

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
SISTERS CITY COUNCIL  
520 E. CASCADE AVE., 9:00 A.M.  
JUNE 21, 2007

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Brad Boyd                    Mayor  
Bill Merrill                Council President  
Lon Kellstrom             Councilor  
Sharlene Weed            Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eileen Stein                City Manager  
Kathy Nelson              City Recorder

**ABSENT:**

Brad Boyd

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Council President Merrill.

1. Preview June 28, 2007 Regular Meeting Agenda

**Manager Stein** provided an overview of the workshop and regular meeting scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that at the workshop the Council will be given the most recent information regarding the affordable housing agreement with McKenzie Meadows Village and its proposed annexation into the City. **Councilor Weed** asked why the workshop was taking place now and not taking place after the final product was completed. **Manager Stein** stated that although additional refinement to the documents will likely take place the workshop will allow the Council to become familiar with the agreement prior to final adoption.

**Council President Merrill** asked why the subject property needs to be annexed into the City and if it can stay outside the City. **Manager Stein** stated that once the property is annexed into the City a developer can immediately request a zone change. She added that the annexation is at the Council discretion and it may legally refuse to consent to the annexation.

**Manager Stein** stated the Public Works and Planning staff reports will take place at the regular meeting. **Councilor Kellstrom** requested that the reports are not rehashed by the directors and stated that highlights of the reports are not necessary. He stated that councilors can address any specific questions they have regarding the report to the directors.

2. City Manager Update

**Manager Stein** reminded the Council of the upcoming July 5<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting with the County Commissioners. She stated a quarterly review of Council goals will also take place at the meeting. She stated that the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce had requested meeting quarterly with the Council and some of their board members would also be in attendance at the meeting.

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**Councilor Weed** suggested that meeting yearly with just the Chamber of Commerce might be a better plan as the City's business with the Commissioner's might not be pertinent to the Chamber of Commerce. **Council President Merrill** suggested the Chamber of Commerce prepare a list of questions and concerns to be distributed prior to meeting with the Council in order to facilitate productivity. **Manager Stein** stated she will discuss these issues and a more appropriate time to meet with the Chamber of Commerce with Executive Director Cheryl Mills.

**Manager Stein** stated she was planning on having Deschutes County Forester Joe Stutler discuss the upcoming fire season with the Council and Commissioners and asked if there were other topics for discussion the Council would like to address when the Commissioners come for their quarterly meeting.

**Councilor Bell** asked about Measure 37 claims. **Manager Stein** stated that Measure 37 claims are currently in limbo corrective legislation at the state level.

**Councilor Weed** stated she would like to discuss SB 30 impacts and how the County can help Sisters mitigate those impacts. She stated she had discussed the traffic impacts that destination resorts in the region could have on Sisters with Commissioner Baney, and that Commissioner Baney had indicated she would be willing to support and assist the City any way she can.

**Manager Stein** stated that is a good topic on several fronts. She stated the subject has been discussed at Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT) and that Sisters is not the only city raising concerns about the traffic impact created by destination resorts in neighboring counties. She stated it will be important to have the Commissioners backing the City on the subject.

**Council President Merrill** stated there is an additional concern with regard to the destination resorts with electrical power and Central Electric Cooperative's (CEC) ability to provide sufficient electricity for all its customers. **Councilor Kellstrom** stated that a destination resort could not proceed without certification from CEC stating there was sufficient power available on the grid for the development. **Councilor Weed** stated that issue was unclear as CEC will provide a "certificate to serve" that indicates they are willing to provide electricity but does not provide any certainty that there will be sufficient electricity. **Manager Stein** stated that in her conversation with Doug Ertner, the City's Account Manager for CEC, he indicated it takes a tremendous amount of time to procure the components needed for the new sub-stations, which is what is required for the large destinations resorts.

Manager Stein stated that the resorts will not receive power through the existing system. She stated that since the two resorts in question with SB 30 are still in the mapping stage she feels it is important for the City to stay engaged in the process. She suggested a letter requesting that Jefferson County place the City on notice of any meetings with regard to the two resorts and outlining some of the concerns facing the City with the development of the resorts. She added she feels that SB 30 is effectively dead in the House with only one week left in the session. **Council**

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**President Merrill** stated a good neighbor policy would dictate that Jefferson County keep the City informed on the resorts since they will have a significant impact on the City. **Councilor Kellstrom** requested that the letter also address some of the positive impacts the resorts could have on the City as well as the negative impacts. **Manager Stein** stated she will draft a letter for Council review.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Nelson, City Recorder

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William B. Merrill, Council President