



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL/PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Monday, June 6, 2022, 7:00 PM, CITY HALL

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

- a. Mayor Tom Cramblett
- b. CA Gordon Zimmerman
- c. Marilyn Place
- d. Brenda Wood
- e. Butch Miller
- f. Julie Armstrong
- g. Pete Happy
- h. P Groves
- i. VP Lorang
- j. C Stipan

2. Discussion Items:

a. Discuss EDA Project.

- Zimmerman continues to recall the history of the EDA grant. It helps to harden out electric infrastructure. Electrical engineer from BKI couldn't bid. They made the proposal and therefore have the inside information. City believes will have to start over with original project, prioritize what is wanted, and reengineer; may downsize project. VP Lorang asks how much engineering will cost; Zimmerman says BKI can do it for cheaper. P Groves asks the timeline, Zimmerman says that application process takes a couple months, up to a year for building. Cascade Locks averaging 7 ½ mega watts this past winter. Mayor Cramblett thinks City should rebid again, with people who know the system. Copper wound transformers are better built than aluminum. Go with engineer we have; they know the system best. P Groves adds that we are okay as far as power goes but constantly having side talks with people who are talking about data centers. We don't want to lose something like this because of the dollars that is going to generate into the city. VP Lorang it may restrict power usage to have many data centers. Zimmerman says you don't want to run the capacity of power. VP Lorang reiterates what Zimmerman mentioned about bringing back their engineer to do the work on the rebid. Zimmerman says the current contracted engineers they have are from Louisville, they have Portland office, but also haven't signed contract. Mayor Cramblett says that if the 6 is down, not feeding the system, the 14 is able to feed it. More redundancy within the community knowing if we lose one substation, we have another. P Groves asks what the City uses and what the Port uses. Zimmerman replies that City/residential use about 2 watts, Port uses about 4. Port tenants coming in to ask for more power. Happy says realistically, residential is 6. Be able to double safely but on the commercial end, wouldn't be as safe. P Groves points out Port has two underground wires that carry megawatts but want to bring lines under the railroad tracks and tie them in with Cramblett Way.

b. Discuss Law Enforcement.

- P Groves says in the 60s, CL has their own police department of just 1 officer. Early 70s, contracting with HRCSO with 2 deputies in the area. He thinks it was a mistake to take resident deputy out of CL. CL voted for levy towards HRCSO but are receiving nothing in town. City only gets limited number of hours as well. VP Lorang mentions that there can be more strict hours and salary rules. Kenton Chandler adds that for every call out, it counts as overtime. P Groves thinks it would be safe to have a resource officer with the elementary school; adds he is also certified to teach what to do in active shooter situations. Butch Miller invited Kenton Chandler from Hood River Security. Chandler begins that their focus has been patrol, with private areas as well. They are not police officers or any form of peace officer. Come with a lot of restrictions. Can only handle crimes in progress, certain calls for service that are able to handle. Chandler says he can provide double for the amount that is currently being paid for one officer. Can't do traffic enforcements, don't have access to criminal history. It is a balance for what is wanted to be handled. Private sector goal; preventative. Comes down to what City thinks would be best. Chandler personally believes a balance of both would be best. Miller adds that with the nighttime problems of people prowling neighborhoods, County can't provide us with that all of the time. Miller raises the thought of Port businesses wanting to contribute to this. P Groves says that it could happen in the future, but he wants everyone to keep in mind that they are still limited to their powers. If they have to go out and respond to something, can raise liability concerns. Chris Furrow asks what is looked for in the City. Mayor Cramblett says the main issue is budget. He says the fact that we have limited income and when someone comes and takes something from you, most can't afford to get it back or get a new one. He believes Sheriff does pretty good job keeping an eye on things but a lot of the time, they aren't able to do it all. He agrees that they can find money for what they need. Miller believes that Port and City can combine and help with a deterrence. Happy asks if it'll be 40 hours per week per person. Chandler says with \$116,000, he can do double the man-power for 40 hours. Chandler says they will be in city limits for the amount of hours, not including drive. He adds that if they have a car crash, they will come help with it and hours could be contributed to that. If a car is designated to CL, they will be in CL. Chandler says that they try to be discretionary with clients. Has a little over a dozen clients in HRC. GM Kaganova asks about two apprehended subjects, Chandler says they have caught burglaries in progress, two times. OM Blue asks if there are levels of service in the company or if there are all fixed. Chandler replies they are fixed rates, can have unarmed options but for patrol, all armed. Currently patrolling residents, on their own private contract. Happy asks for progress about that, Chandler says it was more to enforce CCNRs and have prevented random burglaries as well. P Groves adds that it really helps to have safety officers on scene and getting information they can so that it can help later. More of being seen. Mayor Cramblett says that we should let people know and telling them we have police in CL, not saying when, where, or how. Word of mouth is big factor. Have marked and unmarked vehicles. Happy asks how it works for officers being in the known. Chandler mentions that they have scanners and stay close in the county. Have been known to assist in calls that don't have anything to do with contract agreements, more of keeping good relationship with police depts and community. Employees of Chandler have levels of state certifications; armed, unarmed, and newly event security. Car in CL would be dedicated to CL. Most people have hard time differentiating between Law Enforcement/Police and Security. There are programs to help train with mental health issues. Chris says contracted security of a valid way of getting manpower in the streets. Community Officer: unarmed, there to take load off from sworn deputies, report of theft. A key point of this role, is for the officer to connect with the community. A question from Zoom, if officers can keep up with video feed. Chandler says that yes they can be able to do that. Can

install a notification system. Brenda Wood is advocacy for EMS service and is more mindful and aware of her surroundings. She says whenever she brings up policing, it always ends up not being enough. Brenda Wood wants both Port and City to work to solve this issue. GM says it costs Port \$50,000 a year to keep an officer employed. VP Lorang asks if the city would be interested in an IGA. P Groves wants to figure something out. Miller comments that the deterrent is working and with Officer Chandler and the presence, would be best to look at a joint operation between us or an IGA. Happy thinks it would be good to ask Deputy Brown for how much time he spends on doing investigations. OM Blue brings up what Rob Peterson gave information on Cave Junction about a community led group that are watching cameras and sharing that information. Port received Homeland grant and was able to put up a lot of cameras. Happy asks how often cameras on the bridge are used to go back over footage. OM Blue says that they use it a lot but is also a lot of footage to go through. He thinks the idea of having someone watching cameras real-time helps a lot better. P Groves recalls information from DC of \$100 million for Homeland security grant that we put the cameras up with over time.

c. Discuss Employment Related Issues.

- Zimmerman says that they have a finance director but have had a position with Maintenance open for a couple weeks. Port has about 4 positions open, no applicants. Happy asks about the process, GM replies they fill out a questionnaire and then from there can have interviews. Post jobs through website, newspapers, and online companies. Happy replies they had a recruiter and learned about using Indeed and have since hired 2 people on their own. Our only WorkSource in in The Dalles, not best connector here. Discussed it would be good to have job fair and potentially have interviews on the spot. Two partners in this idea are excited about it. Happy asks if we do screenings online, GM said after reading the questionnaire, there is a phone call, asking if they can come in person and most of the time, they end up changing their minds when the commute becomes more realistic. Mayor Cramblett adds that City is out of linemen, but they are working with a contractor who is just from Wyeth. There was a crash taking out a power pole and the contractor was able to come within minutes, as well as him bringing coworker. GM adds that the Work Source trends are keeping track of industrial needs and what jobs they commute to out of town. Childcare and housing are big state issues that are restricting people from staying and working in town. Port is looking into Tiny Home development in town. Mayor Cramblett adds that he was apart of discussions of preschool programs. GM says they included the Gov in on discussions with the principal about childcare in town. Brenda suggested having Grain Integrative Health have a table at the community meet and greet.

3. Port Update

- Flex 6 has seen a lot of candidates; large businesses, small businesses. But all come with specific barriers. P Groves tells we have interest in the building, and some who want to buy the building as well. Happy asks how many people worked at Renewal and where they were from, GM replies that they had around 40 employees, and employees as far as Hood River to Troutdale, as well as from Stevenson worked there. CGRA continues to have events in the summer as well as a world competition. Movies in the Park is happening, HRPP wants to host a movie, as well as PTO. City will host the last Movies in the Park

4. City Update

- Broken ground on Wastewater project. Will be slip lining sewer lines this summer, project to be done by next June. Zimmerman asks if Port will be taking off Juneteenth, GM replies Commission hasn't voted and have holidays set. This is the first year it will be recognized by the State and federally. Wood asks about events in the Park due to having alcohol permits being brought to the City. GM replies that noise ordinance comes from Port, businesses need

OLCC permits. People can't have event in the Park without having a permit from the Port. Would be best to coordinate with City to check in with the other party to have everyone aware of what is happening. Wood brings up that Forest Lane is not built for the big trucks at 105,000 lbs going 40 mph. She has brought it up to the City but City doesn't have the budget. Zimmerman says they are working with ODOT to move the Weigh Station sign to the west side. Wood suggests to slowing the speed limit on Forest Lane to 25 mph.

5. Adjournment.

VP Lorang motions to adjourn

Brenda Wood seconds

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