

Pastor Nick Stumbo, East Hills Alliance Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Karnofski, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, and Roberson.

Minutes: The minutes of the 9-21-10 Special Council Workshop and the 9-21-10 Regular Meeting were approved by the Council.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

ASB Vice President Cody Doble: 1) We have a football game with Evergreen on Friday and a volleyball game with Evergreen tonight. 2) Kelso High students are involved in a campaign to promote self respect. One of our main goals this year is to clean up our language.

PRESENTATION:

Employee Recognition: Public works Director David Sypher gave special recognition to the following employees in his department:

Senior Engineer Van McKay has been involved in our stormwater management program and getting us in compliance with state law. Van has worked hard on his own time to get a Masters Certificate in GIS. David presented a plaque to Van.

Project Coordinator Jessica Williams has worked hard getting the filing up to date. Many of our projects were disorganized and we weren't in great compliance with our auditors. Jessica began a certification program which took thirty hours of training. David presented a plaque to Jessica.

South Cowlitz River Trail Plan: Kelso Parks Lead Tim Mackin introduced Paul Youmans, who spoke on behalf of the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee who have been working on the South Cowlitz River Trail Plan. Their goal is to connect Longview and Kelso on both sides of the Cowlitz River with the Castle Rock-to-Lexington Loop trail to the north and continuing south to Gerhart Gardens Park. City of Longview Parks Director Rich Bemm spoke about some of the funding options such as grants, federal transportation dollars, and matching funds through the state recreation office. A map of the trail was given to Councilmembers. The Committee is presenting the concept plan to the park boards of Kelso, Longview, and Cowlitz County, as well as the city councils and county commissioners for their approval. The final step will be review and adoption by the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments, with inclusion of the South Cowlitz River Trail as an amendment to the Cowlitz County Regional Trail Plan. Council discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Red Lion Hotel, 510 Kelso Drive; b) Three Rivers Golf Course, 2222 S. River Road; c) Yan's Chinese Restaurant, 300 Long Avenue West
2. **Award Contract for Phase 3 Stormwater Master Plan and Relational Geodatabase Design with Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. (Project #600805) in the amount of \$191,942.00**
3. **Approve Change Order No. 2 and Final Close-out of Project No. 590809 for S. 10th Avenue Replacement Project with Rotschy, Inc., in the amount of \$283,669.59**

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Mike White, 907 S. 6th, spoke about a four-year-old girl in his neighborhood. The child is allowed to go nude while she is outside. Mr. White is worried about the safety of the child and wants to know what can be done. Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton said when the police department is contacted with this type of situation, the parents are notified about the complaint and officers talk with them to determine the status of the child. If it is deemed necessary, officers will contact Child Protective Services.

Councilmember Webb arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Paul Youmans, Pathway 2020, spoke about two reports that were given to Councilmembers. The Community Food Assessment of Cowlitz County Report looks at some of the barriers for people accessing healthy foods and why some areas of the community fight hunger constantly. The Community Environmental Health Assessment Report addresses ways to achieve a healthier environment to improve the quality of life for all people of Cowlitz County.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Fatcher made the following appointments to the **Highlander Festival Commission:**

Fiina Fowler, Term Expires December 31, 2014

Connie Reams, Term Expires December 31, 2014

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 10-1028 – Amending the Kelso Park and Recreation Plan to Include the Proposed Cowlitz County Regional Trail Plan: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 10-1028, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE KELSO PARK AND RECREATION PLAN, AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' Mayor Fatcher said this would incorporate the South Cowlitz River Trail Plan, discussed earlier, into our Parks Plan. Public Works Director Sypher said this needs to be included in the master plan in order to apply for grants. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Congratulations to Councilmember Karnofski who was just recently married. 2) The Airport Governance meeting will be on Thursday, October 7th. We will continue discussion on how to keep the airport open. 3) The volunteer retirement policy will be brought to the next Council Meeting. 4) Team Kelso is starting to work on getting gift baskets ready for the holidays. 5) There will be a town hall meeting at Wallace School on Wednesday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m. 6) My assistant, Shelly Timm, had an operation on her back and will be out for a few days.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) This is the time of season that we try to close out many of our projects such as the overlay, 3rd Street sewer project, and Grimm Road repairs. 2) We are starting our 2011 overlay design work. 3) Some of our bridges are due for inspections. 4) Mayor Fatcher asked when the overlay list would be available. David said a company by the name of MRC did a street survey a couple of weeks ago. Some of the streets that are being targeted are shown on the boards in the back of the Council Chambers.

Michael Kerins: At the last Council Meeting, I spoke about a list of staff-recommended changes to the zoning ordinance that would be brought to tonight's meeting for review. Hopefully, this will be presented at the next meeting, as I intend to bring forth zoning text changes that the Planning Commission will need to go over.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be on October 15th and 16th. 2) Our story times have started and they are going very well.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Officers have been busy patrolling the school zones. 2) Two individuals have had operations and are out on medical leave. 3) Staff cuts are on the minds of all our police department personnel.

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: No report. Mayor Fatcher congratulated John, who just got married.

Rick Roberson: Invited citizens to attend the Town Hall meeting at Wallace School on November 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Dan Myers: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) The Cowlitz Transit Authority has been working on a transportation plan which is almost finished. There will be a meeting at the Longview City Hall on Wednesday, October 27th, to discuss bus routes. 2) CUBS is in process of getting a new attorney.

James Webb: I apologize for my late arrival. Traffic in Portland is terrible!

Gary Schimmel: The Public Health Advisory Committee is still trying to develop what they are going to look like and to define their purpose in the future. Revenue is decreasing, so they are trying to make decisions based on their funding.

David Fatcher: Concerning the budget issues, we have to live within our means. I don't like having to make the cuts we have to make; however, there is no other way to do it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately five minutes. No action is expected to be taken. At 7:47 p.m. the Council convened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.



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