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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009
REGULAR MEETING: 1:00 P.M.
EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (1)(a) TO FOLLOW THE
MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WERNICKE:
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor James Wernicke	X	_____
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	X	_____
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X	_____
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	X	_____
Council Position #4 John Truesdell	X	_____
Council Position #5 David Alexander	X	_____

****NOTE:** If anyone wishes to address this Governing Body, please present a completed "Business from the Audience" request to the Mayor at this time. Your request will be added under the CITIZEN COMMENTS section of our agenda. Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

MAYOR WERNICKE-Reported on the port meeting he attended. The port will consent to a 30-year lease on the condition that the city grant them free sewage for the building that presently houses the office and shop, the marina and the airport terminal building. That amount is currently around \$1,400 per year. A meeting with Port Manager Errol Roberts will be set up to fine-tune the language in the lease.

The council considered it to be a fair trade in exchange for the lease, which is required for the financing of the new water treatment plant.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING:

BUFFINGTON PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (A)

MOTION:->Johnson moved to award the contract to Vicky's Landscape Services, the apparent lowest responsible bidder, in

the amount of \$875 per month, second by Alexander. Johnson, Brennan, Peterson, and Alexander voted "AYE", Truesdell voted "NAY". VOTE 4 AYES 1 NAY

WERNICKE:->The following two resolutions authorize closing out the Sewer Debt Fund and transferring the balance of \$45,095.38 to the General Fund and from the General Fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund. ORS 294.475 requires the balance of the fund to first be transferred to the General Fund.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R0809-19 (B)

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SEWER DEBT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND

MOTION:-> Alexander moved to approve Resolution R0809-19, second by Peterson. Johnson, Brennan, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

RESOLUTION R0809-20 (C)

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEWER RESERVE FUND

BRIEF DISCUSSION: Alexander said the money should go back into the sewer funds for the sake of credibility. Johnson said the money was paid on the sewer debt and any balance should go back into the sewer fund. Truesdell was concerned that the resolution should be more specific to this particular transfer. The Council agreed that Resolution R0809-20 should be amended to read as follows: "THE COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO DEPOSITING SURPLUS SEWER DEBT MONEY INTO THE SEWER RESERVE FUND."

MOTION:->Johnson moved to approve Resolution R0809-20, as amended, second by Brennan. Johnson, Brennan, Peterson, Truesdell and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

MISCELLANEOUS:

PUBLIC WORKS STAFFING (D)

Denney has resigned as the City's Public Works Superintendent, Walker is the City's interim City Administrator, and Walker agrees with Denney's recommendation to promote Newdall to replace Denney.

Truesdell stated that Shirley (Walker) is de facto city administrator, he wondered why this matter would come before the council.

Wernicke explained that Shirley (Walker) would probably feel more comfortable with our support.

Alexander said he felt we should hire from within, that it provides continuity and gives the employees confidence that there is always the chance of advancement.

Truesdell said it is not always good business practice to hire from within, that perhaps an interim could be appointed and then advertise the position.

Peterson agreed with Truesdell's comments regarding looking at the job market before hiring the position. He also said that Newdall is not qualified to fill Denney's position, as if he was qualified the City would not need to retain Denney part-time.

Brennan stated that since Will (Newdall) is already on board, he has supervised the sewer treatment plant and Jeff (Denney) is actually second behind Will in that department. Newdall already has some of the certificates and is on board with the new sewer plant.

Johnson agreed with Brennan and expressed that it is not the business of the council anyway.

Walker has asked how the council feels about Jeff's proposal and her approval of that proposal.

Wernicke stated we should take a straw poll just to see how the council feels about it. Walker essentially just wanted to take the councilor's temperature on this thing and I thought that was pretty nice of her. We don't have any resolutions, motions or anything else. This is just discussion explaining what the problem is, explaining where we are in the process and if the council has total heartburn on this then we should let Shirley (Walker) know. If there isn't total heartburn on this, then I think she goes ahead and does it as she is authorized to do.

All Councilors support Walker's authority to hire the position.

Truesdell inquired as to whether or not the city would be creating a new position if Denney's recommendation is followed. (yes it would)

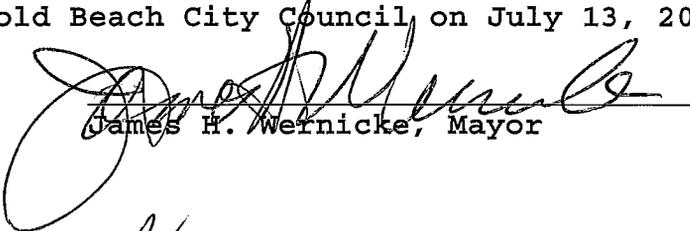
WERNICKE STATED THE COUNCIL WOULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (1) (a) AT 1:28 P.M.

To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

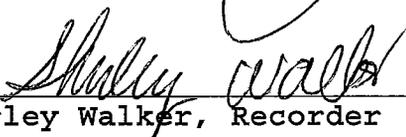
RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 2:23 P.M.

ADJOURNED AT 2:23 P.M.

Passed by the Gold Beach City Council, on July 13, 2009.


James H. Wernicke, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shirley Walker, Recorder

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