

MINUTES OF 5/28/09 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Pape-Miller, Lingard, Greenfield (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Cooney, Harper, Morehouse (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Morse.

Councilmembers absent/excused: None

Staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director VanEpps.

4. CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

Reinbold noted that an amended agenda had been distributed with the following items added:

Presentation – Tourism Promotion Group Marketing Plan  
Grant acceptance – Aquatic/Community Center Feasibility Study funding  
Rental agreement – Dept. of Licensing use of City Hall space.

At Reinbold's request, the DOL rental agreement was removed from the amended agenda.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Lingard moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve minutes: None.
- B. Approve Payroll Warrants: #31012 – #31111 = \$153,307.54 and Approve Claims Warrants: #72389 – 72488 = \$397,374.26.
- C. Schedule special meetings: None.
- D. Excuse absences: None.
- E. Adopt ordinance No. 2009-1391 adopting development agreements previously approved by City Council.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. JOYCE STEWART COMMEMORATION: Reinbold reported that the Chelan Rotary Club asked the City Parks & Recreation Department for authorization to place a bronze plaque at Gateway Park to commemorate Joyce Stewart, who died recently. There being no formal policy governing such commemorations, the request prompted Parks & Recreation staff to draft a policy governing commemorations as well as the naming of parks.

The Parks & Recreation Board considered both the Rotary's request and the proposed policy at its meeting on 5/21/09. Although the Rotary Club wanted authorization well before 6/23/09 when it hoped to unveil the plaque at a planned celebration in honor of Ms. Stewart, the Board wanted additional time to study the policy and was reluctant to act on the Rotary's request while the policy was pending. The Board therefore recommended that the Rotary Club take their request directly to City Council.

Bob Myers, representing the Rotary Club, made the request to Council. Myers listed Ms. Stewart's accomplishments, described the event planned for 6/23, and answered Council questions.

**Morse moved to authorize the Rotary Club to install a plaque at Gateway Park in commemoration of Joyce Stewart, with Parks and Recreation Director Sablan to approve the plaque design and placement. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

- B. WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE: Reinbold explained as follows. Today's vehicles with their large outside mirrors pose a hazard to pedestrians crossing the Woodin Avenue Bridge. Some time ago there was a plan to replace the bridge deck and move the pedestrian walkways to the outside of the existing bridge, thus widening the vehicle travel lanes and separating pedestrians from traffic. However, the City was unable to obtain funding for the project. Funding remains unavailable, but it is possible that an alternate design may make the project easier to fund. Recently, Dave Weldy and Scott McKellar asked to address Council with ideas they have for installing a pedestrian walkway outside the bridge's vehicle travel lanes.

Dave Weldy, Wenatchee, related information on the bridge dating from his time as a Chelan City Councilman (2004-2008). Weldy emphasized the need to preserve the appearance of the bridge, pointing out that it is a popular icon featured in logos used by the City and Historic Downtown Chelan Association. Weldy said that he and McKellar are asking the City for \$6,000 to prepare a "shovel ready" plan for retrofitting the bridge with pathways on each side

Scott McKellar, 419 Water Street, then reiterated information sent to Weldy and Reinbold in his memo of May 28, 2009, and its attachments, i.e.: "Consideration for Designing Pathway Addition(s) to the Existing Bridge", "Existing Cross Section", and "Proposed Cross Section". McKellar stated that he anticipates that \$6,000 will pay for conceptual drawings, an idea of the costs and the permits needed to apply for grant funds.

Mayor Goedde said that Public Works has long talked about adding walkways to the outside of the bridge and, in fact, prepared a plan and conducted a feasibility study on just such a project at one point. However, the \$4 million needed for the project wasn't available. McKellar responded, saying he believes it can be done with his design for \$2 million.

Both Weldy and McKellar asked that the City expedite the project. Reinbold pointed out the State of Washington imposes a process that municipalities must follow when

undertaking such projects and also that the public deserves an opportunity for input on any re-design of the bridge. Cooney asked that staff report back to Council as soon as possible on the quickest way to get the project accomplished.

Van Epps noted that the bridge was identified as a priority at the last retreat and is also identified in the City's Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Van Epps said it is imperative to seek public input on any alternative to the bridge improvement plan now in place, since that plan was based on public input. Van Epps predicted that the public would respond with a variety of options to consider. Van Epps expressed doubt as to whether \$6,000 would be enough to accomplish everything McKellar and Weldy expected.

Following additional discussion, **Harper moved to have staff explore a design for Woodin Avenue Bridge improvements, including the solicitation of public opinion. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

*Councilmembers Greenfield and Morehouse arrived during the preceding discussion.*

- C. TOURISM PROMOTION GROUP: Barb Watkins, Treasurer of the Tourism Promotion Group, presented the Group's 2009 Marketing Plan.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mayor Goedde introduced a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Housing Element of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan be approved. The Mayor explained to audience members the procedure for testifying, opened the public hearing (7:20 p.m.), and called for the staff report.

Gildroy reported as follows. As part of the City's 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendment and as identified in the 2008 Growth Management Act Compliance Evaluation, the Planning Commission considered a revised Comprehensive Plan Housing Element with new housing goals and policies. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 21, 2009, which was continued to May 20, 2009. On May 20, 2009, following a sixty day review period that produced no agency comments, the Commission unanimously recommended approval of the revised Housing Element establishing new housing goals and policies.

There followed Council comments and questions.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Goedde opened the public hearing and called for public comment. The following citizens responded as follows:

Dan Beardslee, 105 North Emerson: He represents property owners and home builders. He feels the proposed Housing Element and Housing Manual are very well done. However, he wants Council to be aware that none of it is realistic unless the City cooperates with builders to keep fees from driving the cost of building up. He hopes to show Council what he has in mind at a future Council meeting.

Sherly Bery, no address provided: She represents North Central Washington Association of Realtors, who want to commend staff for their work on the Housing Element. The Association is concerned about the disparity between area incomes and housing costs and would like to meet with staff to discuss incentives for building affordable housing.

Al Lorenz, no address provided: He said that if the City waives fees for someone, someone else will end up paying. He cautioned Council to beware of unintended consequences.

There being no more public comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing (7:35).

At Gildroy's recommendation, **Greenfield moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Housing Element of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and to instruct staff to prepare the proper ordinance for its adoption. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

## 9. ORDINANCES

- A. None

## 10. RESOLUTIONS

- A. MAKAI SHORE ANNEXATION: Gildroy reported that staff has initiated the annexation of approximately sixteen acres located east of Crystal View Estates along SR150 and known as the Makai Shore Annexation area. Gildroy explained that RCW 35A.14.295 and RCW 35A-14.297 authorize the City to annex unincorporated territory containing residential properties if that territory contains less than 100 acres and 80% of its boundaries are contiguous to the city's boundaries. Gildroy further explained that the annexation process requires Council to adopt a resolution establishing a public hearing date. Once the hearing takes place, Council may adopt an ordinance establishing a 45 day period during which a referendum may be submitted. If the referendum is signed by at least 10% of the annexation areas registered voters, the annexation is put on the next general or special election ballot. If no such referendum is submitted, the annexation is effective as set by the ordinance. Gildroy then answered Council questions.

**Cooney moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-1196 declaring the intent to annex unincorporated islands of county land known as the Makai Shore Annexation area. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

## 11. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HOUSING MANUAL/HOUSING ELEMENT: At Gildroy's recommendation, **Lingard moved to adopt the Housing Manual implementing the Housing Element of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.**

- B. SENIOR CENTER PROJECT – CONCRETE FORMING: Reinbold reported receiving eight responses to the City’s call for bids to provide concrete forming for the Senior Center building, and he presented the resulting bid tabulation. Reinbold reported that Cal Jordan, the project consultant, reviewed the lowest bid, which came from K O Construction of Chehalis, and found it to be responsible.

**Cooney moved to award the bid for concrete forming for the Chelan Senior Center project to K O Construction, the lowest responsible bidder at \$26,990 plus tax. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.**

- C. SENIOR CENTER PROJECT – UNDER-SLAB PLUMBING: Reinbold reported receiving five responses to the City’s call for bids to provide under-slab plumbing for the Senior Center building, and he presented the resulting bid tabulation. Reinbold reported that Cal Jordan, the project consultant, reviewed the lowest bid, which came from Whitebird, Inc. of Wenatchee, and found it to be responsible.

**Morse moved to award the bid for under-slab plumbing for the Chelan Senior Center project to Whitebird, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at \$3,768.00 plus tax. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

- D. AQUATICS/COMMUNITY CENTER- PLANNING ONLY GRANT: Reinbold reported that the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development had awarded the City a grant to help fund a feasibility study to determine possible locations for a proposed Aquatic/Community Center.

**Morse moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development accepting a Planning-Only Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$24,000 to help fund a feasibility study to determine possible locations for a proposed Aquatic/Community Center. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

- E. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING RENTAL AGREEMENT: At Reinbold’s request, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- F. SENIOR CENTER PROJECT – CONCRETE SUPPLY: Reinbold presented a list of the bids received by the Senior Center group for material to be used in constructing the Senior Center concrete slab.

At Reinbold’s recommendation, **Morse moved to award the contract to supply concrete material for the Chelan Senior Center concrete slab to Chelan Concrete, the low bidder at \$95.00 per cubic yard plus sales tax. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

## 12. RECESS

At 8:00 p.m. meeting was recessed to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

### 13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

POWER UP! SUMMIT: Pape-Miller reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Power Up! Conference held in Wenatchee on May 27 and 28, 2009. Pape-Miller also reported that there is a mandated time table for replacing a percentage of government owned gas propelled vehicles with electric vehicles.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Reporting for the Sustainability Committee, Pape-Miller reminded Council that the committee has scheduled a community sustainability workshop at Campbells on 6/1/09.

CLAIMS WARRANTS: Lingard said he was surprised to see how much the City is charged for shipping and he questioned the price of an item he noticed while reviewing claims warrants. Mayor Goedde advised Lingard to take any questions or concerns to the Finance Director at the time of his review so they can be addressed before the warrants are brought to Council for approval.

RV PARKING: Lingard said he often notices a "Parking Lot Full Sign" at the city RV park and wonders where people go who are turned away. Mayor Goedde listed some options. Lingard said that he understands WalMart lets people park overnight in their lot in most towns, but that isn't permitted in Chelan. Reinbold offered to ask the Parking Task Force to consider rescinding the City's prohibition of overnight RV parking at the local WalMart store.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Greenfield expressed appreciation for the Sheriff's informational meeting just before Memorial Day weekend and Reinbold's updates during the weekend.

Cooney reported that the town was empty Thursday night as most visitors didn't arrive for the weekend until late Friday due to a traffic backup on the pass. Cooney expressed disappointment that so few local people venture downtown during Memorial Day Weekend.

Harper and Morehouse praised law enforcement personnel for their efforts over the holiday weekend. Mayor Goedde noted that he has sent thank you letters to all law enforcement agencies involved.

Reinbold reported that Sgt. Huddleston will present a Memorial Day Weekend debriefing at the 6/11/09 Council meeting.

LARGE WOODY DEBRIS: Morehouse reported on a meeting in Leavenworth on 5/20/09 concerning the use of large woody debris to mitigate the impact of shoreline projects on fish habitat. Morehouse said he believes there will be more such meetings and he expects progress towards the Sailing Associations' request that such use be curtailed until it is shown to be effective.

SOLID WASTE ACTION COUNCIL: Morehouse reported for SWAC, saying that the pending property acquisition he mentioned at an earlier Council meeting has been accomplished and that the next SWAC meeting is scheduled for 6/1/09 in Wenatchee.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Morse asked to be excuse from the Council meeting scheduled for 6/11/09.

COMMUNITY SURVIVOR'S 5: Mayor Goedde reported attending a "Community Survivor's 5" conference in Centralia May 18 and 19. The purpose of the conference was to "help communities tackle the challenges of creating jobs, growing their economies and competing globally" in the current economic situation. The Mayor said that the City receives a free one year subscription to grantwriters.com as a benefit of his attendance at the conference.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Goedde reported that the City's wastewater treatment plant was cited by Department of Ecology for outstanding performance in 2008.

CITY HALL OFFICE SPACE RENTAL: Mayor Goedde reported that staff has been talking with both Department of Licensing and the Historic Downtown Chelan Association about renting space at the Emerson Avenue end of City Hall.

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

FIRE DISTRICT: Reinbold reported that he and one Council member have been invited to participate in the assessment of candidates for the District 7 Fire Chief position, which will take place in an all day session on 7/7/09. Reinbold said he could provide additional information to anyone who was interested.

SUSTAINABILITY – ELECTRIC VEHICLES: Reinbold reported that the City is working with the Public Utility District, Chelan County, Link Transit and other agencies concerning a partnership for conversion to electric vehicles.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Approved by City Council: June 25, 2009.

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Linda Allison Liles, City Clerk

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Robert R. Goedde, Mayor