were not 100% sure where the facility was going to be. Mayor Daniel stressed we would not raise taxes for this so needed to find a way to fundraise for it. He felt after the land has been secured the Council would be engaged more.

Ben Romine questioned what the goal was for fundraising. Mark Green advised the goal was to raise \$4 million and start construction around a year from now but obviously cannot do that until they know what they are doing with the land. He shared that their offer was denied so they are back to the drawing board.

Nicole Penrod questioned why we needed to wait to raise money until we had the land. Mayor Daniel explained in side discussions with potential donors they want to see a firm commitment in the form of land purchase so that we can show where it was going to be, how it was going to fit together, etc.

Jeff Walker questioned if this comes to fruition would there be a plan to decommission the existing splash pad in Morsches Park. Mayor Daniel advised there was no plan to decommission the splash pad.

Nicole Penrod questioned of the 70 acres how much the aquatics facility and parking lot would take up. Mayor Daniel felt no more than 7 acres.

INCENTIVE PACKAGE – COMMONWEALTH COMPANIES Mayor Daniel reported that Commonwealth Companies was looking to invest almost \$11 million in the Blue Bell/Diversitec building. He advised they were going after tax credits to fund this project and one portion of the program was that we get points for local match. He stated the main part he needed a blessing from Council on was the 16 year \$100,000.00 1% loan out of CEDIT funds. He stated they would not be having any type of tax abatement on this project so on year 2 we would start collecting taxes from that project.

Mayor Daniel reviewed the in kind incentives.

Mayor Daniel explained if the project does not go through the money would become null and void; we would be out no money.

Ben Romine questioned if the \$100,000.00 would pull away from other funds. Mayor Daniel advised it would just come from our CIP budget from the Long Term Unplanned Projects line item. Ben Romine confirmed it would basically be a one year hit. Mayor Daniel advised it would.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve and concur with the local match incentives as presented, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CSO LTCP PHASE I EVALUATION Keith Bryant and Jeff Larrison with United Consulting distributed a report to Council concerning the Phase I evaluation of the Long Term Control Plan.

Keith Bryant reviewed the report with Council. He explained with Phase I they gathered information, looked at and updated project models, looked at future projects, projects that have been done and how they were performing. He stated their recommendations for the next phase would be to survey all of the CSO's, look at the drainage basins to make sure they are entered correctly, do more post construction data on wet weather events, start looking at the proposed projects as well as a number of other projects that may be more beneficial or make more sense. He shared that they also felt it made sense to evaluate how to meet phosphorous limits in this next phase. He advised the City would have phosphorous limits for the next permit renewal in December 2017.

Mayor Daniel questioned Mr. Bryant if they would be presenting Phase II to the Board of Works in the near future. Mr. Bryant advised they would; if everyone was in agreement with the next steps then they would put together a supplement for what it would take to get through those next steps. Mayor Daniel asked Council to look over the next steps and let him know in the coming weeks whether they feel we are on the right track.

ORDINANCE 2014-17: 2015 EMPLOYEE SALARY ORDINANCE: 2ND READING

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2014-17 by title only, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-17 an ordinance to be known as the 2015 Salary Range/Benefit Ordinance.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-17 on 2nd reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 BUDGET – ORDINANCE 2014-20 Mayor Daniel noted we had a pretty substantial cut last year from the State and have tried to get back to last years anticipated level but are still anticipating a cut of some sort. He advised he has proposed no raise for our employees but are still doing H.S.A. money and incentive bonus for hard work.

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Ordinance 2014-20 by title only, Ben Romine seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-20 an ordinance or resolution for appropriations and tax rate.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-20 on 2nd reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Mike Cook, Kelly Cearbaugh, Tim Longenbaugh, Jeff Walker, Mike Shoda and Mark Green.

Having no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle