

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2007**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**A. Flag Salute**

Mayor Poulsen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Roll Call**

Councilmembers present were Adam Smee, Dominic Ciancibelli, Chuck Hutchinson, Donald Purvis, and Bud Gish. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster and Police Chief Bruce Hall. City Planner Justin Erickson was also present. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent. Members of the audience are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None**

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Riverview Heights Subdivision Preliminary Plat - Recommendations from Planning Commission

Mayor Poulsen opened the hearing and explained the closed record hearing procedures. City Planner Justin Erickson briefly reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations. The proposal is to develop 6.73 acres into 31 home sites. There will be approximately 1 acre of open space which will include wetland areas. Mr. Erickson reviewed condition number 1 addressing sidewalks, as the Planning Commission deliberated this issue long and hard and still had concerns upon their final decision. They wanted to be sure that the Council was aware of the issue as fully as possible. Under City codes, the developer is required to place sidewalks along all street frontage on the property. In this case, there are areas that will have double frontage and this includes the length of the property along Cloverdale Road. The developer has proposed to place sidewalks along Wooddale Drive up to Military Road in lieu of putting the sidewalk on Cloverdale. This will connect to existing sidewalks that lead to the school. Since there is dual frontage there could be a legal question as to how much the City can actually require. In the end, the Planning Commission chose to recommend the applicants proposal for the alternative sidewalks.

The Councilmembers asked questions addressing concerns with the intersection at Old Pacific Hwy and Cloverdale Road wondering if this is the best location. Other areas addressed were the operations and maintenance of the filtration system, the parks being dedicated to the City, no backing from lots 18 and 19 onto Cloverdale Road, items in the letter from the Sessions, the trail through the wetland that goes to private property, and the flag lots 1, 2, and

3. The applicant's representative, Brad Applegate of Moss and Associates, Inc. explained that the intersection at Old Pacific Highway had been walked and reviewed extensively. Placing the crosswalk at that site was determined to be the best location. The trail through the eastern wetland will be built only if the developer can obtain the off site right to do so. City Planner Justin Erickson noted that the Sessions' letter had been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the conditions set on the plat address the issues of the filtration system, the parks being dedicated to the City and safe ingress/egress on lots 18 and 19. The flag lots are a part of the variance requests due to the steep topography on the west side of the property, and the Planning Commission is recommending approval. Some of the finer points will be defined and addressed more thoroughly during the construction approval phase of the project.

The focus of the discussion was the Cloverdale sidewalk issue. Mr. Applegate explained that after reviewing the site and looking at the options, they believe that their proposal is the best way to develop the site. It will provide access both to the school area and to downtown. Cloverdale is a dangerous street and their plan provides access off of Cloverdale through the development. It benefits the new neighborhood they will be creating as well as the whole community. It was clarified that the developer will not actually put in all the sidewalks. They will do the curb and gutters, but the sidewalks along the lot access roads will be constructed at the time the homes are built to avoid destroying new sidewalks during the construction. There was talk of the developer partnering with an adjoining development to provide sidewalks along Cloverdale. Mr. Jim Bain of 308 N. Second, noted that he is a walker and he will not walk along Cloverdale due to the speed of the traffic and the narrowness of the road, even if there is a sidewalk. It is safer to walk on Military Road. It was also suggested that perhaps the speed limit on Cloverdale could be reduced, even though it had been increased in the last few years as a result of a traffic study.

Mayor Poulsen asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. As there were none and no further comments or questions from the Council, Mayor Poulsen closed the hearing.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

### **B. Shanara Schmidt – Chamber Invite to the Mayor & Council – out of order**

While the County representatives set up for their presentation, Ms. Shanara Schmidt, former Chamber president invited the Mayor and Council to the Chamber Dinner. She asked Mayor Poulsen, if he would speak on the efforts the City and Chamber are making to work together at the dinner. Mayor Poulsen indicated that he would get back to her on the request. Ms. Schmidt noted that a boy from another state written to the Chamber requesting informa on Kalama for a school assignment.

### **A. Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement - Ken Stone**

Mr. Ken Stone of Cowlitz County made the presentation on the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement. This has been in the planning stages for several years and has been worked on by a committee made up of representatives from the various County jurisdictions. There is a solid waste management plan already adopted by the County and Kalama. The County has been negotiating a contract with Waste Control to provide services for the next forty years. A contract was signed by the County in 2006. The committee has been looking at the long term issue of disposal. The current local landfill will be full in 2012 and an alternate will have to be in

place. The Committee looked at building a new landfill locally, but found that it would be more feasible to transport the waste to the east side of the state to existing long-term landfills. These landfills have capacity and expansion capabilities. The plan that has been developed would take effect in 2009.

Part of the plan has been to provide the adequate services, but to not have to increase rates dramatically. This has been worked out so that the reserves the County has built up will be used to help to offset the increase of rates over the long term. The rates will increase very gradually and at low percentages. Cowlitz County currently has the lowest rates in western Washington. The County Solid Waste Fund is made up of 5 funds, 3 of which are required by state law to be held in reserve for the closing and monitoring of a landfill site. There is also an operating equipment fund. The County currently holds \$8 million in the mandated funds.

The Committee has developed a plan that to implement will require interlocal agreements with all the entities involved. There will be a Governance Committee made up of 2 County and 2 City members to monitor the expenditures of the funds and the rates. This will allow for all jurisdictions to be involved. Once the interlocal agreements are all signed, then the County will hold a public hearing.

Mayor Poulsen noted that the Committee had put a lot of time and work into the plan which he believes is good. The question is why are Longview and Kelso having some issues with the agreements. Mr. Stone explained that there are some wording clarifications that are being discussed, and both Cities have placed it onto future agendas for action. If Kalama has some questions, then perhaps they could authorize the agreement to be signed contingent upon legal approval. Mayor Poulsen thanked Mr. Stone for his presentation.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement - Authorize Mayor to sign the agreement**

Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County for solid waste disposal services upon approval of the agreement by legal counsel. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried.

### **B. Amendment No. 3 to Loan Agreement & Amendment No 2 to Grant Agreement with DOE - Authorize Mayor to sign**

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant/loan amendments. Councilmember Adam Smeed seconded. It was noted that this is the final step in the process that granted the City the additional grant funding on the sewer line replacement project. The motion carried.

### **C. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointment - Small City Representative**

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary stated that during the presentation the duties of this representative was outlined. Until recently, the representative has been from the City of Woodland. Mr. McCrary recommended the Mayor appoint Councilmember Don Purvis to be the

representative. The nomination will have to be approved by the other small cities, Woodland and Castle Rock. Mayor Poulsen will appoint Don Purvis, and Mr. McCrary will notify the other jurisdictions.

D. Riverview Heights Preliminary Plat

The Council requested this be tabled to the next meeting until the City Attorney could be present.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Naming Street off South Sixth Street - Barnwell Court

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion the City Council name the small street off of South Sixth Street Barnwell Court. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained that the street is only 12.5 feet wide and not to standards. At the most there could be one more house added to the street access. It is public right-of-way which the City maintains. Currently there is some problems with locating the home on the street as currently addressed. The motion carried.

B. Request for Support for Community Building Piano - Mac Potts

Mayor Poulsen read the letter from ninth grader Mac Potts offering to replace the old piano at the Community Building as it is not repairable. He will find, repair and donate a piano to the City. He will play at private parties to earn money not only to get the piano, but to help maintain it as well. He is requesting the City's support of his senior project. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council allow Mr. Potts to move forward with his project to donate a piano to the City. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Energy Northwest Invitation - Open House on March 8, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- B. Kalama Chamber of Commerce - Annual Dinner Invitation
- C. Letter in Support of New Restaurants - Response to Daily News Article
- D. COG Annual Banquet Invitation - March 29, 2007 @ 7 pm - Kalama Community Building

It was noted that those wishing to attend the annual dinners would need to let Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster know. The City will pay for the Councilmember's or City Staff dinners. Guests will have to be paid for by the attendees. The COG banquet is being held in Kalama this year and it would be nice to have some of the Council attend.

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported that the Downtown Streetscape Project will not be able to begin construction until early 2008. It is disappointing, but the City can look into the options for the sidewalks and crosswalks. He has heard of several projects with stamped concrete that have become maintenance issues or create possible hazards. The downtown street will get paved as soon as the sewer and flood projects are complete and the Elm Street sidewalk will be put in.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson had no report. He recognized Mr Willie Nixon in the audience and asked if there was anything he wanted to say. Mr. Nixon noted that in all the talk about Cloverdale Road, it hadn't been suggested to lower the speed limit, but he thinks he will bring it up at the Housing Authority Board meeting to make such a request.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported that he will report to the Chamber on the delay of the downtown streetscape project.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish reported that a Public Works meeting was held but he did not attend.

## **12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary noted that Mr. Nixon is a member of the Public Works committee. He addressed the construction downtown, noting that the contractor had hit rock in the last 15 feet of the project which had caused a delay. Overall the project has only incurred .2% in change orders, but there may be another due to the rock. There are several elements of the project to be completed. Director McCrary informed the Council that Public Works has a new employee, Larry Chapman and has promoted Kelly Rasmussen to the position of Assistant Public Works Director vacated by the retirement of Doug Pierce. There was question about the culvert project. It is moving forward with the railroad as lead agency.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported on the federal crime statistics which show an overall decrease in crime here. There has been no response on the contract proposal from the Guild.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster presented the final budget document to the Council. While the budget was passed on time, the final document had taken a while to put together.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

## **13. CONSENT AGENDA -**

*Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers totaling \$ 91,218.22 for February, 2007, the Payroll Vouchers totaling \$124,450.02 for February, 2007 and the minutes of the February 21, 2007 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.*

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel Issue - Canceled.**

**1. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**