

# City of Molalla

Minutes of the Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Molalla City Council Meeting

Meeting Held at the Molalla Adult Center, 315 Kennel Ave Molalla Oregon

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Foster, Present; Councilor Boreth, Present; Present; Councilor Jacober, Present; Councilor Leighton, Present; Councilor Mackie, Present; Councilor Needham, Present; Councilor Clark, Present.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: City Manager John Atkins, Present; Deputy City Recorder Sadie Cramer, Present.

## MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 9, 2008 regular council meeting have been tabled to the next council meeting on May 14, 2008.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### WRITTEN

### VERBAL

Senator Girod introduced himself, stating he serves District 9 that includes Clackamas, Linn and Marion Counties. He is attending to listen and take notes of the concerns facing the city. After brief general questioning from Council, he encouraged everyone who has questions, comments or concerns to contact him at [VoteGirod@aol.com](mailto:VoteGirod@aol.com).

Jason Burroughs of 665 Village Drive, ask Sadie Cramer, Deputy City Recorder about the current Flower Basket Program and the participation of the FFA. Sadie Cramer stated that the committee decided to partner with the FFA to help support the educational program, not only financially, but also academically. By using the FFA, the students have the opportunity to earn career credits which contribute towards the students overall credits to graduate.

Susan Hansen PO BOX 50, Molalla Oregon, stated that she has concerns about the lack of input and transparency within City Hall. She was insulted by the city's inconsistencies and lack of preparedness to provide the public with complete planning materials at the public meetings. She stated that in future public meetings that the department be prepared to offer all attendees complete copies of materials presented and the times of the meetings be more accommodating to citizen's schedules.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

None.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Molalla Area Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Atkins Jr. stated that the Molalla Chamber of Commerce is requesting the fees be waived for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Grand Parade. Traditionally in years past, this fee has been waived for this event. Councilor Leighton moved to waive the Molalla Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade fees. Councilor Mackie seconded. Motion carried (7-0) (Mayor Foster, aye; Councilor Boreth, aye; Councilor Leighton aye; Councilor Jacober, aye; Councilor Mackie, aye; Councilor Clark, aye; Councilor Needham, aye)

### Letter of Commitment Related to Disaster Preparedness

Clackamas County through funding from Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) has invited Molalla to join in an effort to update the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans. There will be no fiscal impact to participate. Councilor Mackie moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment for disaster preparedness. Councilor Leighton seconded. Motion carried (7-0) (Mayor Foster, aye; Councilor Boreth, aye; Councilor Leighton aye; Councilor Jacober, aye; Councilor Mackie, aye; Councilor Clark, aye; Councilor Needham, aye)

### IGA for Leroy Avenue Improvements

Atkins Jr., presented an IGA Agreement to Council stating that in a combined effort by the City and Clackamas County it would allow Leroy Avenue to be repaved. Under this agreement the City's obligation will not exceed \$50,000.00. Upon completion of the project a request will be submitted requesting Leroy Avenue be transferred from County to City jurisdiction. Councilor Needham moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the IGA agreement. Councilor Jacober seconded. Motion carried (7-0) (Mayor Foster, aye; Councilor Boreth, aye; Councilor Leighton aye; Councilor Jacober, aye; Councilor Mackie, aye; Councilor Clark, aye; Councilor Needham, aye)

### Appointments to Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

Atkins Jr., stated that an advisory committee of citizens has to be appointed in order to satisfy a requirement of public involvement under the Urban Renewal Plan. Molalla River School District Supt. Wayne Kostur was contacted and agreed to serve on the committee. Atkins Jr., stated there are still vacant spots that need to be filled. After brief discussion Councilor Leighton suggested Kristy Wheeler who is in the audience tonight. Wheeler verbally accepted the invitation to serve on the advisory committee. No opposition by Council.

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## CONTINUING BUSINESS

None.

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

None.

## PROCLAMATIONS

“Older Americans Month”

Mayor Foster read the proclamation proclaiming May 2008 as “Older Americans Month”.

“National Senior Week “

Mayor Foster read the proclamation proclaiming May, 3 2008 as “National Senior Day”.

“Building Safety Week”

Mayor Foster read the proclamation proclaiming May 5th 2008 to May 11th 2008 as “Building Safety Week”.

## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Recorder announced that the Flower Basket Program as had a great community response. She anticipates the baskets to be hung in mid May. She also advised of the Cinco De Mayo dinner celebration is May 3, 2008 at the Molalla Adult Center.

City Manager John Atkins Jr., added that the Molalla River Alliance has adopted bylaws and minutes from the last meeting will be available for review shortly.

Councilor Leighton attended the third quarter Urban Renewal Reserve policy advisory meeting held in Clackamas County. She stated it was very informative and learned that Molalla is labeled as a “New Edge” city based on our location and that we miss the expansion into the Metro area by a fraction. She encouraged everyone to visit the Molalla Library and to vote yes to keep our library open.

Councilor Needham thanked Councilor Leighton for her participation and newly appointed position to the county board. He thanked Senator’s Gilliam and Girod for visiting us tonight.

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Councilor Boreth thanked the public for their participation tonight. He thanked Senator's Gilliam and Girod for visiting. The Political Action Committee is looking for donations to get signs made in support of the Park and Recreation Annexation. He thanked Councilors Needham and Jacober for their support of the measure.

Councilor Mackie stated that she was concerned about the last meeting on April 9, 2008. She was concerned that the unpleasant remarks made by Ex-Mayor, Mike Clarke and Citizen Burroughs were permitted by Mayor Foster. She believes that the comments were uncalled for. She has received several calls regarding the comments made by Clarke and Burroughs and felt it was unnecessary. She commended the Councilors efforts and participation on various committees and boards aside from Council, their jobs and family.

Councilor Jacober addressed Councilor Mackie and informed the rest of the Council that she has received phone calls of a positive nature for exercising the right to freedom of speech.

Mayor Foster congratulated Councilor Mackie for being appointed President of the Clarkes Garden Club. He thanked the Senators, Councilor and City staff for doing a great job.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Boreth seconded. Motion carried (7-0) (Mayor Foster, aye; Councilor Boreth, aye; Councilor Leighton aye; Councilor Jacober, aye; Councilor Mackie, aye; Councilor Clark, aye; Councilor Needham, aye)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:22 p.m.

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Deputy City Recorder, Sadie Cramer

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Mayor Tom Foster