

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON 601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called the Work Session of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nick Morgan, Boys and Girls Club Member of the Month.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Aubrey, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken, and Elder were present. Mayor Warden had requested an excused absence.

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Finance Manager Yost, Police Chief Giles, Public Works Director DaCorsi, and City Attorney Saxton.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Everett said there was a great turn out for the Annual State's Day parade and thanked Council and staff members who volunteered their time.

Council Member Becken reported he and others including some staff members, recently attended former Council Member Ernie Troemel's funeral service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mid Columbia Library Quarterly Report

Katy McLaughlin, Prosser Branch Manager provided Council a report and reviewed the highlights third quarter including the upcoming Library Remodel Project.

Public Works Director DaCorsi provided Council with a memo from Mid-Columbia Library Officials outlining the scope of the Library Remodel Project including the demolition and construction floor plan and electric and data layout plan.

Kyle Cox, Executive Director of Mid-Columbia Library, thanked Council for their continued support with the project and advised the project plans had previously been submitted to Mayor Warden. Discussion continued regarding the timing and details of the project.

Council thanked Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. Cox for the update.

Boys and Girls Club Quarterly Report

Chris Cisneros, Program Director introduced Dena Lodahl, who had recently been hired by the Club as the Executive Director. Mrs. Lodahl provided a brief history of her background and expressed her gratitude to the Council for their ongoing support of the Club.

Mr. Cisneros presented Council with an overview of the third quarter highlights. Council thanked Mr. Cisneros and Mrs. Lodahl for the update.

Benton County Historical Museum Expansion Project Presentation

Alys Means, Museum Curator, introduced Museum Board of Trustees who were present in the audience and provided a brief history of the building and proposed museum expansion project. Mrs. Means provided a handout titled "Position Paper" regarding the details of the proposal and introduced LaRoy Gant, Architect.

Mr. Gant reviewed a conceptual plan and discussed the details for a new facility. Furthermore, he explained the proposal includes demolition of the existing building to be replaced with landscaping and a parking lot, and construction of a larger building east of the museum's current location in the City Park. Mr. Gant inquired if the City would allow such a project on City property.

Council Member Hamilton referred to the proposed parking lot as outlined in the conceptual plan and suggested relocating the lot due to poor visibility and high traffic from the High School.

Council Member Everett asked what the square footage of the new building would be compared to that of the existing building.

Mr. Gant advised the new building would be approximately 8,000 square feet compared to the 5,000 square feet of the current museum.

Council expressed their concern with the loss of City Park space and discussed annual City Park events that potentially could be impacted by the loss of space.

Council Member Everett asked if the City Park Restroom Remodel Project could be incorporated into the Museum Project.

LJ DaCorsi advised that the grant application on the Restroom Project had already been submitted and it would be difficult to amend the application at this time.

Council directed staff to provide Mr. Gant information regarding the annual City Park events and asked Mr. Gant to look into the potential impacts to the events the proposed project would have.

Mrs. Means advised the Board of Trustees will schedule a time in the near future for Council to tour the museum.

Council directed staff to work with City Clerk Shaw to coordinate a time for Council to tour the facility.

Council Member Ward stated he would like to see a financial plan for the project outlining project funding.

Mrs. Means said she would be happy to provided that to Council, however she would like to first know if Council was even interested in entertaining the idea of the project.

Council concurred they were not opposed to the project and directed staff to work with Museum Officials and the Architect to bring back more information at a future City Council meeting for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw

