

MINUTES OF 9/25/08 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

**PRESENT:** Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Morehouse, Papé-Miller and Weldy; Administrator Fonfara; Attorney Galbraith; Acting City Clerk Lingle; Planning/Community Development Director Gildroy; Chief Law Enforcement Officer Harris; and Parks and Recreation Director Sablan.

Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harper moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 29620 through 29724 totaling \$142,616.35 and Claims Warrants No. 70980 through 71045 totaling \$468,053.29.

Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS/PUBLIC INPUT

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Peter Rodionoff, 107 Junior Point Court, said he'd worked with City Administrator Dave Fonfara as a City Councilmember and knew him to be an excellent public servant. Rodionoff said he wanted to publicly thank Fonfara for the outstanding job he's done for the City of Chelan and say that Fonfara was forced to resign due to the negative atmosphere created by certain Councilmembers motivated by personal agendas. Rodionoff went on to say that initial efforts to replace Fonfara were unsuccessful, causing the City to hire a professional recruitment agency – an agency that now considers Fonfara to be its top candidate for other cities seeking a City Administrator. Rodionoff also noted that the salary of the City Administrator position was substantially increased to attract qualified candidates. Rodionoff complained that the City had not only lost an effective employee, but the recruitment process and salary increase required to replace him will cost the City a great deal of money that could have been used otherwise.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Barry Kling, Administrator of the Chelan-Douglas Health District, and Beverly Mehr, Chelan-Douglas Health District Nursing Director, provided information on Health District services and described a growing public health system crisis caused by reduced funding and increased costs. Kling reported that at the local level, the Health District is trying to improve funding by asking Chelan and Douglas Counties and the cities therein to contribute an additional one dollar per capita over current funding levels. Kling then answered Council questions. Mayor Goedde promised Kling and Mehr that the Health District's request will be considered in planning for the 2009 City Budget.

2008 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS: Mayor Goedde opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment on certain Comprehensive Plan amendments recommended by the Planning Commission. The Mayor advised those wishing to testify on the procedure for doing so, and he explained that each amendment item would be considered in turn, i.e. staff would introduce an item, the public would testify, Council would deliberate and act, and staff would then introduce the next item.

The Mayor directed the Planning/Community Development Director to present the proposed amendments. After explaining the overall Comprehensive Plan amendment process, Gildroy introduced the following amendments recommended by the Planning Commission.

**Fifer Rezone Request:** Gildroy explained that Robert Fifer, 910 South Park Street, owns a 20 acre parcel that includes two zoning districts - 1.25 acres zoned Multi-Family Residential and 18.75 acres zoned Tourist Accommodation. Fifer is asking to have the entire parcel zoned Tourist Accommodation. There was no public comment for or against the rezone and no Council deliberation. **Cooney moved to approve Robert Fifer's request that 1.25 acres in Parcel #272213-330-200 be rezoned from Multi-Family Residential to Tourist Accommodation, providing one zoning district for the entire parcel as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.**

**Open Space Sub-Element Revisions:** Gildroy reported that the Growth Management Act Compliance & Evaluation report identified the need to update the Comprehensive Plan by mapping platted Lake Chelan access right-of-ways and vacated right-of-ways with a public easement. The recommended amendment would add a new map entitled "Public Right-of-Way & Easements" and policy addressing these areas. There was no public comment for or against the proposed revision and no Council deliberation. After speaking in favor of the revision, **Papé-Miller moved to revise the Open Space Sub-Element of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a "Public Right-of-Way & Easements" map and text amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

**Capital Facilities Element Revisions:** Gildroy reported that the Growth Management Act requires the Comprehensive Plan to set forth a process for siting essential public facilities, so staff reviewed the Capital Facilities Plan element for compliance and recommends certain revisions consistent with the County Wide Planning Policies. In addition, the 2007 Urban Growth Boundary expansion necessitated review of the Capital Facilities element for fire and police facilities. There being no public comment for or against the recommended revisions and no Council deliberation, **Greenfield moved to approve Capital Facilities Element text amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Goedde closed the public hearing.

GRAFFITI ORDINANCE: Sgt. Harris explained that one item on the agenda for the Public Safety Committee's 8/11/08 meeting was the community's graffiti problem. The Committee directed him to research ordinances and procedures adopted by other cities and to present his recommendation to City Council. Harris recommended additional patrols, requiring owners to clean up graffiti on their property, and Council's adoption of an ordinance similar to the "Graffiti Materials" ordinance adopted by City of Wenatchee. Following discussion, **Greenfield moved to direct the City Attorney and Sgt. Harris to collaborate in preparing an ordinance addressing graffiti for consideration at the 10/9/08 City Council meeting. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

WATER/SEWER BOND REFINANCING: At the request of the City Finance Director, this item was removed from the agenda.

AQUATICS/COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER: Sablan reported that the Port of Chelan County had awarded the City \$10,000 in matching funds to help pay for a study to determine the best site for a proposed regional aquatics/community recreation center. At Sablan's recommendation, **Cooney moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Port of Chelan County and the City of Chelan governing the Port District's grant of \$10,000 to help fund a feasibility study to determine the best site for a proposed regional aquatics/community recreation center in Chelan. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

Also at Sablan's recommendation, **Papé-Miller moved to authorize the City, as the designated Aquatics/Community Center Project Lead, to partner with the Lake Chelan Aquatics and**

**Community Center Committee in applying for a planning-only Community Development Block Grant and to appoint Parks and Recreation Director Sablan as the Project Manager for the grant application and the Fiscal Manager for awarded grant funds. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

LAKESHORE MARINA IMPROVEMENTS: Sablan asked that Council amend the Parks & Recreation Department Budget to fund \$11,000 in improvements to docks at Lakeshore Marina while the old docks are still under warranty. Sablan explained that the funding would allow the City to replace existing docks, which are sinking, with wider, more stable docks. The docks will be transported and installed by park employees, saving the City \$2500 in shipping and installation fees. Following brief discussion, **Morse moved to authorize a Parks & Recreation budget amendment in the amount of \$11,000 to fund safety and warranty improvements to docks at the Lake Shore Marina. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 10/9/08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: A draft agenda for the next Council meeting was distributed to Council and media representatives.

*At 7:58 p.m. Council meeting was adjourned to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.*

#### REPORTS/COMMENTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Mayor Goedde and several Councilmembers thanked Dave Fonfara for his service to the community. Cooney and Harper said they concur with comments made by Peter Rodionoff at the beginning of this meeting..

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mayor Goedde asked to be excused from the regular City Council meeting on 10/9/08 as he'll be out of town representing Link Transit at the Public Transportation Association Conference.

SHORT COURSE IN PLANNING: At the Mayor's request, Gildroy provided information about a "Short Course in Planning" being offered by the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development in Wenatchee the evening of 10/2/08. Gildroy encouraged Councilmembers to attend.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS: The Mayor commented on two recent airplane crashes at the Lake Chelan Airport.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS: Cooney invited citizen inquiries concerning the City Administrator interviews scheduled for 9/27/08.

LEGACY RIDGE DEVELOPMENT: Greenfield asked staff to keep Council informed regarding efforts to acquire land needed by Legacy Ridge Development for improvements at the intersection of Crystal Drive and SR 150. Greenfield said Council had received a letter indicating the perception that the City is inappropriately involved in the acquisition process and that disturbs her.

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION: Papé-Miller reported that she and Gildroy attended the Urban Waterfront Revitalization Conference held in Bremerton on 9/10/08, and they will collaborate on a report to Council in the near future.

REFLECTION RIDGE DEVELOPMENT: Morehouse expressed concerns regarding Reflection Ridge development. Gildroy assured him that staff was communicating with Chelan County regarding the development.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT: Morehouse urged the City to investigate “green” technology for onsite treatment of septic system wastewater.

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION J: Sablan advised Council that there would be a public meeting on Lakeside Trail Section J at 6:30 p.m. on 10/13/08 in Council Chambers. In response to an inquiry from Papé-Miller, Sablan and VanEpps assured Council that residents of the neighborhood would be kept informed.

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION B: VanEpps announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lakeside Trail Section B sidewalk would take place 9/26/08 at 11:00 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:22 p.m. Council adjourned to executive session to discuss property acquisition. Meeting reconvened at 8:30 following adjournment of the executives session.

There being no further business, Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Date approved by City Council: October 23, 2008

