

**COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 27, 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**

City Recorder Joan Hoehn called the roll. The following were

Present: Mayor Gary Williams, City Councilors Diane Conrad, Mike Fleck,  
Lynn Miller, Thomas Munroe, Heather Murphy

Absent: City Councilor Wayne Clark

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Meyers, Community Development Director  
Howard Schesser, Public Works Director Jan Wellman,  
Community Services Director Pete Barrell, City Engineer Ron  
Bradsby, Police Commander Dan White

City Attorney Sean Kelly was present.

No News Media were present.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

(a) Resolution Renaming 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets in the Haydens River Walk Subdivision

City Engineer Ron Bradsby explained that in October of 2008 final plat for the Haydens River Walk was filed. The names on it were 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, River Walk Place, Tyler Avenue, Taylor Place and Riverfront Way. He said that Lane County Council of Governments (LCOG) called staff concerned about addressing in the subdivision basically along 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. There was some conflict with other cities inside Lane County. Ron said he explained to LCOG that the City’s ordinance regarding street naming says that anything south of Main Street has the prefix south on it. LCOG explained that under emergency contacts and radio out procedures that creates some confusion. The only way to change that to meet the City’s current code was through this resolution so it can be given to the Lane County surveyor who can adjust the survey plat to rename 1<sup>st</sup> Street to S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1717, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET, WITHIN HAYDENS RIVER WALK SUBDIVISION, TO SOUTH FIRST STREET AND SOUTH SECOND STREET”, BE ADOPTED.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

(a) New Outlet Liquor License Application for Natalee Thai Cuisine

Richard explained that Council has before it a new outlet liquor license application for sale of alcohol for Natalee Thai Cuisine. The previous establishment had been licensed, and the new owners are now applying for a license for their business. The Police Department has completed a background check and found no derogatory information, and it’s before Council for a recommendation.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MILLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER THE NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND FORWARD A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO OLCC.**

Councilor Conrad said she noticed this application is applying for off-premise sales, and is a further consideration that Council has here. She said as they’re learning from Springfield, it’s very hard to deny liquor licenses, so this isn’t a discussion on denying licenses. But again she wanted Council to be mindful that they do have the other option of a compromise vote on this.

They don't have to always be recommending and what they're recommending here is by the voice of the Council is yes, they want off-premises sales by restaurants. She said she would strongly recommend the compromise position.

Councilor Miller stated that she asked the City Manager to respond to this issue, and she thought he had a response.

Richard said that the off-premise is a result of the discussion between OLCC and the applicant. It's something the applicant wants to do as part of their takeout service, so people can buy any specialty beverages such as a Thai beer. He said the applicant specifically requested the off-premise endorsement.

Councilor Conrad said she spoke with someone from OLCC today and he said that it was a request by the applicant, so the commission unless they meet certain criteria cannot deny the application. It was requested and had to be granted.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

(b) Concerns from the City Council

1) Councilor Conrad said as a liaison role to the Watershed Council she went to their technical committee meeting recently. They wanted her to pass on two points of information. They are meeting with the County Commissioners on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and they're inviting anybody to join them at 9:00 a.m. They will be discussing with the County Commissioners and staff from the University of Oregon to standardize riparian items along the riverbanks. The second item is that they're making great headway in the East Regional Park by finishing out the invasive species and are looking forward to developing a flood plain restoration. They will be looking for grants and monies so they can get a design and the Corps of Engineers can then work on the restoration.

2) Councilor Conrad gave a report on the sustainable conference she attended in Portland. One class she attended was Developing the Cities Sustainable Program, and they recommend that a city start with a complete program including finances. Be aware that what is built and where it's built and what's used influences transportation, open space, cost and waste management. Must ensure open space to control water run off management and also recommend putting up solar panels. They said that green structure for sewer/water management is less expensive than the conventional infrastructure. They say that the cost of living is decreased by 20% in the city that has adequate public transportation. Real estate values can increase up to 40% if a green building

is involved in a city with green parts in infrastructure.

Councilor Conrad said the other class she attended was Green Infrastructure and Storm Water Management. They said that green city streets can decrease runoff by 75%. And the third class she attended was Energy Efficiency and Alternative where they talked about winds, solar, biogas and solid waste. Solid waste and biogas for energy sources cannot be stored. Therefore, if you don't use it you have to burn it and that then releases particle pollution in the air. Wind is regionally efficient, but solar is not regionally efficient it is just efficient.

Mayor Williams said he was at the conference as well and is the third such green centered group that he has met with in the last year. He said in all these he's attended there are about fourteen criteria that come up that the cities can participate in environmental stewardship. Of all of these the City of Cottage Grove has met all but one and that is leads standard buildings. The City simply just doesn't get involved too much in the building of new buildings.

3) Councilor Munroe said he wanted to commend the City Manager and the staff of Bohemia Mining Days for another successful year.

4) Councilor Munroe asked when they were going to start dismantling the Chambers Railroad Bridge.

Richard said they would be dismantling it next year; they couldn't get all of the permits lined out this year. So next year they'll do the dismantling and reassembling.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

(a) Laborers Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension

Richard said Council has before it a one-page memorandum of agreement with the laborers unit representing the Public Works employees. All employees are taking a zero cost of living. The laborers contract expired the end of June 2009, and they desire to move into an extension of that existing agreement with the clause that they would also get a zero COLA and in exchange for that they asked for an additional holiday. This is still a cost benefit for the City.

Councilor Munroe said at the end of this agreement and the COLA comes back does the holiday go away.

Richard said that's negotiable when the agreement is reopened in June 2010; the COLA, floating holidays will all be back on the table.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH THE LABORERS UNIT AND AUTHORIZE THE**

**CITY MANAGER TO SIGN IT.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

(b) Report from the City Manager

- 1) Richard said that Council should have received information about the League of Oregon Cities Conference, and if anyone is interested in attending they should give his office a call.
- 2) Richard said Alyssa Humberston will be working in the City Manager’s Office starting tomorrow under the student training program through the school district.
- 3) Richard reported on the success of all the events that happened in July, i.e., BMD, Model A Club Conference among others.

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

(a) Report from the City Attorney

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- 1) Larry Nichols, 1045 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottage Grove, commented on the City and Chamber of Commerce and all the successful events that have been going on, specifically mentioning the Tour of Gardens for which 125 tickets were sold and the Show n’ Shine in the park.

Mayor Williams reminded everyone of the Concours d’ Elegance occurring August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Village Green.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Williams adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:50 p.m.

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held August 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joan Hoehn, City Recorder

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Gary Williams, Mayor