

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**  
**29592 ELLENSBURG AVE**  
**GOLD BEACH OR 97444**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008**  
**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDERED TO ORDER BY MAYOR POPOFF AT 6:30 P.M.**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Mayor Karl Popoff	X	
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	X	
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	X	
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	X	
Council Position #5 David Alexander	X	

**\*\*NOTE:** If anyone wishes to add an item for Council consideration to this agenda, you must present a completed "Business from the Audience" request to the Mayor at this time. Your request will be added under "Citizen's Comments". Decisions on added agenda items that were not advertised on the agenda could be challenged. Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** (A)

- A. Approval of Council Minutes of 1/14: 1/28: 2/6: 2/7/08.
- B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$63,321.27.

**MOTION:->** Flynn moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Peterson. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

**CITIZEN AND/OR AGENCY REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS:**

Fishermen Extending Salmon Recovery Information (FESRI) 10 minute presentation by Laurel Johnson (Charleston OR) (B)

**POPOFF STATED:->** Laurel Johnson has requested to give us a 10-minute presentation regarding the Oregon Plan and it's connection to the commercial industry. She would like us to complete the evaluation form and return the completed forms to her - either following her presentation or at the end of the meeting.

**Johnson** stated she is a crewmember on a commercial salmon troller in Charleston. Also part of a state funded project called Fishers Extending Salmon Recovery Information. I'm here to talk about the Oregon Plan and it's connection to the

commercial salmon industry. Last years salmon season was declared a federal and state disaster. The reason I am doing these presentations in Coos and Curry is to raise awareness of the State's Watersheds Restoration and general recovery programs known as the Oregon Plan. The goal is to raise public interest about the Oregon Plan's various programs and the efforts they put out for salmon recovery and to listen to audience input, attitude, questions, concerns or interest about the Oregon Plan. The second part is to relay the information back to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for their review and consideration. Johnson gave a complete presentation on the big picture in relation to the plight of salmon and the health of our watershed. (See attached brochure (B)

Liquefaction: Mitigation: Possible Action - Presentation by Jim Freedman Gold Beach ( C )

**POPOFF STATED:->**Jim Freedman requested to bring before the Council the following information:

**LIQUEFACTION:** Short course; Short history; Identification-what & where; Mitigation-Oregon statewide goals; liquefaction expert evaluation.

**Possible Action:**

State of Hawaii requirement/"attributes"

**Freedman** stated Earthquake Liquefaction is the process where apparently solid soils turn to a liquid like state when they are shaken during an earthquake. Liquefaction is any substance that turns to liquid but earthquake liquefaction is the liquefying soils in a liquefaction prone area when it is shaken during an earthquake. It is believed that what is happening during liquefaction is the ground or the soils low bearing capacity is reduced as the soil structure changes and builds buildings and parts of the surrounding infrastructure which have been constructed in the same area may be damaged or destroyed. Because the soils in liquefaction prone areas are generally young soils and poorly structured soils-sands-silt-fine particle fills which are then saturated with water-these areas, it is believed, are subject to even stronger shaking forces and in fact are shaken more severely than nearby properties that are in the same area which are not on sand or fill.

Freedman gave a recap of past earthquakes. In 1989, the earthquake in San Francisco was only about a magnitude 7 and

it caused the marina district in San Francisco to liquefy, causing hundreds of homes and much of the underlying infrastructure. We don't think about the pipes underground being destroyed when they are offset. The importance of liquefaction has only been recently understood and is only now being mapped by the United States Geologic Service. A survey of the liquefaction in San Francisco was completed in 2006.  
( C )

In the past you have been pro-active regarding Tsunami's and earthquake hazard and I believe it would be a quick, easy, cheap fix for Gold Beach to determine the liquefaction and shake hazard in the area that the city has identified in the Gold Beach Comprehensive Plan, as Coastal Shoreland. I would like to request for you to consider a study and a report that will use the new science which is now available to identify those areas within the coastal shoreland, which are subject to liquefaction. I would request you consider hiring an independent liquefaction expert to do the job. I am not a geologist, I'm kind of a soils guy. I would also request that you consider holding in abeyance permitting new construction in this area until the liquefaction survey has been completed. Third, I would like you to consider future construction to include the mitigation as far as is possible, of the conditions, which will contribute to losses and damages. Fourth, I would like you to consider adding an addendum to future real estate contracts will inform buyers in these properties, about the possibilities and dangers of liquefaction on the property they are buying, like the state of Hawaii does. You would not be alone here in Gold Beach, should you require an addendum I think it would help the people who are buying property. It didn't discourage the people that purchased our property in Hawaii. Freedman handed out the addendum Hawaii uses. (A recap of Freedman's presentation is attached as ( C )

The properties to be included would be limited to those areas that have been identified by you and the State of Oregon as coastal shoreland areas that people would build on or have built on either sand or fill, which is saturated. Earthquake liquefaction is caused by the sand or silt losing its structural capabilities during a shake.

An example of liquefaction is when you stand on the beach near the breakers and when water comes in you sink down into the water. Or when you stomp on the dry sand it turned to liquid to appear. If you go on the Internet, look at the marina area

in San Francisco-you can actually see that buildings fell off of their foundation.

I think a geologist in the San Francisco area could come up and in a very short period, identify the liquefaction zones or a person who claims to be a liquefaction expert could do it.

**Johnson**-The first thing I think of is what it would cost.

**Freedman**-I don't think it would be very expensive. It is easy to identify the soils that would be subject to liquefaction. I would think that you would also ask the person to give some mitigating information about the areas they are identifying as liquefaction zones. It is happening next door to my house-the old Stansell home. You can see what it has done to the retaining wall. You can also see it at the old Breaker's property at the south end of town. Other examples were given.

**Alexander**-Liquefaction can take place without being earthquake generated? (YES) In an earthquake situation it would make such land more prone to more serious disturbance than if it were not from the liquefaction? (YES) My inference from this is you are not "anti-building", you just want to make sure that the buyer of those buildings are properly informed of any potential risk?

**Freedman**- I am not only NOT ANTI-BUILDING-I'm PRO-CONSTRUCTION and growth in Gold Beach. I think we need it. I think the town is too small. I'm not in favor of 60,000-70,000 people (3-4% growth rate) over the next 50 years, you wouldn't have a large population here. I am in favor of notifying and educating the public.

The large amount of rain we have that can cause slides was briefly discussed. Further discussion followed.

**Alexander**-I think this is one of those situations where what you don't know can eventually hurt you, so the more knowledge we have, the better prepared we are.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

ORDINANCE # 615 (D)

An ordinance adopting a change in the City of Gold Beach comprehensive plan and zoning map on a parcel identified as assessor map 3714-18C tax lot 1200

Second Reading

**MOTION:->** Alexander moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 615, as read by title into the record by Mayor Popoff, second by Johnson. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

ORDINANCE # 617 (E)

An ordinance setting forth Curry Transfer and Recycling (CTR) Franchise Fee Payments and amending Ordinance # 533

First Reading

**POPOFF STATED:->** The purpose of this ordinance is that instead of deducting the garbage collection fees from the franchise, the city will be billed separately for the fees and CTR will pay the full amount of the monthly franchise fee.

**MOTION:->** Johnson moved to approve the First and Second Reading of Ordinance # 617 by Title only, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

First Reading:

**MOTION:->** Johnson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 617 by title only, as read into the record by Mayor Popoff, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

CITIZEN COMMENTS

**Margie Roberts**-Board member of South Coast Community Resource Center, located across from the high school, behind Radio Shack. (F)

We are reaching out to encourage the community and its' leaders to become a "mentor" and appreciate your willingness to allow me to say a few words regarding this worthwhile program.

South Coast Community Resource Center's mentoring program matches an adult with a child in need of a positive role model. Training and coordination is provided to the mentor to help children achieve their fullest potential. This program offers mentors at a community based and school based setting for young people between ages 5 and 18. Mentors are good listeners and positive adults who can help a child accomplish what he or she is capable of doing. If anyone feels they have the qualities to mentor a child or would like more information, please call our office at 247-2412. We have several children that are really in need of mentors. I'm reaching out to everyone in the community, service groups,

etc. It is a very rewarding program for adults and it can be such a positive influence on a child and their life. A lot of these kids don't have a positive adult. You get as much out of it as the children do. Thank you.

**Mark Rasmussen-North Bank Road-**

There were two valuable presentations given this evening- really valuable for a community to look at and for all of us to consider.

I want to comment on a couple of things that were brought forward in the Salmon Recovery issue of the Oregon Plan that has to do with Gold Beach and the way in which we protect the salmon that are coming up the rogue and more importantly, the estuaries and the points of the watersheds.

I had the opportunity to fly over Gold Beach and the lower Rogue. I don't know if you have any idea of the problems that Tidewater is creating. As I flew over the Tidewater site, there was a huge plume going out into the water, into the Rogue and right into the mouth of the river that had to do with their workings there.

I'm not a geologist, or a soil person, I'm just a layperson. From what I've heard at meetings at the Port and in other places, this has been a continuing saga and Tidewater being there-I don't see how that can really frequent the positive flow of salmon and steelhead and all the other influences that help the town of Gold Beach stay alive economically as an entity.

The other place we flew over, which you're not involved with but may be interested in is the Lobster Creek Watershed. The cutting that has been done in the Lobster Creek Watershed in that whole area is worth looking at. My ranch isn't too far from it. Lobster Creek is a large waterway that is under a great deal of pressure, thus the fish also.

Liquefaction-The meeting that was held earlier, in these chambers, regarding the line that was established along the oceanfront and the discussion that we had about that. I think it would be better to error on the side of caution and have something in the building permit process that would address these issues before they became problems. When they become problems, it doesn't just become problems with the home owner, (Nesika Beach has huge problems) with the liquefaction and having it somehow integrated into the building permit process so homeowners, when they buy the house, they can get something

that tells them. If we don't catch it early on, or we just ask ourselves questions about that, we don't really end up with anything that helps the neighbors or the community as a whole. Every time something is built somewhere, where common sense would tell you, or the best of the consensus of thinking is that "that's not a particularly good place to build" or if they do, there has to be certain ramifications to the process. I am pro business and pro development. I'm just saying we can think about it because it raises everyone's insurance when things fail. That has to do with a Tsunami and eventually it will happen. This is an ongoing effect of the coast. Let's take a look early on in the process and help homeowners that want to development.

**Alexander**-Would you say the problem at Lobster Creek is due to "clear cutting"?

**Rasmussen**-I'm not a forester so I can't attest to that but I would say yes, it could be. I didn't see anything that was done in the cutting at Hunter Creek to protect the nature of what those wet lands represent. I would like the council, if it is within your purview, to look at these issues before they become "enmeshed".

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**MAYOR - Karl Popoff:**

**COUNCILORS:**

The Mayor and Councilors thanked the presenters for taking the time to make their presentations.

**Alexander**-Especially appreciated Robert's mentoring program presentation. A well mentored young person tends to become a responsible adult and a non violent adult. And there is never an excuse for domestic violence in our community.

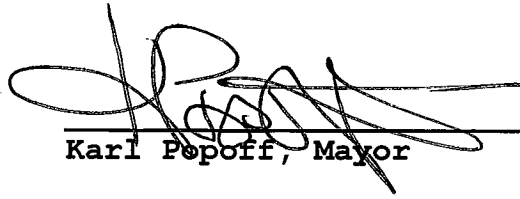
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, March 10, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNED at 7:25 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 March 10, 2008.



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Karl Popoff, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Shirley Walker Recorder-