

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Nicole Penrod – Absent
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the August 8, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Mayor Daniel explained the legislature passed additional gas taxes which would then roll down to cities & towns. He shared the additional appropriations were reflective of those dollars that have started to come in. He noted he has asked for this appropriation go towards the engineering of the Wooddale Subdivision project.

Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to open a public hearing. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 2017-25: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Resolution 2017-25 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2017-25 Additional Appropriations Resolution.

Mayor Daniel explained they would be appropriating \$20,000 from the Motor Vehicle Highway fund as well as \$15,000 from the Local Road and Street fund to go towards the engineering of the Wooddale project.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Resolution 2017-25, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

UPDATE ON DOT AMERICA TAX ABATEMENT Mayor Daniel shared an update from Jon Myers on the DOT America expansion. He advised the expansion of the Columbia City facility was approved. He reminded Council they approved the tax abatement contingent on them receiving the expansion project, so the tax abatement will stand.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS AMENDMENTS: PARK Mayor Daniel shared with the upcoming aquatics facility there was a need to have a job description in place for an Aquatics Facility Director. He shared the Parks Department was also trying to take into account the fact that their Head of Maintenance and Program Coordinator both manage a fair amount of staff or volunteers

each year. Mark Green provided explanation as to why they wanted to move those to a supervisory position. He advised it would not be an increase in pay. Mayor Daniel noted these positions have been acting as supervisors already they just have not had the pay scale or position descriptions to officially note that. He shared he put into the budget for this year a change for that and would also see a change in the pay range ordinance.

Mayor Daniel noted in the Park Director job description they simply changed the position name to Park Superintendent. They also changed the position titles within the Superintendent job description for the two supervisors.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there was an organizational chart available. Mayor Daniel advised there was and would get her an updated copy.

Walt Crowder confirmed the superintendent would be the only salaried position. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct. He advised nothing was really changing in regards to Mark Green but the supervisors will get a little bump; the Aquatics Director was where the big change happens because that was a brand new position. He shared that person will be mainly focused on aquatic programs, including the skating rink, and would also have programmatic responsibilities depending on how programs develop at the facility.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there was an Aquatic Center Manager and Director. Mayor Daniel advised there should only be a Director and noted the title did not carry through to the other pages.

Walt Crowder questioned if the Aquatics Center Director would report to a Supervisor. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct. Walt Crowder felt that seemed backwards; normally a Director is a higher leadership role than a Supervisor. Mayor Daniel questioned if they would rather it be Aquatics Center Manager or Coordinator. Walt Crowder felt Coordinator would be good. Jennifer Romano agreed. Mayor Daniel questioned if they would prefer Coordinator over Manager. Additional discussion followed. Walt Crowder suggested maybe another option would be to make the Aquatics Facility an entity of its own.

Mayor Daniel confirmed with Council they were a little challenged by the Aquatics Center Director/Manager/Coordinator position but did not have issues with the other position descriptions and asked for a motion to reflect that. Rosie Coyle suggested they change Head of Maintenance to Maintenance Supervisor. Council agreed.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the Park Superintendent, Maintenance Supervisor and Program Supervisor position descriptions as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion.

Walt Crowder confirmed this would strictly update the job description and everything would stay as is from a financial standpoint. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct. Upon the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel questioned if Council would like Mark Green to bring back the position description for the Aquatics Center Coordinator/Manager for approval. Council agreed.

AQUATICS CENTER UPDATE Mayor Daniel reported the bids came back much higher than expected. He shared that he, Mark Green and the Park Board were working on decreasing the costs but still having a great product to offer the public. He reminded Council that he was

planning to appropriate \$200,000 next year for what was to be for park bathrooms out of the Rainy Day Fund. He asked Council when they consider the budget and the \$200,000 Rainy Day funds for park improvements that they have the ability to use funds towards the aquatics facility.

Mayor Daniel advised he was disappointed in how the bids came back as well as how the County Commissioners have said they do not necessarily support the project. He shared there were many individuals in the County who want to use this facility and will be able to but at an increased price. He advised there were a lot of partners in this project and was disappointed that the County was not one of them, at least at this point.

Tad Varga shared that he and Mark Green reported to the County Commissioners and explained to them the situation we were in and how the bids had come in. He advised they reiterated the positives the aquatics facility would bring, not to just residents of the City but residents of the County too. He explained they also discussed the fee structure in that tentatively it was set up that City residents would pay one fee and all others would pay a different fee but if the County would invest in the project they would level the fees out so it would be the same for City and County residents.

Tad Varga advised they were still trying to raise funds.

Mayor Daniel shared if there was a strong belief that by rebidding this project it would come in lower we would do that but he was not sure we had any indication that would happen.

Jennifer Romano requested, in going forward, good communication with Council about where we were at with the project. She shared she was disappointed in being blind sighted by someone asking her questions about the shortfall; it felt like we were somehow being evasive about the project. She also wondered if we could not make up the gap, if they should revisit whether the project could even be done.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mark Green** – Pow Wow numbers down, Park Board meeting to go over cuts to the aquatics facility project. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – JB Concrete trying to finish up Redick Avenue, parking lot extension at the MSF, working to get Catherine Avenue paved this year. **Jeff Walker** – thanked Chris & Tom LaRue for fixing broken window at Cardinal Grain.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported he would be at the Indiana Conference of Mayors, he, Jeff Walker, Mike Cook and Kelly Cearbaugh continue to work on the sewer line to SDI, Aquatics Center groundbreaking Tuesday, August 29 at 11 am, Youth Council meeting next Thursday. He noted City offices would be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. He reported the Trash Committee met and were working on a potential new contract that would be presented to the Board of Works.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle