

PHILOMATH COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 13, 2013

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

7 The common council of the City of Philomath was called to order on Monday, May 13,
8 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Philomath City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rocky Sloan.
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10 **Present:** Mayor Rocky Sloan, Councilors Nolan Bartlow, Matt Bierek, Charla Koeppe,
11 Josh Kvidt, Jason Leonard and Sean Manning.
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13 **Staff:** Randy Kugler, City Manager; Scott Fewel, City Attorney; Kevin Fear, Public
14 Works Director; Joan Swanson, Finance Director; and Ruth Post, City Recorder.
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16 **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

17 **2.1 City Council Minutes – April 8, 2013**
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19 **MOTION:** Councilor Kvidt moved, Councilor Bierek second, to approve the
20 consent agenda and the council agenda for May 13, 2013, as presented. Motion
21 APPROVED 7-0 (Yes: Bartlow, Bierek, Koeppe, Kvidt, Leonard, Manning, and
22 Sloan; No: None.)
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24 **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

25 **3.1** None.
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27 **4. PRESENTATIONS**

28 **4.1 Philomath Schools Local Option Levy – Tom Klipfel, Philomath School Board**
29 – Mr. Klipfel stated the School District has made budget cuts for the past six
30 years due to reducing state funding. He reviewed cuts over the past two years.
31 He stated the Board has exhausted cuts that can be made without cutting core
32 services. He stated that, unlike the City, the School Board does not have other
33 options to raise revenue, other than ask the voters to provide more funding. He
34 stated the local option levy does not provide for any new or expanded services, it
35 instead preserves existing services. Mr. Klipfel distributed a worksheet that
36 provides formula for voters to use in estimating the impact of the levy on their
37 property taxes (Supplemental Agenda Item #4.1). He stated that levy would
38 increase revenues by \$550,000 the first year and the District qualifies for a
39 matching program from the State that would provide an additional \$230,000 the
40 first year. He stated these additional revenues would definitely get the District
41 through the five years of the levy if approved. He stated that the Corvallis School
42 District already has a levy that pays for approximately 10% of their staff salaries.
43 Mr. Klipfel reviewed the difference between the local option levy and the
44 construction bond that was passed three years ago. He explained that there is
45 approximately \$1 million left from the construction bond but statute does not
46 allow it to be used for operating costs. Mr. Klipfel explained that the State
47 matching money is only provided if the voters approve a levy. Councilor Manning
48 questioned if Corvallis is reliant on their levy. Mr. Klipfel stated they have
49 renewed the 5-year levy three times and they do rely on it. He stated he hopes
50 that in 5 years, it wouldn't be necessary to request renewal of a voter approved
51 levy in Philomath.
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1 Mr. Klipfel explained current funding issues created by PERS and declining
2 enrollment. He noted that if State changes to PERS have an impact to reduce
3 costs, then the Board has the option to not collect the full \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy.
4 Councilor Bartlow questioned how likely a 4-day school week is. Mr. Klipfel
5 stated it is very likely if the levy does not pass. He stated the immediate cut
6 impacts would be teaching positions, sports funding cuts, pool, and a 4-day
7 school week. Councilor Bierek questioned the State matching funds being a
8 diversion of income tax taxes to circumvent Ballot Measures 5 and 50 tax limits.
9 Mr. Klipfel stated that some residents are excited about that aspect. Mayor Sloan
10 thanked the Board for getting the estimation worksheet out to the public.
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12 **4.2 Mosaic Farms – Chris Hansen, Mosaic Farms, Corvallis, OR** – Mr. Hansen
13 explained the ethically raised pastured hogs that Mosaic Farms has raised since
14 2010. He explained the collaboration they use to raise pigs in a natural open field
15 environment. He stated they use an outdoor environment for six months of the
16 year, but during the winter months they needed more covered space. He
17 described the course of events that led him to meet with City staff to rent the old
18 Faxon Farms barn on the City’s property south of Philomath. He explained that
19 they began leasing the barn in November 2012 and used it throughout this past
20 winter. He explained the need to provide their own breeding program and stated
21 they are working towards becoming animal welfare certified. Mr. Hansen noted
22 the value of their collaboration with Gathering Together Farms, and the win/win
23 created by their use of the barn. He stated there is a major market demand for
24 pork the way they are doing it in a healthy ethical program. He stated there will
25 be a farm tour on June 1st. There was additional discussion about the
26 importance of the breeding program in meeting standards from a buyer such as
27 Whole Foods. Mr. Kugler explained the barn was an underutilized asset and was
28 the opportunity for a public-private partnership. He stated Mr. Hansen is
29 providing enhanced maintenance of the facility. Mr. Kugler stated staff performed
30 due diligence to ensure no water quality issues would be created by the Mosaic
31 Farms operations.
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33 **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

34 **5.1 Proposed Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds** – Mayor Sloan opened the
35 public hearing at 7:48 p.m. Ms. Swanson explained that the Budget Committee
36 held a public hearing on possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds. She
37 explained that one of the proposed uses is to assist local non-profit social service
38 agencies. She explained that those funds come from State liquor tax revenues.
39 Seeing no public wishing to testify, Mayor Sloan closed the public hearing at 7:51
40 p.m.
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42 **6. PROCLAMATIONS**

43 **6.1 Older Americans Month – May 2013** – Mayor Sloan read the proclamation
44 declaring May 2013 as Older Americans Month in Philomath.
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46 **7. VISITORS/PETITIONS**

47 **7.1** None.
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49 **8. STAFF REPORTS**

50 **8.1 City Manager** – Mr. Kugler reported on the progress of the Park Shelter. He
51 stated that Dan McGarry has been selected as the general contractor and Mr.
52 McGarry has procured a framing lumber donation and is working on other
53 subcontractor connections. He stated that Mr. McGarry is very committed to this
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8.2 Public Works Director – Mr. Fear reported that hydrant flushing was completed a week earlier than anticipated. He stated that only one dirty water complaint was received during the week of flushing. He also reported that the contractor can begin construction of the Applegate Street Reconstruction Project as of June 3rd. Mr. Fear also announced that Senior Utility Maintenance Worker Ted Stevens' retirement party will be Friday, May 31st, at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall. Councilor Koeppe questioned if the contractor begins June 3, will they avoid causing traffic disruptions the school rush hour. Mr. Fear stated they would begin on the 30th Street end of Applegate. Councilor Manning questioned if everyone with a sprinkler system is required to have it tested every year. Mr. Fear explained that State statute does require annual tests of backflow devices used for irrigation.

8.3 City Recorder – Ms. Post reported she would be out of the office Tuesday through Thursday of this week to spend time with her new granddaughter.

8.4 Finance Director – No report.

8.5 Police Chief – Excused.

8.6 City Attorney – No report.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 OLCC License Renewals -- Councilor Bierek declared an actual conflict of interest due to ownership of the property at 1841 Main Street occupied by applicant Philomath Towne Pump, and would abstain from participating in this agenda item.

MOTION: Councilor Kvidt moved, Councilor Manning second, the City Council recommend approval of the liquor licenses for: Philomath Towne Pump at 1841 Main St., Ixtapa Restaurant at 1702 Main St., Jona's Market at 100 S 8th St., Philomath Market at 1405 Main St., Philomath Shell at 1830 Main St., Ray's Food Place #80 at 1740 Main St., Reliance Petroleum (Chevron) at 1414 Main St., The Meet-n-Place at 1150 Main St., Wing Sing Restaurant at 658 Main St., and La Rockita at 1413 Main St. Motion APPROVED 6-0 (Yes: Bartlow, Koeppe, Kvidt, Leonard, Manning, and Sloan; No: None; Abstain -- Bierek.)

10.2 Street Closure Request – Meet-n-Place Tavern for May 15, 2013 – Mayor Sloan explained that the Meet-n-Place Tavern held a similar event two weeks ago; and it was so successful, they wished they'd asked to have the street closed. Council consensus was to allow the street closure.

11. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

11.1 Resolution 13-03 Establishing Jurisdictional Collaboration Within Benton County to Address New and Emerging Tobacco Issues – Mayor Sloan explained new tobacco issues such as hookah lounges and e-cigarettes. Mr. Kugler stated this resolution shows the City's intent to work cooperatively with other Benton County jurisdictions in discussions to ensure these types of issues are addressed. Mr. Kugler stated the timetable is to present additional information to the Council in approximately 6 to 8 months.

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2 **MOTION:** Councilor Koepppe moved, Councilor Bierek second, the City Council
3 approve Resolution 13-03, establishing jurisdictional collaboration within Benton
4 County to address new and emerging tobacco issues. Motion APPROVED 7-0
5 (Yes: Bartlow, Bierek, Koepppe, Kvidt, Leonard, Manning and Sloan; No: None.)
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7 **12. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

8 **12.1 CWACT Notes from March 28, 2013 meeting** – No comments.

9 **12.2 Thank you letter to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for park**
10 **work** – No comments.

11 **12.3 Letter from Michael Sheehan regarding public records request** – No
12 comments.

13 **12.4 Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project progress report from Murray,**
14 **Smith & Associates** – No comments.

15 **12.5 Philomath Connection ridership for April 2013** – No comments.

16 **12.6 Website hits report for April 2013** – No comments.

17 **12.7 Letter from Marti Staprans Barlow regarding Philomath Community**
18 **Services** – No comments.

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20 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

21 **13.1 Adjournment** – Seeing no further business, Mayor Sloan adjourned the meeting
22 at 8:09 p.m.

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24 SIGNED:
25 Rocky Sloan, Mayor

 ATTEST:
 Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder