COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2011

The regular meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Dominick at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Joe Dominick, Jackson Fox, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, Ronald Verini, and David Sullivan.

Members of staff present were Henry Lawrence, Tori Barnett, Chuck Mickelson, Mark Alexander, and camera operator Delaney Kee.

Jackson Fox led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Fox asked why the City was paying Lindsey Ecowater for water for staff at City Hall.

Mayor Dominick stated the pipes in City Hall were corroded and did not produce drinkable water.

Council consensus to have Facilities Maintenance Manager Yorick de Tassigny make a presentation on the regarding the City Hall water lines at the next study session where the condition of the pipes could be addressed. As it was most likely that Councilor Fox would be out of town on the next meeting (March 3, 2011), it was concluded that perhaps the study session of March 17th might be better.

David Sullivan moved, seconded by Jackson Fox, to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Approval of Minutes of regular meeting of 02/07/2011; Item B: Bid Award: Bodiford Construction, Inc., Parallel Force Main to WWTP Project; Item C: Resolution #2011-103: Accept/Expend Grant Funds for Child Protection Seating; Item D: Resolution #2011-104: Accept/Expend Grant Funds for Drug Forfeiture Funds; Item E: Asset Inventory and Valuation Agreement for Services; and Item F: Approval of the Bills. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement #27027 between the City of Ontario and ODOT for Right-of-Way Services for Washington Avenue Realignment

Chuck Mickelson, Public Works Director stated this agreement provided for right of way acquisition (appraisal, negotiations, etc.) by the Oregon Department of Transportation right of way section for the NW Washington and North Park Boulevard project. Funds were being provided by the State of Oregon in the amount of $4.875 million for the completion of design, acquisition of right of way and construction of a realigned NW Washington to North Oregon and the extension of Park Boulevard to the recently acquired city property. Right of way acquisition costs were estimated at $1.6 million.

In 2001, ODOT and Ontario entered into agreement No. 697 where Ontario accepted maintenance responsibility for West Idaho, including the underpass, SW 2nd Street, SW 4th Avenue and North Oregon Street. ODOT agreed to pay the City $490,000 for future maintenance of these facilities, and the agreement superseded prior agreements made in 1975 and 1979. All right, title and interest in the above mentioned streets would be transferred to Ontario upon completion of the Yturri Beltline. In 2006-07, the Council approved a project to realign NW Washington to North Oregon. Also in 2007, the City hired the firm of CH2M Hill to prepare plans and specifications for this project. Funding for the acquisition of right of way and construction of the realignment was not clearly identified at that time. In October, 2009, the City approved Resolution 2009-126 Amendment No. 1 with ODOT to the Miscellaneous Agreement No. 23255 also known as Cooperative Agreement OR 201 North Ontario Interchange Bridge # 08635, an agreement transferring NW Washington to the City of Ontario. In return, ODOT paid the City of Ontario $375,200 for the realignment of the intersection of NW Washington and North Oregon and the construction of curb, gutter and sidewalks along NW Washington. In July, 2010, the Council adopted Resolution #2010-136 approving a local agency agreement for fund distribution for the NW Washington Avenue realignment between the City of Ontario and the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, and as authorized by the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009, also known as HB2001. In November, 2010, the City approved Amendment No. 1 to Misc. Contracts and Agreements (#26720) between ODOT and City for Fund Distribution for NW Washington Avenue Realignment (Funds from HB 2001).

Since the early 1990's, ODOT and Ontario have been discussing various transportation related issues, within and adjacent to the City. During this period of time, ODOT had reconstructed East Idaho, rebuilt the overpass over I-84, reconstructed the freeway ramps leading to East Idaho, constructed the Yturri Beltline bypass around the City, reconstructed the North Oregon overpass and ramps, constructed an overpass over the railroad on SW 18th Avenue and other miscellaneous projects. Funding for this project includes $4.5 million authorized by HB 2001 and $375,200 cash paid to the City for the project. The $4.5 million will be released as the city bills ODOT.

This agreement would allow ODOT to begin the right of way acquisition phase of the project. If the City chose not to approve the proposed agreement, either the project would not go forward or the City could seek outside consultants to conduct the acquisition.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Ron Verini, to approve Intergovernmental Agreement #27027 for right-of-way services for the NW Washington Avenue realignment between the City of Ontario and the State of Oregon acting by and through its Department of Transportation, and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Ontario. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Mayor Dominick reminded everyone the exchange students from Osakasayama, Japan, would be arriving on Sunday, March 13th, and an open house would be held in at TVCC in Weese 10 to welcome them. The students would be here for two weeks, filled with fun activities and events.

- Mayor Dominick stated he, Henry Lawrence, and Chuck Mickelson had participated in a telephone conference with DEQ regarding the new rules for our community

- Mayor Dominick asked if there had been any further interest in the concessionaire position at the golf course.

  Mr. Lawrence indicted not at this time.

- Councilor Fox stated he thought that a representative from SREDA was supposed to be at the meeting to provide an update on an issue raised by Councilor Fugate at a prior meeting.

  It was unclear as to what meeting they wanted them to appear, but staff would look into it and set that up.

- Mayor Dominick stated that Representative Waldon had just visited Ontario, providing an update on the happenings in Washington

ADJOURN

David Sullivan moved, seconded by Jackson Fox, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder