

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR POPOFF AT 6:30 P.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Karl Popoff	X	
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	X	
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	X	
Council Position #3 Mark Coltrane	X	
Council Position #4 Michele Martin	X	
Council Position #5 David Alexander	X	
City Administrator Bob Bare	X	

**NOTE: Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS: (A & B)

1. Proclaiming October 1-October 7 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.
2. Proclaiming October 5 as Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day.

Mayor Popoff read his proclamations into the record.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (C)

- A. Approval of Council Minutes of August 14, 2006.
- B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$101,719.20.

MOTION:-> Coltrane moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Flynn. VOTE: Councilors Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

CITIZEN AND/OR AGENCY REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

REQUEST LETTER OF SUPPORT -Skatepark Association (D)
Brad Wood-94265 Leith Road-President of the Gold Beach Skatepark Organization

Thank you for the informative letter regarding the water table at Buffington Park. My answer to that was going to be "an

above ground park" as I've mentioned in past meetings but I acknowledge that even that would be submerged at certain times of the year, which would certainly not benefit the life span, so I have absolutely no argument with your findings. I do however, take a little issue with some of the statements regarding the city not having the resources to take on the responsibility of operating and maintaining a Skatepark and the mention of a 9 million dollar sewer treatment upgrade. Also, at the end of the last council meeting, there were some comments like is a Skatepark something the city needs to do for the youth? Fiscal responsibilities, do we have the money? There was an opinion poll comment that someone said "reduce our sewer bills before you build a Skatepark". I would point out that these are all irrelevant arguments as far as any proposals that the Skatepark organization has ever made. Since 2003, Gold Beach Skatepark has always presented a proposal in which we alone will fund the entire Skatepark from basic planning stages, through construction completion and remain on as owners and maintenance providers wholly with grant monies and any in-kind donations of materials and labor. We have never suggested that this be on the tax rolls. I do very much appreciate your endorsement of our activities to date. And, in reference to your last statement, "if you need any letters of support to include in your grant package, please let me know", I would say, "yes we do". I come before you tonight to ask for that very thing.

Some recent events have transpired in which the property by Wong's has come back on the table. The organization is revisiting the idea of that as a possible site for the Skatepark. It is all still in the negotiation stages but we're all feeling very positive about it.

I have reintroduced the Memorandum of Understanding between Reedsport and the Reedsport Activity Park, which is the non-profit organization in Reedsport that was responsible for the building of the Skatepark up there. That MOU is a good exemplary model of an existing working agreement. There is wordage in there that I would definitely want to include and statements obviously to exclude as they don't pertain to our specific situation. The basic ingredients encompassed in this MOU is that the Skatepark is built by, and is still maintained and managed by the non-profit RAP and is covered under the city's liability policy (City County Insurance Services-same as Gold Beach). These are the basic working ingredients that I would like to have in an MOU between the City of Gold Beach and the Skatepark organization.

Just one more thing-Gold Beach Skatepark has a conference call scheduled with our lawyer on September 20th at 11:00 a.m. and if you have any concerns that you would like to address, we could all get together and talk with him at that time.

Popoff-I would like to offer my apology. Last month you said there were certain statements I made and I said that I did not make those statements. You came up with the record and Brad, forgive me, I was wrong. I did indeed make those statements. I made that publicly so I apologize publicly as well.

Johnson-I think we should write the most supportive letter we could possibly write. (all agreed)

Coltrane-Would you like the letter from the council as a whole or individual letters?

Wood-Both. I've been told by grant writers that the more bullets you've got, the more help it is. Along with a letter from the city, I want to go to both the schools and get letters of endorsements of them. Mr. Bare has mentioned that some of the organizations he works for, in the non-profit capacity-could also write us endorsement letters. We would be pursuing all of those. Hopefully we could even get one from Mr. Metcalf. I don't know if that's possible.

I'm hoping, with the advent of this property at Wong's that we can address the concern of supervision. I think it would be better, as you've said and as Mr. Merkley pointed out the fact that the city park is down in there and there is only one way in and one way out, whereas the property by Wong's could be driven by on at least 3 sides, I'm not sure about the 4th side, over on that little road by Coast to Coast but at least 3 sides where an officer could pass by there without even stopping and just kind of make it on his regular cruise throughout the city. I think it kind of address that.

Johnson-How would you access it?

Wood-I'm not sure of that yet. The land itself, as you know, is pretty brushy. It's hard to even tell what's going on down in there. I tried to get down in there the other day-I was dressed like this, so I didn't get very far. Need chaps and a machete I think.

Our intent, what we've got on the table with the family, is to turn the entire parcel into a park setting, with a Skatepark within it. We want to have picnic tables, picnic benches, and ???(couldn't hear) pathways and get all the noxious weeds and blackberries out of there. Keep the large trees that are there. Landscape it and bring the riparian area back to life. Our top priority would be to bring the place into a park setting.

Alexander-I would be absolutely delighted to add a personal letter of support and just to say that my experience with your organization, in the time I have been on the council, leads me to believe that you will continue to pursue this professionally and with a high standard of quality. I am absolutely delighted that it looks like it is going to come together.

Popoff-I would like to echo that also. You have done a magnificent job. More than anything, what I appreciate is the professionalism and courtesy that you have always addressed this council with. We can make sure you get your letters.

Johnson-The letter of support - it would be like to "Brad Wood, President" - is it Gold Beach Skatepark Association?

Wood-Just Gold Beach Skatepark. Our lawyer told us to drop "Association".

Martin-It's been a really great pleasure being able to get to know you and some of the people that are working with you on this. In my opinion, both sides of that road there have always been an eyesore. In my opinion, for someone like you and your group to turn that around into a beautiful park-you need to be applauded. That is just going to beautify our town all the more. When it comes time to clearing and cutting, include me on some of those tools.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 602 (E)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXATIONS TO THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH, OREGON

Second Reading by title only-First Reading was 8/14.

MOTION-> Johnson moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 602, as read by title into the record by Mayor Popoff, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 5 AYES

RESOLUTION R0607-5 (F)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FUNDING OF THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY

MOTION-> Martin moved to approve Resolution R0607-5, second by Alexander. Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Last week was one of the most productive weeks I've ever had in the work environment. The entire staff and other people that are working on the Wastewater Treatment Plan worked hard to put a funding plan together. I thought it came together very well. The applications were submitted on time. I was really happy with what we accomplished.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR - Karl Popoff: Our football team, and I have to admit my son is the one facing forward in the picture, is featured in some national ads. You will see it in People magazine, the Parade and USA magazine and I don't know where else. It is a nutrition ad.

Molly Walker-My knowledge is limited, but according to their web site, 3 beverage companies have gone together and this is the first time they have ever done it. According to their press release, it is a 10 million dollar campaign that will be run over a period of 12 weeks and it features a scene from the locker room at Gold Beach High School.

COUNCILORS:

Coltrane-Reminded everyone that school is back in session and asked everyone to watch out for the young citizens that are going to and from school, along the highway at the high school and Riley Creek. Watch out for them and be careful.

Alexander-I would like to hearken back for a moment to the events of 5 years ago and take a moment to consider the trauma that our nation has gone through from those events. If we all might just take a moment to consider it in our own way how those events have affected us, I would appreciate it.

Johnson-This is what I had hoped for-for the Skatepark, that they would find a piece of land of their own, they could build

their Skatepark and run it like they wanted and finally have the Skatepark without us sitting up here being "nay sayers". It's up to them and good luck to them.

Martin-Every 3rd Monday, Gene Trinkler, and some of his friends, stand on the corner of the courthouse and support our troops. They were saying sometimes there are 5 people and some times just Gene in the pouring down rain. Today we had 20. It was great. I would encourage anyone who would like to support their troops to please come and stand on the corner with us. He was talking about maybe changing it from the 3rd Monday to the 2nd Monday. It's only for about 15 minutes or so. Every Friday, if you wear red, it is a way of supporting your troops.

Alexander-Another good way to support the troops is to support the USO. They don't receive any government funds. They have for many years-provided a valuable service to our troops in the field.

Johnson-Lots of comments were written on the opinion polls saying they support a Skatepark and would help pay for it. Those people should send Brad (Wood) a check and a letter of support. Brad's address is 94265 Leith Road-Gold Beach OR 97444.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor-if anyone wishes to add an item for Council consideration to the agenda, you may present it but the request requires a majority concurrence of the members present to be so added. Decisions on added agenda items that were not advertised on the agenda could be challenged.

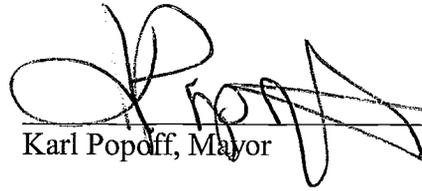
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, OCTOBER 9, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.:

The location of the hearing/meeting is accessible to the disabled. Advance notice is requested if special accommodations are needed. Call (541) 247-7029 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. The City of Gold Beach is an affirmative action EEOE and complies with section 504 of the rehab act of 1973. Complaints of Discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9419

Approved by the Gold Beach City Council on October 9, 2006.



Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robert Bare, City Administrator