



## Harrisburg City Council Work Session Minutes October 28, 2015

The Harrisburg City Council met for a Work Session on this date at City Hall, located at 120 Smith St., at the hour of 6:30pm. Council President Mike Caughey presided. Also present were as follows:

- Kimberly Downey
- Robert Boese
- Sarah Puls
- Youth Advisor Devon Contreras
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/ACA Michele Eldridge
- City Attorney Jim Brewer

Absent this evening were Mayor Robert Duncan, and John Loshbaugh. (Councilor Don Shipley had tendered his resignation to the City Council as of yesterday.)

The matter of holding An Executive Session under 192.660 (1) (2) (b)

**The City Council entered into an Executive Session at the hour of 6:32 pm, and at 8:01 pm, exited the Executive Session, and returned to general session.**

**Other:**

- Devon Contreras was introduced to the City Council. He is the new Youth Advisor to the City Council. He is currently a junior at Harrisburg High School.
- Council members and staff introduced themselves as well.

Boat Ramp and Connect Oregon Grant

- Latta said that he had just received notice from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), that they are willing to budget \$120,000 in their next fiscal year, helping us to provide the match for our boat ramp project. We came up with a cost of about \$450,000 or so, and we had to be realistic without making it be too big. The match amount requirement will come to about \$135,000. He asked OSMB if they were willing to support us, but they also wanted to make sure that we are participating in the match requirement. He told them that the City will provide \$15,000, if OSMB gave us \$120,000, and the grant

request would be for \$345,000 or so. They met last week; they are at the end of their fiscal year, and are still in the budgetary process. They unanimously voted to approve that request, so \$120,000 has been pledged from them. On the other front, he is tackling the boat ramp permit requirements, so the other challenge is being approved by the Department of State Lands, (DSL), and the Army Corp of Engineers. DSL told us that we are doing an exempt activity, and the Army Corp of Engineers, say that we have to submit a fill removal permit, and then we will tell you. He wrote a letter through Peter DeFazio and Senator Merkley's offices, and specifically reviewed the Clean Water Act. He stated that he felt that through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, that we were exempt from the permitting requirements. They agreed with his Section 404 analysis which was impressive, but they don't agree about his analysis of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899. They said that if we are doing something in the water, we need a permit. He thinks we will get awarded this grant, because there are not many marine options for the commission to look at, and since he has gotten OSMB to join us, then it should have lots of merit.

- Puls asked then if we have to get a permit.
- Latta told her we do. We probably have to remove the first 150' of the gravel bar, which is around 9000 cubic yards of rock. We aren't removing the rest of the gravel bar. Then we'll also put in floating docks, which will affix to the boat ramp itself. That's a bigger project, and we will have to be obtaining a permit for that.
- Caughey asked if we could sell the rock.
- Latta thought we could.

**At the hour of 8:17PM, with no further business, the City Council Work Session Adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Recorder