

A. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Bemis called the Gresham City Council meeting to order on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the Gresham Public Safety and Schools Building, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Shane T. Bemis
Council President Lori Stegmann
Councilor Jerry Hinton
Councilor Kirk French
Councilor Mario Palmero
Councilor Mike McCormick

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilor Karylinn Echols

STAFF PRESENT: Erik Kvarsten, City Manager
Rachael Fuller, Assistant City Manager
David Ris, City Attorney
Robin Franzen Parker, Director Public Affairs
Eric Chambers, Senior Manager
Jessica Harper, Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Junginger, Police Chief
Scott Lewis, Administrative Fire Chief
Bernard Seeger, Director Finance and Management Services
Sharron Monohon, Director Budget and Financial Planning
Steve Fancher, Director Environmental Services
Ron Papsdorf, Director Governmental Affairs
Ann Pytynia, Manager Development Planning
Susanjoy Baskoro, City Recorder

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bemis led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO CITIZENS ON SIGNING UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council President Stegmann read instructions to citizens wishing to testify before Council.

3. GREAT YOUNG CITIZEN: CENTENNIAL PARKS SCHOOL

Mayor Bemis introduced Ajai Huja, Principal at Centennial Parks School, who introduced Nathan Schoenfeld as the great young citizen.

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Mr. Huja shared Nathan's life and success story.

Mayor Bemis read the award and presented it to Nathan.

Nathan said he is honored to be able to receive this award. This award means a lot to him, as he should have done a better job two years previous, but thankfully he has turned his life around and has set some positive goals to become successful. He recognized his teachers and principal for putting trust in him and encouraging him to work hard.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR AGENDA (EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARING) AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Susanjoy Baskoro, City Recorder, read the Consent Agenda.

- 1. APPOINTMENT: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**
- 2. APPOINTMENT: PLANNING COMMISSION**
- 3. APPOINTMENTS: GRESHAM ART COMMISSION**
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 3162: LINE OF CREDIT AND AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Councilor Jerry Hinton, second by Councilor Kirk French, **TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4.** The motion passed as follows:

Mayor Shane T. Bemis	YES
Council President Lori Stegmann	YES
Councilor Jerry Hinton	YES
Councilor Kirk French	YES
Councilor Mario Palmero	YES
Councilor Mike McCormick	YES

ABSENT: Councilor Karylenn Echols

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. TYPE IV LEGISLATIVE HEARING: 2014/15 - 2018/19 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Bemis read the Order of Procedure (Exhibit A).

Sharron Monohon, Director Budget and Financial Planning, introduced Steve Fancher, Director Environmental Services. She then presented the staff report (PowerPoint Presentation Exhibit B).

Council President Stegmann asked where the flashing beacon lights are going to be placed.

Mr. Fancher said he left the list on his desk but will send that information to Council.

Council President Stegmann said she is confident that staff constantly and consistently seeks grant funds or private funds to pay for parks projects. It is an example of doing more with less. She complimented the staff for their efforts.

Mayor Bemis asked if the Hogan Butte grant application is matching funds.

Mr. Fancher said yes, there is a match requirement for that grant, it is basically a fifty-fifty. Gresham has asked for \$750,000 from State Park grants which require a \$750,000 match. Most of the match is made up by the existing purchase of land that used Metro Local Share, not other City resources, to fund.

Mayor Bemis asked what the balance of the land asset versus the \$750,000 match is.

Mr. Fancher replied about \$250,000.

Mayor Bemis asked if staff is planning to come back to Council to amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mr. Fancher said that is correct.

Mayor Bemis asked for clarification as to whether staff would be bringing this back to Council if the grant application is successful.

Ms. Monohon stated if the grant application is successful, staff would be coming back to Council with an amendment to show that project in the funded section of the CIP. There is also a potential grant application with additional Metro funds which could also be part of that project. That is one of the reasons staff wanted to wait and have that come back to more accurately be able to describe what the project would entail.

Mayor Bemis asked if it would be presumable that something might come off this list.

Mr. Fancher said the plan would be if State Parks Grant funding is secured, staff would then follow up with a grant application to Metro and could use Metro resources as additional match. Staff will do anything to not have to take the project off the list.

Councilor Hinton asked if there is a component for inflation in this project.

Ms. Monohon said each year as the CIP is updated, the projects are evaluated and the engineers are looking more specifically at cost updates for those projects. It really does vary from the type of project as to what kind of inflation would apply to that particular project. In the past, some projects had a heavy steel and concrete component, for example, so a very large cost increase, whereas other types of projects were able to stay flat.

Council Palmero asked if there would be any investments in improving the walkways and bike trails in our City through the CIP.

Mr. Fancher said we do have the primary project, which is the pathway along MAX to further enhance the bikeability off road through Gresham.

Councilor Palmero asked if we are at a bronze level.

Mr. Fancher said he wasn't aware if we have officially been designated a bronze level at this time. Gresham is very interested in advancing to the next level. There are other projects, such as partnerships with businesses downtown that will look at ways to enhance bike tourism through downtown and the bikeability of downtown as well.

Councilor Palmero referred to the light project and asked if staff is working with the Police Department to improve public safety. It is a very inexpensive way to improve public safety.

Mr. Fancher said he has finished a tour of the newly installed LED lights and the difference between the new LED lights and the old lighting is remarkable. The LED lights do a much better job of illuminating the streetscape during the night. Looking at some of the gaps and moving forward with this project will definitely be an enhancement to public safety.

Councilor Palmero noted his appreciation to staff for the great work in securing grants and making our City safer for our citizens.

Consensus of the Council was to close the hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Jerry Hinton, second by Councilor Kirk French, **TO APPROVE CITY APPLICATION NUMBER CPA 14-007 BASED ON THE FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECOMMENDATION ORDER AND STAFF REPORT AND APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILL NUMBER 03-14 ADOPTING THE 2014-15 THROUGH 2018-19 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.** The motion passed as follows:

Mayor Shane T. Bemis	YES
Council President Lori Stegmann	YES
Councilor Jerry Hinton	YES
Councilor Kirk French	YES
Councilor Mario Palmero	YES
Councilor Mike McCormick	YES

ABSENT: Councilor Karylenn Echols

E. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. GRESHAM BUTTE SCENIC VIEW: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ron Papsdorf, Government Relations Director, introduced the agenda item.

Ann Pytynia presented the staff report (PowerPoint Exhibit C).

Council President Stegmann said this is a very thoughtful presentation. She asked if there are other issues, besides the visual impact, that Council should be concerned about.

Mr. Papsdorf referred to City Attorney Ris to respond to some of the radio wave issues as there are some restrictions on local authority through federal rules that limit our ability to look at those issues.

Mr. Ris said there are federal laws that prohibit local rules regarding consideration of radio frequencies as part of its decision-making process. There are many people concerned about the issue, fairly controversial, but federal law is very clear that it is something the local government cannot base its decision upon.

Council President Stegmann referred to meadows or other areas in which a height issue might be a concern.

Mr. Papsdorf said as staff begins to look at alternative approaches we need to know how expansively Council wants to regulate the buttes. Does Council want to consider regulating additional issues; the height of structures, mass of structures, design elements like color, and

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lighting, and reflective materials to protect the scenic value of the Butte? Does Council want to look beyond the Gresham Butte and consider all the buttes?

Council President Stegmann asked if regulations have been established to protect the views of Mt. Hood.

Ms. Pytynia said there are no specific scenic corridors designated in the city currently.

Council President Stegmann feels staff hit on all the critical issues.

Councilor Hinton asked staff to address the current status of the private ownership of the buttes by ratio or number of acres.

Ms. Pytynia does not have that information but will provide it to Council via email.

Councilor Hinton said this is important to protect private ownership of citizens.

Councilor Palmero agrees with Councilor Hinton. He asked how many acres are owned by private party and how many buttes are within the City.

Ms. Pytynia said there are at least six buttes in Gresham and depending on the actual boundary, there may be a seventh butte.

Councilor Palmero asked what areas of the buttes are protected, what that means and what it looks like.

Councilor French said he would like to see the project continue and not leave any elements of surprise out. He asked that staff provide different approaches to Council.

Mayor Bemis said he agrees with Councilor French; let's be very aggressive and look at all the options and determine how to balance private property rights with the significance of the buttes. Generations before have protected that butte and we want to continue to do the same and find ways to make sure that it doesn't end up like a butte you might find in Happy Valley. He is looking forward to what will be brought forward. He thanked staff, Eric Chambers, City Attorney Ris and City Manager Kvarsten for all the work.

Councilor McCormick said his neighborhood association is very anxious to bring this to a conclusion.

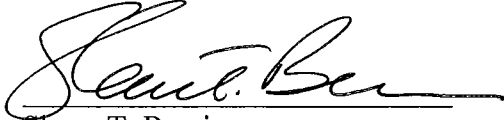
F. COUNCIL MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Mayor Bemis reminded folks that it is Election Day and there are some significant issues on the ballot, and he encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

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G. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Shane T. Bemis,
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susanjoy Baskorb", written over a horizontal line.

Susanjoy Baskorb, CMC
City Recorder