

MINUTES

**COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gary Williams, City Councilors Mike Fleck, Lynn Miller, Thomas Munroe, Heather Murphy, Wayne Clark, Diane Conrad and Youth Advisory Council Representative Sam Settlemeyer

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Richard Meyers, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Police Chief Mike Grover, Finance Director Bert McClintock, Public Works Director Jan Wellman and City Engineer Ron Bradsby

CITY ATTORNEY: Sean Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Reiten - KNND Radio

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sharon Jean, 33914 Row River Rd., Cottage Grove, stated she didn't reside within the city limits but asked for permission to speak before the council. Mayor Williams granted her request to speak. She wasn't present to speak about the Bohemia Mining Days but was excited to see costumes present in the audience.

She spoke on Item 7(c), the liquor license application and didn't speak in favor for or against alcohol, the number of bars or whether or not people should drink. She advised she had sat on

several boards and commissions regarding the monitoring and the funding of alcohol and substance abuse programs so she had some knowledge on the subject. She stated she perceived the council's responsibility to be an opportunity to provide information to a body that is seeking that information and their obligation as elected officials was to say yes or no on almost everything that comes before them. She feels that maybes or neutrals are abrogating their responsibility as council members but understands that there are gray areas. She believed the OLCC is the entity that makes the decisions around whether or not licenses are issued and it was the council's responsibility when OLCC asks for input, to either deny or accept or pass and to give them that opinion. She would urge the council to not aggravate their duty, but to provide the OLCC with the information they seek and do so proudly and on behalf of the interests of the city and its citizens.

Ron Rice, 33914 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, said he was part owner in Geomax in town and owned property within the city limits and paid taxes which the city received a portion of. He spoke on Item 7(c) regarding liquor licenses and as he understood it, the judgments that the city passes on to the liquor control board had to do more with whether or not the proposed liquor licensee had followed the proper land use codes, that they were seeking to establish a business in a properly zoned area, they weren't trying to put a bar or liquor store right next to an elementary school, things like that. It was a valuable task that the city had before it to make those decisions and he felt that it should be a decision either yes or no, neutral is a little bit neutral for want of a better word and he felt that OLCC was actually looking for a decision or recommendation. Either the applicants met the requirements for zoning, land use, design review, etc. or they didn't. He thanked the council for their time.

Diane Messir, 76554 Blue Mountain School Road, said she wrote the summer recreation and all year round directories for Cottage. She spoke to council about the opportunity to take a new direction for alcohol prevention in Cottage Grove by taking a neutral position during the formalities of granting liquor licenses. It was the opportunity of responsible leadership for a healthy community. She spoke from her own sadness about the loss and waste of four lives in the last four to five months. She asked council if they understood the impact of giving recommendations for 48 liquor licenses in our small town. She spoke about headlines in *The Sentinel* and how they had to do with consequences from alcohol and drug addictions. She said there are businesses and non-profits in town that want the city to invest in programs for these addictions. There are churches that have meals to provide people with a better choice for healthier tomorrows. The council had the opportunity to help prevent the loss of lives, to stop the negative headlines about the community and to take a small step and set the pace for alcohol and drug abuse prevention. She asked the Council to start with their personal votes in favor of a neutral position on liquor licenses.

Robert R. McArthur, 1887 Harvey, Cottage Grove, addressed the council on two issues, the first being the water rates. He stated they were high now and they were high 13 years ago compared to Klamath Falls where he moved from and he hoped the council could get a handle on that. He realized there were wastewater issues and trying to build the reserve fund, but maybe there was a

better way to contain the increase of the rates.

The second issue he spoke about was the liquor licenses. He agreed with Ms. Messir that there was an alcohol and drug problem, however voting neutral was doing absolutely nothing. He has had a liquor license in the past and said it was easier to get top secret clearance in the military than it was to get a liquor license in Oregon or California. He told council the checks and balances were in place at this point in time for them to either say yes and approve a license or no and deny it and to tell the liquor commission they needed to review it. He said that drinking and driving were always going to be an issue as long as alcohol is around.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

(a) **Resolution Increasing Fees for Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water Rates and Surcharges and Various Other Fees**

Finance Director Bert McClintock said before Council was a Comprehensive Fee Schedule Amendment. The resolution amends the fee schedule to increase the fees and charges associated with water, wastewater, storm water and surcharges. The 2009-2010 Budget was adopted at the end of June with the utility rates increases as proposed. The water rates would be increased one percent to cover the annual inflationary and operational costs associated with the water department, there is no change in the water surcharge proposed. For the average customer using 6000 gallons of water, the total cost would be \$39.48 per month, an increase of \$.19 a month over the last year's rates. Wastewater was a one percent increase and a surcharge of a \$2.50 increase to cover the debt service and debt service requirements. Of that \$2.50, \$1.25 of the increase could be eliminated once the debt reserve requirements had been met. With an estimated water usage of 6000 gallons the increase per month would be \$2.69 over last year's rates. The storm drain rate was a three percent increase with a surcharge increase of \$1 to cover future debt service, for a total of \$7.69 per month for the maintenance and operation of the storm water system which reflected an increase of \$1.11 over last year's rates. The total cost for all of the utilities was \$3.99 per month for an average consumer of 6000 gallons of water.

The resolution also amended the annual family of \$40 and senior citizen library cards of \$10, making the fees \$50 and \$30 respectively. Copy costs at the library were increased to \$.15 per page from the current \$.10 per page charge. In the finance administration section the research fee was more broadly defined so it was not just limited to the finance department's research. The fee for a copy of the Municipal Code book which was codified annually would be increased from \$75 to \$150 and this was to recoup the costs that the city was being charged to produce the documents. It was also online and available now so it was more accessible than in years past. There was also a proposal to increase the copy charge of the supplement which was the codification each year from \$.10 to \$.25 per page. Police Reports were being increased from \$5 to \$10 per copy with additional fees being established for the first time for images and voice recordings on CD. There were no other fees recommended to be changed. It was recommended that the proposed resolution be adopted.

Councilor Fleck apologized to staff because he meant to contact them regarding an idea he had to put a sunset provision in the resolution saying that the wastewater surcharge was going to be satisfied in three years. He asked if the storm surcharge was more for future costs than the debt service. Staff replied correct. He recommended that a three or three and a half year sunset clause be put on the wastewater surcharge.

Bert said it was anticipated that the surcharge would generate enough money to cover the required loan reserve within the next three years based on current usage trends.

Councilor Munroe said in regards to the raise of the non resident library card he did some calling around and he discovered that for a one year card for non residents for the City of Eugene was \$100, Springfield \$70 and Creswell \$40 but you had to be a resident of the school district to get the card. He felt the increase was in line compared to what everyone else was charging.

Richard stated they had done calculations based on the current expenditures for the library and subtracted out revenue that was generated from library cards and from grants and based on that and using the number of utility accounts, \$91.83 was what it cost per household to run the library in the City of Cottage Grove. That was the amount that would be coming from the property taxes to pay for library operations in the city which those residents outside the city weren't paying.

Councilor Clark asked why the request for a sunset on the surcharge, was it to make the citizens feel good?

Councilor Fleck said his concern was that we would forget that it was to satisfy debt and shortfalls.

Councilor Conrad shared a concern with Councilor Fleck about the sunset and stated she personally felt that it would add to the meaning of the resolution and put a perspective on raising fees when she knows people are hurting from paying their grocery bill these days. She understood trying to establish equity between city residents and non city residents for the library card and why we needed that increase. She questioned why the police report fees were doubled and if there was a particular reason? Staff stated they were too cheap to begin with. She wanted to see the city join in a discussion of rethinking of how water user fees were charged.

Councilor Fleck asked staff if the sunset clause could be added on the fly.

Richard stated that would be difficult because the \$15.50 monthly rate shown on Page 9 of the resolution included the \$1.25 that goes to debt as well as the additional \$1.25 that goes to the reserve amounts and is multiplied by the size of meter. In order to clarify that, it would need to be broken out what the \$1.25 translates into for a 1" meter and so on. After the August 2012 billing the surcharge for debt reserve requirement would be removed. In order to make it clear, there would need to be two columns that would total the \$15.50, the \$38.75 and on down,

knowing that the second column would disappear in three years. If council wanted to move that direction, he recommended setting aside this item until later in the meeting to allow staff to make those changes.

Councilor Munroe asked about 13.08.140 on Page 7, Sewer Dump Charge, and what was done for someone like himself who filled up their RV with water at their house and were charged a comparable sewer rate for that water and then had to pay again to dump it, there isn't an adjustment allowed.

Bert replied that it couldn't be proved where the RV was filled up and that it could be someone else coming through town that you would want to get that fee from.

Councilor Fleck asked for clarification for what this was for.

Richard stated it was for RVs. People can take them to the wastewater treatment plant to dump their holding tanks which went into the city's system which had an extra burden due to the chemicals that can cause problems with the system.

Councilor Munroe said he brought it up for those who live in Cottage Grove who ended up paying twice for the service.

Councilor Clark commented that everyone had to pay for the services that everyone wanted and unfortunately that was how it worked. We all want someone else to pay for the services but the bottom line is everyone had to pay. Staff was trying to make everything as economical as possible.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1716 "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2361" AS PRESENTED.

Discussion was held on the Motion.

Councilor Murphy stated she liked the idea of the sunset clause and would support an amendment idea.

Discussion was held on how to amend the resolution.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD A SUNSET PROVISION AFTER THREE YEARS ON THE SURCHARGE ON THE WASTEWATER PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL DEBT RETIREMENT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CONRAD.

Discussion was held.

Councilor Clark said that he was in an awkward position if he didn't support the Amendment.

Councilor Miller asked why the sunset clause was even needed, wouldn't it automatically go away when it was paid?

Richard stated it was scheduled to be paid in three years and it could go away before that time and the sunset clause just confirmed that to the citizens.

Councilor Conrad stated the resolution as written does not say that the fee will stop and that was why the sunset clause was needed.

Mayor Williams stated he agreed with Councilor Clark that they were in a position that they vote for the amendment or look like the city was getting money just because and didn't want the extra debt surcharge to go away..

The vote on the motion to amend was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

It was discussed and decided to move the adopting of the motion to adopt the new amended resolution to a later time to allow staff to make the necessary corrections.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Work Session Date

City Engineer Ron Bradsby advised council staff had hired FCS Group to assist in evaluating the utility rates and system development charges and they would like to schedule a work session to discuss the methodology and the results of the study. Four proposed dates were provided to council to consider.

Mayor Williams stated Council meeting were normally on Mondays and proposed Monday, September 21, 2009.

Councilor Conrad advised that Tuesday, September 22, 2009 was the most favorable date for her.

Councilor Fleck stated he would be out of town the week which included September 15th and 17th so he recommended the 21st.

Consensus was to hold the work session September 21, 2009 at 6pm.

(b) Agreement Amendment

City Engineer, Ron Bradsby presented Council with an Amendment to the Fund Exchange Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) adopted by Council in July 2007. The original agreement allowed the City to take federal tax gas dollars and exchange it for \$.94 on the dollar to use on any road within the City limits and was to be spent by August 7, 2009. Approximately \$89,000 have not been spent and the money is budgeted to hire a contractor to use in reference with the American Re-Investments and Recovery Act project of South 8th Street and Woodson Bridge. The total project would be \$290,000. Staff recommended the Mayor and City Manager and City Counsel to sign the Amendment to extend the expenditure of the money.

Mayor Williams asked if there were any substantial changes in the agreement from previous years.

Ron stated only the date of the agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND LEGAL COUNSEL TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR THE EXPENDING FUND EXCHANGE MONIES.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(c) Applications for Liquor Licenses

City Manager Richard Meyers stated there was a proposed recommendation from Councilor Conrad for council to make a neutral recommendation on new liquor license applications. Staff recommended that Council not do a neutral recommendation, there was no purpose and it

minimized the impact of what recommendation the city made. He had the opportunity to meet with the Executive Director of the League of Oregon Cities, Mike McCauley and the league was holding regional meetings around the state visiting with local officials regarding interactions with state agencies and the state as a whole. One comment that kept coming up in a number of the regional meetings was the need to broaden the criteria that local jurisdictions can use to make negative recommendations regarding OLCC licensing. Communities want to have more of a say in the licensing process, currently the City does not regulate alcohol licenses in the State of Oregon, OLCC does that. The sole purpose of staff's recommendation for a grant or denial was compliance with land use requirements, obligations and historical evidence from law enforcement of issues that are associated with the operation of the facility or of that person who was applying.

Based on that criteria it was rather narrowly focused of what the city could really use as criteria to evaluate alcohol licenses and make recommendations to OLCC. You couldn't use philosophies regarding alcohol use or religion or if there was an alcohol problem in the community. The league was hoping to look at some possible legislative efforts in trying to convince communities to make that a priority in the legislative arena to get some state action that allows cities to have more criteria or more opportunities to provide negative input to OLCC. Cities have not always had the opportunities to make the current recommendations. The current process was only around 15 years old. It used to be that cities didn't have any say at all whether the licenses were granted or denied from OLCC.

Having the opportunity to have that input was something that should not be taken lightly or should not give any impression to OLCC that the City was just not going to make a decision, they were going to be neutral. That was what concerned the league and what kind of the approach or appearance that would reflect on the community, that they didn't want to take a stand but wanted to be neutral. The City wants to be a little stronger and to make sure we have those opportunities.

Richard said that the other item which was a fundamental or procedural was the council could not tell future councils how to vote on new items. Laws can be adopted that say the current council was going to sunset the fee for surcharges in three years and then the new council could pass a new one. Council can't pass a rule or motion or an action and say from now on whenever we have the opportunity to do something, something else will happen, that is a concern about a blanket statement. Each item needs to be a separate action that council can vote on.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT COUNCIL CONTINUE WITH CURRENT PROCEDURES.

Councilor Conrad stated usually the word neutral means on the fence, you are not making a decision. But that is not the case with this proposal. She stated she's contacted Dan McNeal, Statewide Licensing Manager of OLCC regarding a neutral stance and limited criteria to deny liquor licenses. The OLCC gives us the empowerment to do more than either deny or

recommend to address the characteristics of the community. The OLCC would not see a neutral response as a non-action or sitting on the fence. Non-action would be to not fill out the form of the applicant, the City of Salem does that. That would be not caring, that would be not having a voice, that would be sitting on the fence, that would be relinquishing whatever our responsibility there is.

Councilor Conrad explained if we give a neutral recommendation, according to Mr. McNeal, it gives a voice to the City Council to say there are some characteristics that don't meet the criteria for denial but that we don't like. Such as an alcohol use problem in Cottage Grove. So other things that would not meet the denial criteria would be the particular location of the business, you don't want the business maybe to be near a church or library or a youth center. These would not be enough for a denial so we take a neutral stance.

Councilor Conrad continued this is all about changing the process that this Council has gone through. A neutral response gives us the opportunity to say as a council we recognize there is an issue with alcohol in Cottage Grove. A neutral stance does not hamper the business or the application process followed by OLCC. The statement OLCC has provided if used, will not hamper or delay the approval of the business' application.

Councilor Conrad reported that in Cottage Grove an alcohol coalition is forming with the help of the County, participants include Parent Partnership, South Lane Mental Health, Family Resource Center, Willamette Family Center, Looking Glass, the City and the School District. One of the major points of discussion is the perception that we have of alcohol. The coalition is focusing on prevention and changing the perception that you have to drink to have fun.

Councilor Conrad asked how the Council wanted to use their voice in these alcohol applications. Are we voicing the work of the alcohol and drug coalition by recommending approval, is that what we are going to do with this voice? Or can we take a neutral position which is not a fence because the commission can continue with its process. What we are saying is there are issues that we want to honor and respect in our community. So we can just reach a consensus that neutral at this point is a message to the health of the community.

Councilor Clark stated that neutral was not the voice of anything. He commended Councilor Conrad on her work with some of the organizations in town that deal with alcohol and drug problems and said that was where those issues and problems would best be served, it didn't have anything to do with the voice of the council. He said if it were up to him there would be no alcohol served on city property period and that was something he would support. Liquor licenses that are brought before the council that he felt were not to a level that he could support, he voted no on and he suggested that Councilor Conrad do the same. He didn't however understand the push for a symbol of neutral.

Councilor Conrad stated that if the city council continually recommended granting liquor licenses what perception were they giving to the community.

Councilor Murphy stated she had been involved with a group that worked with the same issue and this was not the way to go about it. She agreed that it was perception however she could not support the neutral recommendation.

Councilor Fleck said he agreed with Councilor Clark in that to reach consensus the council needed to work together toward a common thought on the issue and his concern was that a neutral recommendation sent a signal to the business community that they didn't support them. Even though alcohol does have it's problems, moderation and responsibility was the key. The OLCC licensing issue was whether the business was responsible in the way they are doing their business in relationship to alcohol, not about the pros and cons of alcohol. The council's job was to listen to the police department's recommendation if they were having a problem with a particular establishment that serves alcohol. He could not support a neutral recommendation for liquor licenses.

Councilor Miller stated it had all been said, it had been discussed numerous times and this was not the way to handle the issue.

Youth Advisory Representative Settelmeyer said that he agreed, that other teens would not know that council took a neutral stance on a liquor license other than himself because he sat on the council. The research and action was what was going to help get something done, not a vote about their liquor license.

Mayor Williams stated cities in Oregon are constantly doing battle with legislative bodies and government agencies beyond their control and they enforce laws that impact cities every days, some good, some bad, the most important thing for a city government to do was maintain as much local control as they could and it was what Cottage Grove does in the community. It was what was important to the people that Council represents and local control was the most important duty that Council had in making sure that some government entity or other entities beyond come in and tell the City how we should run our communities. We know what the community standards are and we know what the community expects of us. A neutral recommendation has no weight and no position and Council needed to be seeking opportunities to have more input in how we live in Cottage Grove and administer law. Let Council send a message that if you break the law in Cottage Grove by alcohol or drug abuse or other means, you are going to have a penalty to pay.

Councilor Miller stated the way to combat alcohol and drug abuse is not by laws but by society.

Discussion was held on the motion before the Council. It was determined that the motion was inappropriate and consensus was that Council would not take a neutral stance on liquor licenses. Councilor Munroe retracted his motion. Mayor Williams stated that if this matter comes before the Council again he would not allow a large block of time to discuss the issue.

(d) Regional Solutions for Transportation System

City Manager Richard Meyers said this matter had been before the Council many years ago and all the cities in Lane County participated in several forums held regarding transportation funding. Recommendations were made regarding possible transportation funding options and the County Commissioners received that recommendation and voted against it. Now the City of Eugene Budget Committee has unanimously approved looking at some new funding mechanisms for transportation issues in communities in Lane County and have submitted the attached Memorandum to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. During the last budget meetings, Cottage Grove looked at the condition of the roads and approximately \$9M of improvements are needed to bring the roads up to good condition. He advised he had spoken with the City Managers from Oakridge, Veneta and Florence and Oakridge was going to wait to see what Eugene and Lane County do. He believed politically that the County Commissioners wouldn't fund the proposal.

Councilor Murphy asked if Mr. Meyers stated that the County Commissioners wouldn't do anything? He answered that was correct.

Councilor Fleck said he had read that the county's population having to be 350,000 but it was just under that and if they were proposing that this was going to be when the county does reach that number. He also said that council had been talking about street repair funding shortfalls but the timing isn't right at this time and he wouldn't support it at this time.

Councilor Clark asked if there was a reason the county would have to levy the motor vehicle registration fee.

Richard stated according to state law, the county is the only one that can do a vehicle registration fee. One of the other factors is to do a county wide vehicle tax or fuel tax or something as well, that will be frozen because of the most recent legislature's transportation bill.

Councilor Clark said the problem with the county oriented solutions is the majority of citizens that use the services live outside town and the city doesn't get to recoup that money to help. It should include the school district boundaries.

Councilor Conrad said this was just an invitation to join in the discussion and she didn't see anything wrong with that and felt the city should join in the discussion.

Mayor Williams stated that there were those that were having discussions directly with the Board of Commissioners. He remembered years ago when the City entered into an agreement with the County Road Advisory Committee and the agreement was that the County would forever provide the City with road funds but that was successfully stopped several years ago. He personally appeared before the Road Advisory Committee and they advised they didn't recognize the agreement and the funds ended. We need to be engaged in talking with our elected officials regarding this issue.

Councilor Murphy asked if when the urban area changed that along with that the County roads became City responsibility and the City didn't have any say.

Richard explained that there were county roads within the City, some that are still county responsibility and others that became city responsibility, and there was money that was provided by the County to repair and replace the roads but that money went away.

Councilor Munroe asked about weight restrictions on city streets that saved some streets but Richard had advised that the Department of Transportation said you can't do that and he didn't agree with that. They were also one-sided about material and what material works best and wouldn't change.

Mayor Williams asked for council consensus on this issue which was to watch and participate if anything happens.

(e) Concerns from the City Council

Councilor Miller submitted her retirement letter to the Mayor effective September 1, 2009. She advised she was retiring instead of resigning and read a prepared statement and thanked everyone for the last nine years she had served.

Discussion was held regarding the recruitment process for Ward 2.

Councilor Conrad asked about a date for the retreat that was discussed.

Richard advised that a date had been set for a work session in September which was one piece of that and more work sessions would be scheduled.

A reminder to attend Bohemia Mining Days.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Report from the City Manager

City Manager Richard Meyers outlined some of the events being held during Bohemia Mining Days and encouraged everyone to attend.

Starting on July 18th, Model As from around the country would be arriving in Cottage Grove for the Model A Conference and continuing through July 22nd.

On July 25th, the South Lane Cruisers were having a Show-n-Shine in Coiner Park. KNND was holding a cruise and dance later in the day.

Also on July 25th, there would be garden tours to benefit the South Lane Mental Health, brochures were provided to the Mayor and Council.

Bohemia Mining Days were selling DVDs that contained over 400 historical photos from Oregon and Cottage Grove.

Richard advised he met with representatives from the Aviation Department and ODOT to discuss improvements made to the Cottage Grove Airport. The State of Oregon had spent about \$1M worth of improvements at the airport and would be replacing the runway in 2013. Annexation was discussed and expansion of service and they were interested in hearing of other concerns from Cottage Grove. He had a written annual report from the Aviation Department if anyone was interested in viewing it.

Richard said he was interviewing the first round of candidates for the City Recorder position next week and thanked Joan for volunteering her time in July.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES CONTINUED

- (a) Resolution Increasing Fees for Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water Rates and Various Other Fees Continued

City Manager Richard Meyers presented Council with revised pages from Resolution No. 1716 showing changes requested by Council for the sunset clause. Motion to adopt the resolution as amended was still on the floor.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

- (a) Report from the City Attorney

City Attorney Sean Kelly said that Councilor Conrad in doing the research on the neutral position for liquor licenses had given Council another tool. While he tended to agree with the analysis that a neutral recommendation on every position may not be significant, there may be times as Richard has said that due to certain requirements Council wasn't allowed to vote no on, that they may want to use a neutral position. Information that Councilor Conrad had received

from OLCC showed that a neutral position would not hold up the processing of the license.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Williams adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:19 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held July 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder

Gary Williams, Mayor