



CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

TROUTDALE CITY HALL
104 SE KIBLING AVENUE
TROUTDALE, OR 97060-2099

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: Officer David Lilly

Mayor Kight

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 ACCEPT MINUTES: December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to comments on non-agenda items. *Remarks shall be limited to 5 minutes for each speaker unless a different time is allowed by the Mayor. The Mayor and Council should avoid immediate and protracted response to citizen comments.*

5. RESOLUTION: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce.

Craig Ward, City Manager

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jim Kight
Mayor Jim Kight

Dated: *January 3, 2012*

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City Council

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Norm Thomas

Glenn White

David Ripma

Rich Allen

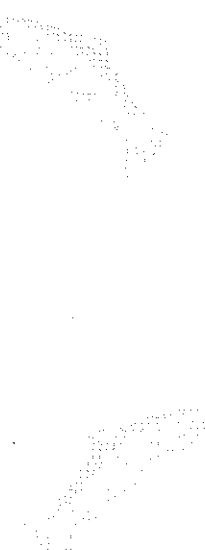
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MINUTES

**Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers
104 SE Kibling Avenue
Troutdale, OR 97060-2099**

DRAFT

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

Mayor Kight called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Kight, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Anderson, Councilor Thomas, Councilor White, and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: Councilor Allen (excused).

STAFF: Craig Ward, City Manager; David Ross, City Attorney; Charlie Warren, Public Works Director; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; and Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder.

GUESTS: See Attached List.

Mayor Kight asked do we have an agenda update?

Craig Ward replied there are no amendments to the agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2.1 MINUTES:** October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting, November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting, November 22, 2011 Regular Meeting and November 22, 2011 Work Session.
- 2.2 RESOLUTION:** A resolution establishing that the City of Troutdale Development Standards substantially comply with Title 13 of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan – Nature in Neighborhoods.
- 2.3 RESOLUTION:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Amendment #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Gresham for mediation services.
- 2.4 MOTION:** A motion to approve the Annual Performance Evaluation of the Troutdale City Attorney.
- 2.5 MOTION:** A motion to approve the Annual Performance Evaluation of the Troutdale Municipal Court Judge.
- 2.6 RESOLUTION:** A resolution recognizing the completion of the public improvements associated with the Beaver Creek Cottages subdivision and accepting those improvements into the City's fixed asset system.
- 2.7 RESOLUTION:** A resolution granting a specific exception to the Construction Standards for Public Works Facilities for the Toyo Tanso Parking Lot Expansion Project at 2575 NW Graham Circle.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anndy Wiselogle, Mediation Specialist for East Metro Mediation, stated I wanted to take a few minutes to explain our service. About half of the situations that we assist with are neighbor to neighbor problems such as property lines, noise, and things that pets or kids are doing. We also work on housing related issues such as home owner associations, manufactured home parks, or landlord/tenant situations. We also assist with business to business situations. There are also some group/organization issues. These are free services provided by the four Cities as well as State grant funding. I am the only staff member and the only reason we can provide service for 150-200 cases a year is because we have a great team of trained mediators who volunteer their services. In April we have a training for mediators and I'd welcome any Troutdale citizens to participate. I'd especially like to mention our services to elected officials because I know you get calls with complaints that are not enforcement issues, not against the law, and not something that the City Council would really have any decision making over but it's a problem for the person who is calling. Feel free to refer those to East Metro Mediation.

Mykilee Driver, Reynolds High School Senior, stated I'm here to observe tonight for my Economics class.

4. A proposal by the Citizens Advisory Committee for a city-sponsored community garden and a request for funding.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated this proposal was brought to you in May 2010 after the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had initiated the idea of setting up a community garden in Sunrise Park. The City Council essentially approved the idea. Then they began the preliminary work on it last year and have been continuing to refine this proposal since that time. They had hoped that they would have this up and running this past spring or summer. Unfortunately it's tied to the parking lot improvements being made at Sunrise Park which includes extending water service. They were unable to get it off the ground this year. Now that the project is nearing completion, it looks like this will be a go for next year. They're here this evening to pitch the idea one more time and get your final approval. A lot of items will be donated however there are still some materials that will need to be purchased. They would like to request some funding in order to launch this project.

Les Perry, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, stated when we came to you a year and a half ago we were looking at a rather expensive project. At that time it was about \$60 to \$100 to build each box with a total of 20 boxes. As we refined this we were able to get the wood donated by Home Depot, we'll use recycled paint from Metro which is being donated by a citizen, the hardware to put them together is being donated by a citizen, and the compost and gravel has a minimal cost. Right now the cost is about \$145 to build the initial 7 beds to start with and we figure it can hold 20 maximum. We thought we'd start with a small number and see what happens and as the need arises we'll build more. The shop woodworking class at Reynolds High School is going to build them for us. I won't be with CAC next year but I am available to transport the lumber from Home Depot to the School and to move the beds to the park when they are done. Once it's finished then we have the question of Garden Managers and Michael McRae and Adam Young have agreed to serve as the Managers. They will be working on behalf of the City but not for any benefits or compensation. They will represent the City overseeing and helping manage the gardens and helping people settle in. As people rent the beds, pay their fee, and come back with a receipt then Michael and Adam will get them settled into a bed. People will have to use their own tools. The question of vandalism came up

and there's nothing we can do about that. This is just on their honor and if it gets too bad then we'll make some corrections and adjustments as we go. What we're asking for is your consideration of about \$300 to get started. We'll need about \$145 to begin and if each bed rents for \$25 then that'll bring \$175 back into the City. Once those are rented and others want a bed then money will be there to build them as we need them. Should the need arise, I'd be happy to build them. It only takes about an hour to build one and I only live about 4 houses away from the park.

Councilor Daoust asked are they all 3x10 raised beds?

Les Perry replied yes.

Councilor Daoust asked would it be more prudent to build more beds at this time?

Les Perry replied if the money is available and we can do it then certainly. We can always go back to Home Depot and see if they would donate a little more lumber. The way I figured it, the cost is about \$50 per bed. For the first 7 it's \$20 per bed because there is so much being donated.

Councilor Daoust stated I'm just thinking for efficiency sake, rather than having to come back in the middle of summer when 3 more people want beds.

Les Perry replied I agree. I believe there will be a positive response.

Councilor Daoust stated I was on the Portland Parks and Recreation website today and they have 39 community gardens in Portland. The demand is high at least in Portland.

Les Perry stated our hope is that if we max this out at 20 beds with a demand for more, then an organization or individual with land available would step forward and keep this going.

Councilor Daoust stated I'm just feeling that 7 may not be enough. For efficiency sake we should just put them in now.

Rich Faith stated I checked in with Wood Village who has had a community garden for 4 or 5 years now. They started with 12 beds, theirs are larger at 10x10, and last year increased the number to 25 based on demand. Just for comparison sake, I think that tells you something. We don't have to replicate them but I think it's an indicator of the demand out there.

Councilor Daoust asked would it be \$600 to double the number to 14 or 15 beds or would it be more than that?

Les Perry replied I would think \$500-\$600 would be adequate.

Councilor Daoust stated depending on what the rest of the Council feels, that would be my recommendation.

Councilor White asked is the water being provided by the City?

Les Perry replied yes. We have no way of figuring out how much it will cost.

Rich Faith stated Wood Village has their community gardens metered so we asked them what their consumption was. I shared that with our Public Works Director and asked how much it would cost. He said it's not worth running the numbers because it's such a small amount, less than a single family home.

Councilor Thomas asked does this max out at about 20 beds?

Les Perry replied yes that's the space we have.

Councilor Thomas stated I agree with Councilor Daoust, 7 is not enough, I like 14 or 15. We talked about having an agreement with Michael and Adam for managing that. What happened with that?

Rich Faith replied we understand that we're going to need to do that. We haven't approached them on it yet. It would be similar in nature to our Caretaker at Glenn Otto Park where we have an agreement spelling out their roles and responsibilities.

Councilor Thomas asked will that be managed through the Parks Department?

Rich Faith replied yes I think so.

Councilor Ripma stated there's a request for \$300 and I endorse Councilor Daoust's idea of raising that to \$600 but I couldn't tell if there was a need to make a funds transfer. How are we authorizing this?

Craig Ward replied the figure here is fairly minimal and we can find it in the existing funds. I don't expect that a formal appropriation is necessary.

Mayor Kight asked is this exclusive to the people of Troutdale or could you live outside the City and be a participant?

Les Perry replied that question came up at our meeting last week and I don't know that we answered it specifically. I don't see any reason why others couldn't use it however I doubt that they will. I have a feeling that out of 15,000 people we can find 10 to 15 here in Troutdale. We could amend that to say only Troutdale residents.

Mayor Kight stated at least give the residents the first opportunity and then open it up.

Les Perry replied I agree. If we build them and they aren't all taken by the residents of Troutdale then someone should use them.

Mayor Kight stated I like the idea of doubling the number of beds but I think we ought to open it up to Troutdale residents first and then we can make a broader appeal if they don't respond.

Councilor Thomas stated I agree with you. I think it should be open to Troutdale residents first and if they don't rent by maybe the end of June, then open it up. Since it's supported by the taxpayers of Troutdale then Troutdale residents should have first exclusive rights.

MOTION: Councilor Daoust moved that we give \$600 towards the Community Garden such that they (the CAC) can build as many beds as they can with that

money and Troutdale residents will get first priority. Seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Councilor Ripma asked does the restriction to Troutdale residents first present any staff issues?

Rich Faith replied what we'll do is when we post this information on our website we'll mention that these are available to Troutdale residents first and if any are available after a set date then they are available to non-residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. A fundraiser proposal by the Northwest Steelheaders for renovation of the Sam Cox Building.

Art Israelson, NW Steelheaders, stated last summer we had a Ducky Derby but before that we were going to have a Wooden Fish Derby and made 1,700 wooden fish. In the process of applying for the gambling license from the Attorney General's Office, we were told they are handmade so someone would have an advantage. I weighed 10 out of 1,000 at that time and they weighed 2/100ths of a pound difference. Then they finally told us that we shouldn't use Western Red Cedar because it would pollute the water with its oils. We finally settled that issue. When we did our trial run we ran into a technical issue and that was when the fish were dumped into the water at one time they all clumped together and then there was an advantage or disadvantage. So at the last minute we discarded the fish and went to ducks. Now we have 1,700 wooden fish. I was trying to figure out something useful to do with these fish and I came up with the idea of making them into the same thing that they do with bricks for public service projects. How are we going to do this? People will purchase a wooden fish, their names will be engraved on it, and it will be mounted on the west wall in the great room of the building. The Steelheaders will provide all of the material and labor to engrave and mount the fish. They will also be responsible for any necessary maintenance of the fish. The initial goal would be to raise \$5,000 by selling 250 fish at \$20 each. The City would get \$15 of this and the Steelheaders would get \$5. The fish could be priced higher or lower but we felt that \$20 is considered to be a reasonable and appropriate cost. The Steelheaders will prepare an order form and it would be used to indicate the name or message to be engraved on the fish with 2 lines of 18 characters per line. The City would print the forms and collect them along with payment through the cashier and give a copy to the Steelheaders who will do the engraving and mounting of the fish. The Steelheaders share of the proceeds would be remitted to them monthly or quarterly. The fish will be mounted on an 11x6 painted board and attached to the west wall above the service windows. The City would publicize this fundraiser through the Troutdale Champion and its website. The Gresham Outlook has also agreed to carry this order form for us in next Saturday's edition if this is approved tonight. In addition a thermometer could be placed on the Cox Building wall showing that our goal is in progress. If agreeable, the Chamber of Commerce and Troutdale businesses could help promote the fundraiser by having a flyer and order forms on hand.

Councilor Thomas asked can we do this as a City because the monies are being split?

David Ross replied just so long as it's another non-profit agency and it's going to be used for charitable purposes.

Councilor Ripma stated it's a great idea and I support it. I wonder about the mechanics of it. Do we have a fund for renovating the Sam Cox Building right now that we could easily put the money in?

Rich Faith replied we created the Sam Cox Building Maintenance Fund which was specifically created about a year ago when we adjusted the fees for the rental of the Sam Cox Building. The revenue doesn't necessarily have to be from the rental of the building, it can also be from fundraisers.

Councilor Daoust asked is there any downfall to affixing the boards to the wall?

Craig Ward replied the only caveat that I would have is in regards to long term. Right now this is great and I don't see any problem with it but 5, 10, or 20 years from now these will still be hanging on the wall. When we go about maintaining that building then I think we need to preserve our property rights that once installed, we reserve the right to manage the building including the movement of or disposition of these once received by us.

Art Israelson stated movement of the fish wouldn't be difficult if you chose to move them and re-install them.

Mayor Kight replied I think Mr. Ward's comments are spot on in that we want to reserve the right as property owners to be able to do some remodeling or change the interior finish of the walls in the future and reserve the right to remove them.

Councilor Daoust asked would it be possible to put the fish directly on the wall without a light blue board? I think a light blue board would be visually distracting from that cedar paneling wall.

Art Israelson replied the fish will meld right into the wall and you won't be able to see them without the blue background.

Councilor White stated that might be the point so that they do blend in.

Art Israelson replied I think people want to see what they've purchased.

Councilor Daoust stated that's true as long as the boards are painted a color that goes with the room.

Mayor Kight stated I think that's very pragmatic. You don't want them to pop out at you when you enter the room. That room is used by people for weddings and family reunions.

Art Israelson stated originally I asked to have them on the surrounding walls and it was pointed out that this might not look really cool in someone's wedding pictures so we moved them to the west wall around the service area.

Councilor Thomas stated I think putting them there makes sense and the blue background sets them off.

Art Israelson stated blue is a neutral color. It's the color of the sky and water.

Councilor Ripma stated if we reserve the rights of the building as owners as Craig stated then ultimately we could take care of any aesthetic issues if they should come up.

MOTION: Councilor Thomas moved that we allow NW Steelheaders to fundraise their proposal. Seconded by Councilor Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

6. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS:

- A. West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce's invitation for the City of Troutdale to appoint a representative to fill an ex-officio position on the Chamber's Board.
- B. City's position on the creation of the Multnomah County Coordination Committee (MC3).

Councilor Anderson stated the ex-officio position on the Chamber Board is something that I've learned in my research that prior Councils have asked for. It's nice to see that the Chamber has finally extended the invitation. I have to speak from experience when I was the interim Executive Director of the Chamber a few years ago, the one elected official from Troutdale who would show up to the majority of the meetings was Mayor Kight. He knows everybody on the Board, knows the membership, and knows the organization.

NOMINATION: Councilor Anderson endorsed Mayor Kight for the ex-officio position on the Chamber Board.

Councilor Ripma asked do you want to do it?

Mayor Kight replied sure.

Councilor Ripma stated the request to the Chamber to have an ex-officio member of the Council serve on the Board must have been made when I wasn't on Council. I don't think it's a particularly good idea. We're all ex-officio members of the Chamber and can attend any of the meetings that we want. I was a little worried about some of the implication of having to support the Chamber in some way. If the Mayor is willing to do it and the rest of the Council is in favor of that then I would go along with it.

Councilor Thomas seconded the nomination.

The Council unanimously agreed with the nomination.

Mayor Kight stated in regards to the City's position on the creation of the Multnomah County Coordination Committee (MC3), I will say that East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) comes pretty close to what MC3 is organizational wise. The minutes from their November 7th meeting list 11 different agencies and 23 participants. Those that have a voting role are Multnomah County, Troutdale, Fairview, Gresham, Wood Village, and we've added the Port of Portland. If you compare it to MC3, the only thing missing is the City of Portland. It has been discussed that we focus primarily on transportation and that's true. However, I would think twice about disbanding this group and forming MC3 when essentially that's what we have. That doesn't mean we can't expand it. If we want to broaden the scope of subjects that are covered by this particular group, I think it would make more sense since we already have the framework in place. Either way, I wouldn't want to see EMCTC dissolve in order to have MC3. Portland has mentioned through a formal letter and an e-mail that at this time they don't want to participate in MC3 or EMCTC for that matter.

Councilor Anderson stated I'm intrigued by it. I'd like to see in writing more detail of what EMCTC does and what MC3 would do that EMCTC doesn't currently do and not necessarily whom is or is not there. My position on the creation of MC3 is that I don't have enough information.

Mayor Kight stated because there's been opposition on the part of other cities, primarily Gresham. They've acquiesced and said that MC3 members wouldn't have voting positions. That neutralizes the effect of having a committee if it doesn't come together in consensus to take a vote. However, in EMCTC there are votes taken on a regular basis.

Councilor Ripma stated I also don't think the idea of MC3 is going to work if Portland isn't going to participate. We're not going to have that unified position on things that Washington County has primarily because even the 4 Cities don't actually have the same position on many things that involved the spending of Metro funds. If Portland were there then they'd agree even less. Since they aren't participating I don't see the advantage or any point to pursuing MC3. In answer to Councilor Anderson's question of what is the difference, I think the proponents of MC3 need to answer your question. I don't think any of us could answer it because they have something in mind for the structure of MC3. EMCTC has been operating for many years. It is funded and run by Multnomah County essentially but the Cities participate. We all get a vote here and there's quite a fair exchange of funding proposals and they are rotated around year by year. I think it's worked quite well despite some grumbling from time to time when cities don't get what they want. I think we'll all work together better there where we have a vote than in a committee like this that is rather theoretical. Without Portland it probably wouldn't work. Without voting it requires consensus. I don't think the effort or staff time or whatever it would take to operate the committee would be worth it. If the proponents of MC3 want to answer your question then I would welcome hearing their answer and reconsidering.

Councilor Thomas stated the part that intrigued me about MC3 when I first heard about it was that it was a way for the 5 or 6 jurisdictions to come together and create some unity. One of the things that we seem to be lacking is that unity amongst the jurisdictions that the other Counties around us have. Somehow we have to find a way to do that. I hadn't considered what EMCTC is in the equation. Before I make a decision I need to look at if there are some modifications that can be made to EMCTC to fit that scenario. Portland isn't a part of that so it's really just East County. What I want to see is to try to get all of the 6 governments and the Portland of Portland and a couple other entities to find a way to work together to be able to stand up to Washington County and Clackamas County and get what we need taken care of out here and that is one of the things that isn't happening today. That's what intrigued me about the MC3 proposal. If we can somehow reconfigure EMCTC to do that then that would be a nice idea. We'd have a stronger representation of people on that committee but I'd like to be able to weigh both sides with a little more time to make a decision.

Councilor Daoust stated I agree with everything I've heard. Out of respect for Mayor Weatherby I thought we should talk about this again. I do think his proposal was good and a grand and worthy idea. I applaud him for pushing it which I think is a good thing to push because I agree with Councilor Thomas that we need something like that in East Multnomah County. I think Gresham's hesitation at first quite possibly could be overcome if the structure of the Committee was relooked at and refined to make Gresham more comfortable. We haven't gone that far yet so we don't know if Gresham would definitely shut the door on that or not if they felt more at ease with MC3. Portland's been pretty clear about what they think. At this point I don't want to

vote no. I would rather hear what Councilor Anderson brought up as to what the different is between the Committees that we already have and this broader Committee that we're talking about here with MC3. I think it's due diligence more than anything.

Councilor White stated I agree with that. I want to thank Mayor Weatherby for his courage to bring this forward and his goal of a stronger more unified representation is a worthy goal.

Mayor Kight stated I agree that it's very laudable. That doesn't preclude his participation and the Mayors from the other Cities from being on EMCTC. One issue that's come up was when the City of Portland made a proposal that required all cities if they expanded their Urban Growth Boundary to have 20 units per acre. The outlying Cities didn't feel that would work for their communities. They didn't want the higher density. Sometimes there is conflict between the direction that the City of Portland is going to go and the direction of the outlying communities. Sometimes we're in conflict but because of their size and political power they're able to get things like that passed. You might want to keep that in mind. It sounds like we need to get more information and do a comparison analysis of MC3 and EMCTC.

Councilor Anderson replied yes.

Craig Ward replied I understand that Joe Gall from the City of Fairview is going to be watching this evening because of this subject. I'm sure that Fairview has gotten a very clear request from the Council for the information that Councilor Anderson and others have brought up. I'm sure they will produce that for us.

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Craig Ward updated the Council on the following:

- There has been some communication with the Council about a Goal Setting Work Session. It was suggested that we contact the League of Oregon Cities, City Assistance Program. For \$100 an hour they provide services and have a lot of experience doing Goal Setting and Budget Meetings. Their estimated cost would be \$1,800. That assumes that there would be 2 sessions, the first a brainstorming session and the second for staff to respond to what was discussed at the first session and possibly provide some numbers to the proposals. There are other facilitators that are available but I haven't priced them. That is my recommendation and I'd be happy to take direction on whether or not to proceed. ***The Council wanted to proceed with the goal setting meetings without a facilitator and if after the first meeting they want one then they will ask for one.***
- In addition to an Executive Session following this meeting, we have a Budget Oversight Subcommittee meeting on the Police Facility tomorrow night.
- At the last discussion of a Facebook page you asked Councilor Anderson and I to meet and discuss it. We've met and I've done some follow up research. I'm prepared to create a Facebook page effective January 1st and my strong preference would be to establish some policies that would not provide for public comment on the page. Most of the policies that we've looked at from other jurisdictions and most of the concerns that have been raised have to do with the opportunity for saying inappropriate things or engaging in political debates. We can establish rules to accept public comments but I suspect the rules themselves will be problematic, enforcement could be difficult, and once you start accepting public comments then I think it would be very difficult to stop accepting them. We would have to archive all comments and there are a whole series of

responsibilities that comes with this. Setting up a page only costs us a little bit of staff time. With some very simple policies I think we can get it up and running without turning it into a major headache or liability for the City. That's what I plan to do unless I hear from a majority of you that you do not want me to pursue that approach. ***The Council agreed with the direction that Craig Ward wanted to pursue.***

- Last month you determined that you weren't planning a second Regular Council Meeting in December which would have been December 27th.
- City Hall and non-emergency functions will be closed for holidays on December 26th and January 2nd.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Daoust stated last week Councilor White and myself attended the Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership (GGAPP) meeting in Gresham where they celebrated 5 years. They recognized Chief Ken Johnson for installing a prescription drug disposal box in the Fairview Police lobby, Sheaja Manzi for his work with youth at the Police Activities League Center, Principal Derek Garrison for being present and available every day at Dexter McCarty Middle School, Aurora Ayon for being a Latino Parent leader reaching out to teach other parents, and Kevin Berrara for his work with the 4 Cities Peer Court. We have some dedicated volunteers helping out in the Community in ways that government cannot. They're doing prevention work before drug abuse, poverty, gangs and the crime can begin. That's what this group is trying to get going in East County. In 2012 GGAPP is going to apply to a Drug Free Community Program to bring in \$500,000 to the Community to help keep teens off of drugs, reduce crime and prevent gang involvement. That funding can be provided only if people get involved. It was a very worthwhile meeting and we appreciated it a lot more afterward than we did going into it. If people want information on this they should contact Cathy Sherick with GGAPP.

Councilor Anderson stated I want to express my gratitude to you all for making this initial 11 months on the City Council an enjoyable experience. We've had some downs but we've also had some ups. I think 2012 is going to be a very good year for the City of Troutdale and it starts with the 7 people sitting here at this table and our staff.

Councilor Thomas stated I want to thank the Troutdale Lions for their community spaghetti feed that was held a couple of weeks ago. It was free of charge with the donation of food for the local food bank. There was nearly \$1,000 worth of door prizes donated for the event.

Mayor Kight stated service clubs are very important, particularly those that work with youth. I also attended the GGAPP seminar and I have to echo what Councilor Daoust stated. Probably the majority of the crime committed in our communities is the result of drugs, particularly violent crimes. Chief Kroger said by about mid April they had already had 15 murders in the City of Portland and clearly 75% of them were drug related. He said if he could magically get rid of drugs then crime would fall by 50% or more. Drugs have infected our community and it's not just our community or our country, but it's affected communities and cities all over the world. The Christmas Tree lighting went very well. We had a great turnout with around 150 people in attendance. People were actually turned away from some of the restaurants in downtown because they were at full capacity. The event was combined with the First Friday Art Walk and I think it was very successful. Frontier Communications provided hot chocolate. I want to recognize the work from Karen Schaaf and Marcia Chiaudano with the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce. The fire engine from Station 75 was there and brought Santa Claus

down along with the Troutdale Police Department. Thanks to Dave Salesky, Channel 2's Chief Meteorologist and Troutdale Resident, who was our MC. Reynolds High School did the music.

Councilor White stated I wanted to compliment the Chamber and local merchants on the decorations in the downtown. I think this is the best that Troutdale has looked for the Holiday Season. I wanted to thank whoever got the power up and running on the downtown light poles. We were told that it might not make it in time for Christmas.

Mayor Kight stated 7 light poles were out in the downtown as a result of a car accident that took out not only the electrical conduit but also the meter head. I know the City had communication with Tom Hansel at Multnomah County. I made a call on Monday to Tom to tell him about the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday and by golly the County was out there practically the next day to get started. When I drove through on Thursday night, holding my breath, they were all lit up. Thank you to Tom Hansel at Multnomah County.

The Mayor and Council wished everyone Happy Holidays.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Anderson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Allen.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Mayor Jim Kight

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Sarah Skroch, Deputy City Recorder

**Agenda Item #5 is
being pulled from the
Agenda.**