

- 001 Mayor Barbara Larsen called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:35 p.m.; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Khembar Yund, Julie Bean and Ed Smith. Councilmember Marcil was absent due to illness.
- 014 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve minutes for the May 23, 2005 Regular Council meeting. By roll call vote, Yund abstained, the rest 'Aye', motion passed.
- 020 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve minutes for the June 1, 2005 Council Retreat. By roll call vote, Yund abstained, the rest 'Aye', motion passed.
- 030 Fire Chief Eric Koreis stated that a training house burn on PH10 took place Saturday. Toledo Fire Department also attended that training.
- 048 Koreis recommended Option 1 as presented at the last Regular Council meeting for funding the fire district annexation. Option 1 outlines council agreement to reduce the city's ad valorem taxes by 49¢ per \$1000 valuation which would completely offset the tax that city residents would be paying for fire protection services, if voter approval is successful. This would simplify the funding issues, making the annexation more acceptable to voters. Taxpayers would not experience a change in overall tax rates.

Councilmember Smith requests that Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington review the impact that option 1 would have on the General Fund. Covington is concerned that Option 1 may limit future taxing authority.

- 105 Councilmember Jeff Skeie arrived at 7:40.

In response to concerns from City Attorney Tom O'Neill, Koreis explained that a contractual agreement could be made to transfer emergency equipment in exchange for services.

- 143 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Yund to approve Ordinance 2005-07 stating intent to initiate the annexation of the City of Castle Rock into and to join Cowlitz County #6 Fire Protection District and making a finding that the public interest will be served thereby and providing for severability, on first reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 150 Koreis introduced Tiffany Palmer, the new clerk at the Fire/Ambulance Department. Ms. Palmer will also take the position of Fire District #6 Secretary upon the retirement of Wendell Dougherty.
- 171 Police Chief Bob Heuer described the impact of methamphetamine (meth) to Castle Rock. Heuer elaborated on how meth differs from other drugs.
- Meth is extremely addictive, more addictive than heroin and has a very low recovery rate (6%).
 - Meth addicts can be irrationally violent. Meth speeds up the system and addicts will go up to 5 days without sleep. Lack of sleep for the body and mind causes paranoia and violence.

- Meth is accessible for addicts and can be made cheaply at home in one day.
- Addicts support their addiction with crime which has a major impact on the community.
- Meth increases the number of mentally ill individuals. Meth physically alters nerve endings in a user's brain bringing about mental illness.
- Funding for treatment and facilities for the mentally ill has been cut. As a result of those cuts the mentally ill may medicate themselves with meth which intensifies their mental illness.

Police Chief Bob Heuer, Mayor Barbara Larsen and City Attorney Tom O'Neill attended Cowlitz County's latest meth initiative meeting. This plan continues to evolve, but must include funding for treatment, prevention and law enforcement/criminal justice. The next community meeting is scheduled for the middle of July at the Castle Rock High School.

- 349 City Engineer Mike Johnson presented a proposal for engineering services for influent sewer trunk line replacement funded by the \$655,000 Public Works Trust Fund loan. This project would replace the following three segments of sewer main:
1. Replace approximately 1,100 feet of 18" sewer main with 21" sewer main from the wastewater treatment plant to Hibbard Street SW
 2. Replace approximately 460 feet of 12" sewer main on Hibbard Street SW from the main trunk line west to Third Avenue SW.
 3. Replace approximately 450 feet of 12" sewer main on Hibbard Street SW from the main trunk line east to Front Avenue SW.

Preliminary cost estimates for those three sections of sewer main including 20% contingency on each project is \$511,000. The estimated cost to provide engineering services for this project is \$66,000.

- 383 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the Gray & Osborne engineering services proposal for design and construction management of the influent trunk line replacement of the three segments described for \$66,000. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

- 389 Johnson presented a copy of the Cowlitz Street Conceptual Design. This design was distributed throughout the community and comments were encouraged. One comment received requested that the one way direction should be changed to flow to the east with the parking remaining on the north side. After a significant amount of discussion during numerous public meetings, the consensus was that the one way direction should remain flowing west with parking changed to the south side primarily to increase visibility.

Many expressed concern about losing parking spaces. Consensus at meetings was that there was an ability to provide parking in neighboring areas with improved connectivity. The area behind the Exhibit Hall could be redeveloped with an enhanced sidewalk to Cowlitz Street W.

To qualify for funding to complete this design, the Six Year Transportation Plan will need to be updated to reflect the improvements. After adopting the Six Year Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Board funding and a Community Development Block Grant can be pursued.

Councilmember Yund stated that parking for Cowlitz Street West residents has remained an issue. Covington noted that the zoning ordinance requires off-street parking for residential development. However, the apartments above Cowlitz Street West businesses were developed prior to adoption of a zoning ordinance. Councilmember Smith pointed out that the city limits Cowlitz Street West parking during business hours to two hours, but this ordinance is not enforced.

Vorse stated there is a public alley next to Bredfield's True Value with Mr. Bredfield owning the two lots next to that alley in front of the city owned lot behind the Exhibit Hall. The possibility of a partnership to develop that whole area for public parking could provide sufficient parking space for the business district.

O'Neill suggested landlords renting residential units on Cowlitz Street West could include wording in their lease designating where tenants park.

Vorse pointed out that the Cowlitz Street West design does not include the garage opening onto Cowlitz Street West near the New You Beauty Salon. Garage access in that area would eliminate two additional parking spaces.

Johnson reports that the first phase of this design would include First Avenue SW from A Street to Cowlitz Street West and Cowlitz Street West from Second Avenue to Huntington Avenue. A future phase could extend down Front Avenue.

Councilmember Skeie is not in favor of south side parking due to the loss of parking spaces. Johnson summarized that the reasons for changing parking to the south side would provide better visibility and allow a less awkward intersection at Cascade Select Market.

- 536 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Smith to adopt the Cowlitz Street West Conceptual Design. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 541 Public Works Director David Vorse presented the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The drinking water was tested for more than 640 constituents in 2004. Drinking water disinfection byproducts Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic acids (HAA5) were added to the required constituents to be monitored. TTHMs and HAA5 is measured in parts per billion (ppb), most constituents are measured in parts per million (ppm). All constituents detected were well below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and there were no violations in 2004. As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency has determined the water meets all safety standards. Vorse stated the goal is for everyone using the city system to receive this report. As a result, it is included on the city website and 815 copies have been mailed and 235 copies are being hand delivered.
- 567 Vorse updated councilmembers on a meeting he attended to discuss the proposed updated Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan identifies Castle Rock as the only city within Cowlitz County that does not mandate garbage service pickup. Vorse noted that unincorporated and rural areas of the county also do not mandate garbage services and the city may become a dumping area for the entire northern county. After reviewing the issue with the Solid Waste Advisory Board, the board recommended county wide mandatory garbage. The board recognized that in certain rural areas mandatory garbage pickup is not feasible.

Side B

599 Vorse recommended that this is an opportune time to review the city's contract with Waste Control.

607 Vorse reports that the city has the opportunity to purchase a pedestrian bridge for the Riverfront Trail passage over Whittle Creek. A resident on Delameter Lane has a 55' long pedestrian bridge that he would be willing to sell to the city for \$1500 as he would like to keep it within the community. City Engineer Mike Johnson estimates engineering of the bridge abutments would cost approximately \$3500 to \$4500.

Vorse presented a contract to amend the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant through the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for an addition \$7500 to install a bridge over Whittle Creek. This grant requires a 55% match which could be met with labor, equipment and volunteers. This amendment provides a time extension through the end of September to install the bridge. Installation of the bridge has been approved by the Department of Fish & Wildlife with no "fish window" requirements.

698 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve an amendment to the ALEA grant for an additional \$7500 for engineering, concrete and the purchase of a pedestrian bridge for the Riverfront Trail passage over Whittle Creek with the city to provide a 55% match. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

The current owner of the bridge has the necessary equipment and will deliver the bridge. The delivery will be donated and can be used toward the city's match for the grant.

712 Vorse reports that the installation of the new pump station at the Dougherty Drive Lift Station has begun. Bypass pumps are currently in place.

742 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington requests approval of May invoices in the amount of \$382,248.50 as describe in the Summary of Claims and further described as check numbers 33346 through 33479 for general expenditures and check numbers 18250 through 18317 for payroll expenditures.

745 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Yund to approve payment of May 2005 invoices as described in the Summary of Claims in the amount of \$382,248.50. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

749 Covington presented a bill which was not included with May invoices, from Waste Control for cleanup of the Jackson Street house burn debris, in the amount of \$705.25.

754 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Bean to pay the invoice in the amount of \$705.25 from Waste Control for cleanup of the Jackson Street house burn debris. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

760 Covington reports that numerous utility customers have requested an amendment to sewer rates for filling pools, hot tubs, washing cars, watering lawns, etc. Councilmember Yund stated that this would be very difficult to monitor. In response to a question from

Councilmember Smith, Covington noted that other communities make no provisions for unusual circumstances and most have eliminated sprinkling rates to encourage conservation.

842 Report of Meetings

Councilmember Yund attended a Cowlitz County Meth Initiative meeting.

Councilmember Smith did not attend the Mosquito Board meeting as he was out of town, but reports that they are working to make available a pamphlet outlining mosquito control tips.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting, a Business Feasibility and Marketing Development meeting and a Community Action, Response and Empowerment Coalition meeting.

Mayor Larsen attended a Community Action Plan meeting and reports that they are still searching for a replacement for Director Judy Sloan.

872 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Skeie to approve Resolution 2005-08 authorizing execution of a license agreement to the Castle Rock Fair Board to operate a parade on city property, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

878 Covington reports that the City of Kelso has expressed interest in contracting for Building Inspection Services. Covington will send the City of Kelso the same contract as was used to contract Building Inspector Services with Gibbs & Olson.

904 Councilmember Skeie made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve Resolution 2005-09 adopting the Business Feasibility and Marketing Plan, including implementation strategies, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

915 On behalf of the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, Covington requested approval for a street closure scheduled for the evening of July 22nd. Closure would include First Avenue SW between Cowlitz Street and A Street SW to allow room for the Mountain Mania Logger's Dinner and entertainment. The chamber will contact Ken Davis, Castle Rock Pharmacy, as that is the only business that may be affected by the street closure.

938 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve a street closure on First Avenue SW between Cowlitz Street W and A Street SW on July 22nd at 6 pm for the Logger's Dinner. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

941 Mayor Larsen and Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington will meet with Comcast on June 14th. Comcast will be purchasing Adelphia Communications, the regional provider of cable television services.

954 Vorse requests approval to authorize payment to secure the Whittle Creek Bridge for \$1500.

965 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve payment of \$1500 for the Whittle Creek Bridge upon receipt of an invoice. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

971 Mayor Larsen adjourned regular session at 8:48 p.m. for a fifteen minute executive session to discuss litigation and potential development of real estate/land acquisition, with possible action being taken.

983 Mayor Larsen resumed regular session at 9:12 p.m. with no action being taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Barbara Larsen

Clerk-Treasurer