

0005 Mayor Barbara Larsen called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following councilmembers present: Khembar Yund, Greg Marcil, Earl Queen and Mike Mask. Councilmember Jack Reilly was absent.

0047 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Mask to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 regular council meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

0097 Mountain Mania representative Beth Coleman requests street closures for Mountain Mania on July 25th and 26th. The street closures will be the same as last year:

- Cowlitz Street West; from Front Ave to Leaming Avenue NW
- Front Avenue NW from Jackson Street to B Street SW
- First Avenue SW from Cowlitz St to A Street SW
- Second Avenue SW from Cowlitz St to A Street SW

Mountain Mania is sponsored by the Castle Rock Lions Club with the city listed as an additional insured. Events will begin with the Chamber of Commerce Logger's Dinner on the evening of July 25th.

0253 Beth Coleman announced that the St. Paul Lutheran Church Summer Lunch Program starts Monday, June 16th. Meals will be served to the community Monday thru Friday at 12:30 p.m. until August 20th. This program is in need of volunteers the week of July 14th and the week of July 28th.

0387 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Mask to approve the same street closures as last year for Mountain Mania. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

0449 Barbara Catlin, Castle Rock Lions Club, requests approval of the Lions Club Fireworks Permit Application. The application has been amended to designate a new locate for the stand at 358 Front Avenue NW. Four scholarships for local graduates are funded annually with the proceeds from the Lions Club's sale of fireworks.

0541 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the Castle Rock Lions Club 2008 Fireworks Permit Application with the stand located at 358 Front Avenue NW. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

0605 Donna Williams, 221 Second Avenue SW, expressed her concerns regarding the espresso stand located at 211 Second Avenue SW. The hours of operation from 4:30 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. are of primary concern. The exhaust and noise from large vehicles are a problem, in addition to the glare from the lights on the business. Ms. Williams suggested that trucks and large vehicles should be directed to enter

from Second Avenue SW. Another concern expressed is the picnic table located in the city right-of-way adjacent to the espresso stand, which has become an after hours location frequented by teenagers. Williams stated that the espresso business is also looking into expanding their menu which will increase the time vehicles spend idling.

Councilmember Yund suggested Ms. Williams discuss these issues with the business owners. He also suggested that the police be contacted if teenagers are being unsafe at that intersection.

- 0915 Councilmember Mask reports that Cowlitz Game & Anglers (CG&A) requests support for development of a gun range to be located at the end of Toutle Park Road, approximately three miles from the city. Councilmember Mask clarified that he and his wife are past members of the CG&A but have resigned to avoid any conflict of interest concerns. He requests council endorsement of the approval and concept of the gun range because he feels this will bring revenue into the city.

CG&A President Dick Miller specified that this nonprofit club is seeking to develop a public shooting range in Cowlitz County. This facility would be a totally public range, meeting the needs of over 25,000 gun owners in the county. He described various locations which have been used by shooters, including the LT-1 dredge spoil area.

The range will be totally open to the public; anybody can walk up and join and will not be limited to any class or person. The proposed facility will have a rifle range, pistol range, 100 yard archery range, trap ranges. Hunter education and self defense courses will be offered in the training room.

The Cowlitz County Commissioners have approved a 12-year lease for this site, effective February 2008. The club is now in the process of obtaining a Special Land Use Permit. Currently they have completed extensive studies on noise, traffic, status of wildlife, geological and civil engineering. He stated they will be meeting all of the ordinances of the county. Miller noted that noise will be a minor problem. They have used a Washington State licensed Acoustics Engineer which measured the background noise from the adjacent freeway at 58 decibels (dbl). The shotguns used in the test measured at 57 dbl level. For this reason, he felt that impacts from shotguns would be minimal. Tests using 44 magnum revolvers, 270 rifles, 300 weatherbys do not exceed the decibel readings at the property line. Sound reducing structures (three-sided with roofs) will be built to further reduce the noise by 50%. The range will have baffles built and all bullets will remain in the course and fifteen feet high berms paralleling along the sides and a twenty feet high berm along the end. The soil contains some igneous rock, up to three inches in diameter. For this reason, the berm material will be screened when the in-berms are built and the first two-feet of soil depth will be totally

screened and consist totally of sand with no ricochet potential rocks in the berm.

Miller stated that CG&A have received Letters of Support from the Department of Fish & Wildlife, Hunters Education Group, Cowlitz Tribe and hundreds of individuals that have signed petitions in support of this project. County citizens have pledged over \$100,000 in donations as matching fund support for the \$100,000 grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Currently the Lone Oak Range is the only gun range in Cowlitz County. It has a \$100 membership fee with a two year waiting list. There are no trap or archery ranges within the county. The proposed facility will use 80 acres of the 320 acre dredge spoils, which will leave the balance of the 240 acres for other recreational activities. The closest that the shooting range will get is 200 - 300 yards from the Toutle River. Miller stated they are going for all State approved engineering approvals.

Councilmember Mask asked what Mr. Miller thought the impact would be on tourism for the city or if the city would have any other impacts from the gun range or if an impact assessment has been completed. Mr. Miller stated they have not done a specific assessment, but they have done a formal traffic study and have specific estimates on traffic. Miller stated they really do not expect to have huge crowds coming to the site on a daily or weekly basis. On occasion (possibly three to four times per year) they may have special shoots. In this case, he estimates they would attract 50-75 more people on a Saturday or Sunday. He felt there would be an average of 4-5 cars an hour during the weekend. Miller stated Castle Rock is the closest place for gasoline, bakery needs and ammunition. He felt that it is hard to say what the economic impact would be for the city. He noted that the facility will have room for recreational vehicles to park, if they have special events and those people will want to do something when not involved in the event.

Miller stated they hope to have Olympic style tryouts for archery and the American Legion wants to have tournaments for air rifles. CG&A also want to develop youth small bore competitions. He stated impacts would not be comparable to those of the motorcycle tournaments currently held just west of the city. He added that it certainly would not have a noise impact that those races have. Miller summarized that their project will have a positive commercial impact as Castle Rock is the nearest stop for supplies.

Frank Randolph, attorney representing the neighbors along Toutle Park Road, stated that the detailed range design has not yet been made public. Previous statements made by CG&A indicate that this range would only be open to the public Wednesday afternoons and all day on Saturday. Any technical questions pertaining to acoustics, lead, and safety will be addressed during the Special Use Permit process. County staff will review and make a recommendation to a Hearing Examiner, who will then make a determination. The facility cannot be

built unless CG&A get a Special User Permit for the project. To get such a permit, the facility must show that it is compatible with existing uses. The neighbors are concerned because it is currently a residential area. From available information, the facility will be located 900 feet from the nearest residence. Another neighbor is a 100% disabled veteran with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from combat. This neighbor is extremely nervous regarding the impact that this facility may have on his disability. Randolph suggested that it is too early to make a decision for project support until details become available. He also suggested that if the council chooses to offer any support, they make it contingent that the project be compatible with existing uses, otherwise it will cause harm to the neighbors.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Randolph indicated that he is not aware of any studies pertaining to the economic impact for the city. However he noted that in addition to any perceived economic benefits, the impact to the neighborhood must be considered and that is a point that needs to be vetted in the review process. Councilmember Mask noted that all new development encounters “not in my backyard” issues and he felt that finding any alternative locations for the range would also encounter the same negative issues currently being encountered for siting a shooting range. Mask added that the county has allowed this process to continue as long as the proper permits have been handled and all of the applications have been done. He was concerned that he did not want this project to become a backyard syndrome. Mr. Randolph responded that the issues have not been looked at and for this reason support is somewhat premature. If this is a good thing for Castle Rock, is Castle Rock willing to assume responsibility for it. There is always a possibility for eminent domain. The county, or Castle Rock, could buy out the entire residential area and that would be a way of limiting the harm. The option of condemnation exists, so should you impose an undue hardship on a minority of people that can't do anything about the development, in order to benefit a vague majority?

Mr. Miller noted that the process of obtaining required documentation is ongoing. CG&A are requesting a letter from the City of Castle Rock to the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) indicating that the city is in favor of development of this recreational facility, providing that all requirements are met. Miller stated they will be well within the noise limits from the county's 1994 ordinance and they will have documentation to prove this. Traffic studies will show no impact on the residents. The facility will be mostly out of sight because of the rolling terrain – the most that will be seen are the rooftops of the shooting houses. This facility will not create a hazard for neighbors as all the shooting ranges are facing north away from neighbors. If the nearest house is 900 feet, a shot gun is not very noisy and the rifles will be pretty much enclosed. He felt that the neighbors will not even know that the range is going on. Miller stated that the neighbors will all get packages of the study results and there will be hearings conducted by an outside examiner. The club is pursuing a DFW grant funded from Pitman-Robinson Act from the sale of ammunition for the purpose of enhancing shooting opportunities.

In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Miller clarified that the facility will be open Tuesday thru Sunday from 8 a.m. till sundown for those with a season pass. During the summer months, the facility will close at 8:00 p.m. For those who not choose to purchase a season pass, the facility will be open on Saturdays and Wednesday afternoons for a fee of \$6. A safety officer will be on duty on Wednesdays and Saturdays. In order to obtain a season pass, you must go through a classroom setting, a very extensive gun handling regime, and a written test. Then you will receive your Cowlitz County public shooting card. Season pass holders will be provided with a key to the gate and the course can be accessed at any time. Training will include the discipline of firing line techniques and operation of the siren and flashing warning lights.

In response to a question from Councilmember Yund, Miller stated that the county is requiring sewer system percolation testing and construction of restroom facilities for the training room building. They expect to have all of the required data for the Special Use Permit application compiled and submitted by the end of the month. He anticipates permit approval by September. The facility should be ready to open by May, 2009.

Miller stated that the first phase will include a 300 yard rifle range, 100 yard pistol range, 100 yard archery range and one trap range. The county is also requiring a concrete apron from the dirt road to the county road.

In response to a question from Clarence Greene who owns the property across the river from the site, Miller specified that the shooting ranges will be directed north away from all residences. Miller showed Mr. Greene a drawing of the final range layout. The nearest house is located about 900 feet from the firing line of the pistols and rifles and approximately 1500 feet from the firing line of the shotgun range. The plan also includes a 300 yard safety range for the shotgun and the archery range. Miller noted that safety is the number one priority of the design.

Rand Crandall, 1645 PH10 Road, noted that hunters need a location to sight their rifles. The Lone Oak Range is hard to get into and the PeEll range is an hour drive away. He felt that the proposed facility is safe as it will be located in a bowl. He felt that the range will bring some business to the city, especially at restaurants.

Pam Gilbert, Toutle Park Road resident, reports that her husband has an extreme case of combat PTSD. They are now at a risk of losing their home as he cannot tolerate gunfire. Mrs. Gilbert feels that the price of homes on Toutle Park Road have already been affected as neighbors have been unable to sell. Use of the remaining property will be limited as no one will want to take their family on an outing next to the gun range. And prior information pertaining to traffic flows is not the same as being provided by Mr. Miller at this meeting.

Art Hill, CG&A, reports that when the LT-1 dredge spoil site was deeded to Cowlitz County, the State of Washington required the site be open to the public for recreational purposes. As that park is developed, the county has future plans for other recreational opportunities to be developed. Any type of recreational development will create more traffic and noise. Great effort is being taken to make this facility as safe as possible and mitigate potential issues.

Beverly Gravette, Toutle Park Road, pointed out that the Natural Gas currently bisects through the LT-1 site. This line was exposed with the November, 2006 rains. At that time, residents were informed by the Castle Rock Fire Department that their homes are within the incinerary zone and they were given the option of evacuating for safety reasons. She questioned the wisdom of allowing the gun range to site next to this line.

Barbara Catlin, 1698 Huntington Avenue South, wishes that this facility was available to teach proper gun use when she was raising her sons. She feels that the community has been in need of a gun range.

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Linda Little, Toutle Park Road, requests that council wait until all the documentation has been submitted in order to have sufficient information to evaluate this project. This is not the proper time to make a decision to support this project. Another concern that should be considered is the future need for dredge spoil sites. The Toutle River continues to bring silt into the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers. The LT-1 location is designated by the county as a placement site for material if the Toutle River needs to be dredged.

City Attorney Tom O'Neill cautioned that council does not have any jurisdiction over the proposed shooting range project and recommended that council not take action to endorse this project at this time. He noted that no hearing date has been set for issuance of the Special Use Permit nor has an application been submitted to the county. The conditions that may or may not be revealed by the Hearings Examiner remain unknown at this time. If council does decide to address this request, it would be leaping into the dark to support a project without first reviewing the plans.

Councilmember Yund made a motion to table this request until the Special Use Permit has been issued. He stated that it would be premature to make a decision before the Hearings Examiner Review.

Councilmember Mask clarified that the CG&A's request is only to accept that this gun range will enhance the City of Castle Rock. The City of Castle Rock would not be exposed to any liability concerns by declaring support for this project. The CG&A ask only that the city recognize that a gun range is needed in this area.

Mayor Larsen tabled any further consideration of support for the CG&A proposed shooting range until after the Special Use Permit process.

- 2943 City Attorney Tom O'Neill reports that he has not received a return call from Tetra Tech/KCM to discuss the survey that was done on the wastewater treatment plant property. Councilmember Queen would like a letter sent requesting that they record the survey and mark the corners as specified in the contract.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Vorse stated that funds for professional services could be used to record the survey and mark the corners. Councilmember Queen believes that this service should be completed at no cost to the city as it was a required component of the contract.

- 3158 Police Chief Bob Heuer reports that the Castle Rock High School Graduation went well. The overtime for this event was paid with funds from the school grant.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Heuer reports that an arrest was made today at the high school for a youth selling prescription pills.

- 3259 City Planner T.J. Keiran requests approval of the Shorelines Substantial Development Permit to upgrade the water treatment plant. The Public Works Department has submitted this permit application to upgrade and replace equipment at the 20 year old water treatment plant. The city will also add additional clearwell volume to keep from drawing water from the distribution system while backwashing, thus eliminating the primary cause of water pressure issues. All work will be performed on the existing site. The Site Plan Review Committee recommends approval of this permit.

A shoreline substantial development permit is required for any project that meets the definition of substantial development and lies within 200 feet of the shoreline. The only new surface that will be added is the construction of an underground clearwell and some landscaping. This project meets the intent of the Shoreline Management Act for protection of rivers.

- 3444 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

- 3465 City Planner T.J. Keiran requests approval of the Shorelines Substantial Development Permit to repair two areas in the Lions Pride Park parking lot. These are the areas that sustained erosion damage in the November 2006 flood event. This project also includes the installation of a catch basin and piping to direct runoff into an existing outfall. The Public Works Department has submitted this permit application. The Site Plan Review Committee recommends approval of this permit.

- 3538 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Mask to approve the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for the Lions Pride Park Erosion Repair Project. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

- 3558 Keiran reports that the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments has organized a short course in planning that will be presented by the Community Trade and Economic Development along with the Association of Washington Cities. This course will take place at the PUD Building on June 24th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The course focuses on the legal aspects of planning and annexation for elected officials. Keiran suggested that recently some developers have indicated interest in annexing into the city and councilmembers may want to take advantage of this training opportunity. Councilmember Mask indicated that he will attend this course.

- 3701 Public Works Director David Vorse presented the bid results for asphalt replacement on the 100 block of First Avenue SW. This is the final phase and would complete the water main replacement project.

Bids received were:

| Bidder | Schedule A- Trench Only | Schedule B- 1 ½" Overlay-Entire Block |
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| Lakeside Industries Longview, WA | \$13,660 * | \$15,350 |
| Integrity Excavation & Construction, Inc Battleground, WA | \$15,550 * | \$27,400 |

* Based on equal tonnage

Vorse stated that Lakeside Industries is the low bidder for both options. He noted that the entire block of First Avenue could receive an overlay for a cost difference of \$1690. An overlay would also provide the opportunity for the city to reverse the one-way direction on this street section to bring traffic into the downtown business district.

In response to a question from Councilmember Yund, Vorse indicated that the shortfall in the amount budgeted for the project is due to the expense to cut the concrete street. Only \$2339 remains from the amount budgeted for the 100 Block of First Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Vorse clarified that the cost for Schedule A - \$13,660, would be funded from the Water Fund as this was a water project. The difference of \$1,690 for Schedule B should be taken from the Street Fund if council chooses to Schedule B as the preferred bid.

In response to a question from Councilmember Yund, Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington specified it would be better to postpone the purchase of the billing software then to use the Water Fund beginning balance for this project since current expenses already are drawing from the Water Fund beginning balance. The 2009 Water Fund beginning balance will be less then it was in 2008, if expenses continue at the same rate.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Vorse stated that a 12 foot by 12 foot section at the water valve on Cowlitz Street West would be the only area of this overlay that could be impacted during the Cowlitz Street West Revitalization Project.

4183 Councilmember Marcil made a motion, seconded by Queen to accept the Schedule B bid received from Lakeside Industries in the amount of \$15,350 for a 1 ½" overlay of the 100 block of First Avenue SW. The purchase of the billing software will be postponed to provide \$13,660 from the Water Fund and \$1,690 will be used from the Street Fund for this project. By roll call vote, Councilmember Yund Nay, the rest Aye, motion passed.

4222 Vorse presented a draft summary of the Tree Policy proposed by the Castle Rock Park Board. The Park Board recognized that the city does not have a policy established for the maintenance of trees located in the right-of-way. The Park Board researched street tree policies established by other municipalities before forming this recommendation.

In response to a question from Councilmember Queen, Vorse specified that the Park Board is an advisory committee appointed by the Mayor. The current Park Board Commissioners are: Lynda Frantsvog, Linda Moody, Roy Henson, Mark Damschen and Marguerite Ogden. This group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Councilmember Queen does not agree with the proposed policy. Many residents, in addition to himself, have been taking care of these trees for years. He does not want to be told when or how to prune the trees nor should he have to hire a professional to have it done.

In response to clarification from Councilmember Yund, Councilmember Queen felt that the Public Works Department does not have time to maintain the street trees. Councilmember Mask noted that these additional duties would be difficult to meet as the crew cannot keep up with current landscaping needs.

Vorse reports that in recent years issues have been encountered that show the need to establish a Street Tree Policy. City owned trees have been damaged, topped and even removed and councilmembers have been tasked with reviewing such incidents.

Councilmember Queen would like a committee formed to establish a Street Tree Policy. He feels residents should be allowed to maintain the trees bordering their property.

Councilmember Marcil suggests a Council Workshop meeting to establish guidelines. Councilmember Queen requests that all councilmembers attend this workshop. A Tree Policy Workshop meeting was scheduled for July 7th at 7:30 p.m.

- 4650 Vorse reports that a letter has been received from the Army Corps of Engineer declining to perform levee certification services for our district. The Corps cannot perform this work under the authority of the Chief's Economy Act unless funds are available from another federal agency.

In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Vorse clarified that the Corps has provided the diking districts with a list of engineering firms that have some levee experience. Cowlitz County Public Works Director Kent Cash suggested that all the diking districts join together to contract for levee certification. Firm qualifications must first be reviewed to determine if a firm is qualified to perform levee certification. FEMA is requiring this work to be completed by September, 2009. A preliminary review of the work that is needed was completed with the Corps and the city is moving forward with the Corps' recommendations to remove the brush and trees on the riverside of the levee.

In response to a question from Councilmember Mask, Vorse reports that \$25,000 was budgeted for the Corps portion of levee certification and \$10,000 was budgeted for tree removal.

In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Vorse agreed that this is an unfunded FEMA requirement needed to obtain or retain flood insurance certification.

- 4873 Vorse reports that he discovered last Monday that the raw water intake at the Cowlitz River was plugged. The last time this occurred September, 2003. The Cowlitz County Dive Team responded last Wednesday evening and scrubbed 1 1/2" of algae growth off of the intake screen. A sample was taken to try to identify the source of this growth.

Vorse stated that Cowlitz County Dive Team has offered to clean this screen annually.

In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Vorse stated that he is unsure whether the algae got caught or grew on the screen as the algae still hung from the underside when it was scraped off of the surface of the screen. The

inside of the screen is not accessible without removal. In addition, there were two different types of algae on the screen.

Vorse stated the dive team is a volunteer organization. He would like to recognize them for their community service and timely response when needed. It was imperative that the intake flow was regained quickly for health protection and fire flow demands.

0323 Vorse stated that he has received a cost estimate from Cowlitz County for a grader patch on Pioneer Avenue NE in the amount of \$17,446. Lakeside Industries submitted an estimate of \$2500 for a 12 feet wide grader patch for 180 feet of Roake Avenue SE. If approved, the patch work would have to be done on the same day as First Avenue SW as mobilization costs are not included in this price.

0497 Councilmember Mask made a motion, seconded by Queen to accept the bid received from Lakeside Industries in the amount of \$2,500 for a 12 feet wide grader patch on 180 feet of Roake Avenue SE funded from the Arterial Street Fund. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

0542 Vorse reports that the city will receive a \$500 loss control grant from Association of Washington Cities to retrofit playground slides to reduce safety concerns.

0596 In response to a question from Dick Miller, Cowlitz Game And Anglers, Vorse indicated that offsite mitigation requirements for the Boat Launch Project were determined during a meeting with the permitting agencies last month. Bank restoration work will take place along Whittle Creek, north of PH10 Road to fulfill mitigation requirements. This work will take place in conjunction with Cowlitz County's project to replace the Whittle Creek culvert at West Side Highway. All of the property owners along this section of Whittle Creek have agreed to sign easements.

The final boat launch plans will be reviewed within a couple of weeks. The access road survey can then be completed. After the access road easements have been determined, the Castle Rock School District will deed the property to the city. The mitigation components had to be determined before the environmental permit applications could be resubmitted. The National Marine Fisheries Services removed this city's boat launch project from the permitting process due to the land use issue, which has been resolved. It is unlikely that the project will be ready for the in-water work window in August, however, the uplands work can begin. Dredging may be used for the in-water sediment removal in an effort to avoid a Corps required Sediment Plan. Another concern is the recent 30% to 40% price increase for plastics and PVC products.

In response to a question from Mr. Miller, Vorse stated that he is working on this project with Steve West from the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Danette Guy with the Corps. Funds are available until March 2010 for this project. Vorse

- cautioned that with cost increases, the funds will not go as far as initially anticipated. Miller noted that the CG&A have donated \$3000 towards this project.
- 1091 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington requests payment of June expenditures in the amount of \$420,041.26 as outlined on the Summary of Claims and further described as check numbers 37450 through 37541 for general expenditures and check numbers 20093 through 20140 for payroll expenses.
- 1099 Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Mask to approve payment of February 2008 invoices in the amount of \$420,041.26, as described in the Summary of Claims. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 1112 Librarian Vicki Selander reports that the Summer Reading Program begins next week.
- 1142 Mayor Barbara Larsen stated that realtor, Todd Wade, contacted her to ascertain if the city may be interested in purchasing or trading city property for the Cinedome Theater.
- 1207 Mayor Larsen reports that Ron Worthington indicated that his church group would like to paint the old garage building located east of City Hall - at no cost to the city. This group would also provide the paint. Vorse noted that they would need to sign a Volunteer Waiver Form. By consensus, councilmembers agreed to the offer.
- 1311 In response to a question from Councilmember Queen, Councilmember Mask specified that a date has not been determined for the Council Retreat. Mayor Larsen suggested Monday June 30th. Councilmember Yund is working nights and will make every effort to attend.

In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Councilmember Mask reports that the Rose Tree Restaurant indicated that they could not host the retreat. He has not made contact with the Senior Center to ascertain if that facility could be used for the retreat.

In response to a question from Councilmember Queen, Councilmember Mask noted that Hattie's Restaurant will submit a quote to cater a lunch for the retreat.

Councilmember Marcil does not believe that this event should be catered. He stated that councilmembers could purchase their own lunch prior to the retreat. Councilmember Yund pointed out that if councilmembers meet for lunch, it would be a public meeting and the location should not change during the course of the meeting.

Public Works Director David Vorse suggests meeting after lunch on June 30th from 2:00 p.m. until 5 p.m. Councilmember Mask indicated that he would provide beverages.

In response to a question from Councilmember Queen, Councilmember Mask suggests having the meeting at Hattie's Restaurant, in their meeting room. Councilmembers can meet at 1:00 p.m. to purchase lunch before the retreat begins at 2:00 p.m.

- 1554 Councilmember Queen advised that Ida Davis, business owner, has been coordinating efforts with Norma Rose to conduct fundraisers to purchase street lights for the Cowlitz Street West business area. Mrs. Davis stated they have collected enough money to purchase six street lights and however she was under the impression that the city has advised that they are no longer interested in accepting their street light donation. Councilmember Queen stated that if there is a donation for street lights, he feels the city should accept the offer. Mr. Vorse stated he has only seen a picture of the proposed street lights. He noted that street light fixtures need to be of commercial grade and be of a certain height to accommodate banners or hanging baskets. The only discussion regarding street lights was several years ago when business leaders were reviewing proposed changes for Cowlitz Street. At that time, it was suggested by meeting participants that the city consider using the same type of light fixture as used for the Riverfront Trail. Vorse noted that when the engineer brings forward a proposed design, councilmembers will be asked to make a determination on the lighting. Councilmember Queen was advised by Mrs. Davis that the proposed lights were the same as used in the City of Kelso. Vorse stated that city staff has not discussed this with Mrs. Davis, nor declined any offer. The final decision on who will decide this detail rests with the council.

Councilmember Yund added that some of the street lights in Kelso were found to be not tall enough. Councilmember Queen stated he would tell Mrs. Davis that they would need to wait until later in the design phase. If council chooses to use another style, possibly Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rose would agree to donate toward those light fixtures.

- 1755 Chief Bob Heuer stated his staff has been trying to clean out the room previously used as the Municipal Court judge's office. The room will be converted into a training room. Chief Heuer provided pictures and an itemized list of equipment that appears to have no further value to the city. Items include the following: 1 metal desk chair, 1 blue wooden bookshelf, 1 wooden two drawer cabinet, 1 manual typewriter, 1 word processor typewriter with monitor (unable to determine if it functions), 1 damaged metal desk, 1 damaged particle board computer desk, and 1 damaged particle board stand. The following are items that no longer function: 3 backup batteries for computer, 3 old monitors and 3 computers. Chief Heuer stated the computers will be disassembled and the hardware will be pulled and destroyed to assure that the operating hardware is

inoperable.

There are also two large wooden tables that could be donated to the Exhibit Hall.

1886 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Queen to declare the above listed items as having no value to the city and should be disposed of. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1909 Councilmembers reviewed correspondence and pictures submitted by Ursula Jorgensen, resident on Second Avenue SW, requesting removal of two trees, growing in the parking strip in front of her home. Vorse stated the maple tree has roots which are undermining the street curb and pushing up the sidewalk. This is one of the sidewalk sections that are included in the grant funding for repair. The other is a birch tree, which has a split. This tree does not appear to be a hazard at this time.

Vorse stated the cost to remove both of the trees is \$1700. Councilmember Queen stated that if trees are in good health, he would not support their removal. Vorse noted that the maple appears to be in good health. The birch is in fair condition, with some decay. The tree specialist recommends that the maple tree be trimmed and the birch tree be removed. In answer to council's question, Vorse stated that either option would still cost \$1700.

In answer to Councilmember Yund's question, Vorse stated the recommendation to remove the birch tree was made because of the split in the tree trunk and because of the evidence of decay at the split.

2065 Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Mask to have the city cut the intruding roots of the Maple tree and then replace the sidewalk. If both trees are considered safe, then both trees should not be cut. If Mrs. Jorgensen wants to remove the trees, she can do so at her own expense. However she will be required to replace the trees at her own expense, with ones approved by the city. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2259 Vorse distributed a picture of a tree stump located at 147 'C' Street SW. The landowner has asked if the city would consider removing it with their backhoe and the property owner would pay for the curb repair. Vorse stated the property owner is unable to remove by grinding the stump because there is a 2" water line in the vicinity and it would create a sink hole. By consensus, councilmembers agreed to allow public works to remove the stump.

2306 Mayor Larsen adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Mayor Barbara Larsen

Regular City Council Meeting

June 9, 2008

Clerk-Treasurer