

October 7, 2015

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN HEARING

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Council President Ball opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m. City Planner Dan Meader was present and reported the County and City have been working on a County Transportation Plan. This is essentially cataloging all things related to transportation. The Arlington Planning Commission has approved the draft and now it is before the Council to also review. There are three Ordinances the City would need to adopt, however a full Council is needed. The first reading of the Ordinances can take place tonight, and then the second reading of the Ordinances will need to be on November's Agenda.

Councilor Wetherell motioned to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 416. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. City Planner Dan Meader read Ordinance No. 416. Councilor Christensen motioned to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 416. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell. Councilor Wetherell motioned to have first reading of Ordinance No. 417. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. Dan Meader read Ordinance No. 417. Councilor Walborn motioned to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 417. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones. Councilor Walborn motioned to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 418. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen. City Planner Dan Meader read Ordinance No. 418. Councilor Wetherell motioned to accept the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 418. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones. Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

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The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on October 7, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Susan Jones, Doug Hammer, Robert Christensen, Attorney Will Carey and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent: Mayor Jeff Bufton. Guests include: Leslee Hammer, Kevin Hunking, Julius Courtney, Jane Huckelberry, Debbie Murrow, Marta Mikkalo, Jon Terland, Dan Meader, Wade Johnson, Gary Bettencourt and Peter Mitchell. Council President Ball called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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Council President Ball Amended the Agenda to add Golf Course Annexation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheriff Gary Bettencourt reported an abatement letter had been sent to Rita Luggie (owner of the Arlington Motel) which she had responded and has requested until November 14, 2015 to work on the violations on the property. Also, the first letter was not addressed to Rita and Joseph Luggie c/o ICS. LLC. The Council agreed to that extra time. Sheriff Bettencourt also reported to the Council with the passage of Measure 91, legalization of marijuana. There is an opt out option; the City Council can opt out of the allowing of growing and dispensaries within the city. This option is available until December 31, 2015. The Council explained with the new Business License criteria, a Business License will not be allowed if the business does not follow State, City and Federal guidelines. The Council asked for more information on the opt out option. **School Superintendent Kevin Hunking** updated the Council; the new CTE Building is being built, the science room is being remodeled, there is a football game tomorrow night (Thursday). Kevin Hunking also requested a letter of support for an application for a revitalization grant with Columbia Gorge Community College. The Council agreed on the support letter. **Deputy Jon Terland** reported; the Sheriff's Department will be moving forward with the next abatement projects, which are the pink and purple houses on the east side of town, Dewey Street is a vacated street around the old motel, there is a Deputy working the arsons on Blalock and Phillipi Canyons, and the Nazarene Church fire is being handled by a different agency.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and reported; Kim Farrar from Pioneer Community Development Corporation (PCDC) has recently started a business facade program. This will be available to business owners to make permanent improvements to their business. The grant will be available up to \$5,000. The Chamber will donate a total of \$5000.00 to help supplement the projects. Leslie also stated the I-84 billboard's rents are coming up and the Chamber is going to renew those contracts, trunk or treat will be in the bank parking lot, Halloween night from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Councilor Ball stated a private party has purchased the Elks building in The Dalles, and the understanding is it will become a neon museum. The Port has contacted the State Historic Preservation office, the city has lost their 100 year old building, but once a building is 50 years old it is called secondary. There are programs available which provide grant opportunities for the aging buildings in town.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-September 9, 2015. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Wetherell motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Resident R.V. Discussion: There was a discussion on an R.V. parked at a residence within the city, which does not fall within the City's Zoning Ordinance. There was a letter of concern on why the R.V. should be allowed. However, it was consensus of the Council the R.V could stay

another 30 days, then would need to be moved. Councilor Walborn motioned the city allow a 30 day extension of the R.V. with a letter going out stating such. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones. Sheriff Bettencourt requested a copy of this letter.

Golf Course Annexation: City Planner Dan Meader stated it would be in the best interest of the city, that while Columbia Hills Manor (CHM) is undergoing the annexation of their property, to also bring in the golf course. There was not an Urban Growth Boundary when the golf course was built. The annexation could be started next month, by going to the Planning Commission and get an advisory recommendation. The two property line adjustments would be next and then prepare for the Comprehensive Plan Zoning Map amendment. The city is working on changing Railroad Avenue to Commercial/Light Industrial and also looking at including the old motel. There has to be a transportation impact study, and now CHM Community Center will need to be added into that. Councilor Christensen motioned to prepare for the annexation of the entire golf course properties into the city. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

REVIEW NUISANCE ORDINANCE: Attorney Carey will prepare a draft for the Council to review on a stricter Nuisance Ordinance. The change will be in the penalty section, including a monetary fine per day.

COLUMBIA RIVER PARK GARBAGE: Officer Jon Terland will follow up with Judge Patnode on the previous citation given to the owner of Columbia River Park. He will ask the court for a copy of conditions. The consensus of the Council is they do not want the park to burn the large pile of debris located inside the park. It was also consensus by the end of the year; the torn down trailer materials, should be off of the property.

FRIENDS OF GILLIAM COUNTY: Jane Huckelberry and Debbie Murrow representing the Friends of Gilliam County updated the Council on Oktoberfest. They have several items for the auction, a dinner, 5K walk/run and a parade of goblins. Recorder Rosenbalm reminded the Committee the city would need a certificate of insurance before the event, with the City of Arlington listed on the policy. The Council received a letter from the Friends of Gilliam County asking for a designated parking spot on the east side of the park, for a senior shuttle bus loading and unloading zone. It was consensus of the Council to approve this request.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen stated Fire Administrator Shannon Coppock reported there are several kids enrolled in the wild land fire courses taught by the fire department.
- Councilor Hammer had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.

- Councilor Ball reported she continues to attend the MCCOG Meetings and they have replaced their Executive Director. She also stated she has been unable to attend the Health District meetings. However, Julius Courtney reported the Medical Center is working on hiring a new Medical Director.
- Councilor Walborn had no report to give.
- Councilor Wetherell stated there will be a golf tournament during Oktoberfest. The golf course had also received a letter from OGA stating the golf course is in great shape. The Council agreed a letter should go to the Public Works Department commending them on their hard work.

In other business, the Council requested an update regarding the web-site next meeting. Also, Councilor Ball stated Senator Wyden will hold a meeting in Arlington October 10, 2015.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Denise Ball, Council President

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder