



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
July 9, 2013**

Mayor Kent Stuebaker called the special City Council meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on July 9, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 380 A Avenue.

Present: Mayor Stuebaker and Councilors Kehoe, Bowerman, Gustafson, O'Neill, Jordan, and Gudman

Staff Present: Tom Coffee, City Manager; Evan Boone, Deputy City Attorney; Anne-Marie Simpson, Deputy City Recorder; Joel Komarek, Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership Project Director; Dave Prock, Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership Project Deputy Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stuebaker led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

4.1 Consideration of Options Relating to Bids Received for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion – Work Order #206

Mayor Stuebaker indicated that the discussion topic was to determine whether or not all bids related to the Water Treatment Plant expansion should be rejected and Work Order #206 should be re-bid. A decision to do so would delay the project by a minimum of four weeks, as noted in the Council Report (p 1-6 of Council packet).

Councilor Jordan declared a potential conflict of interest because of her husband's affiliation with Jordan Ramis. Several of the contractors who might be discussed have been clients of the firm.

Councilor O'Neill reminded Staff that it was important to have a high awareness of the interests of ratepayers in the bid processes. They need to feel confident that the emphasis is on bringing the project in on time, with excellent quality, and at the very best price. **Mr. Komarek** indicated that this was paramount in the team's efforts. The scope and cost to bidders is recognized by everyone and the process is taken very seriously. By ensuring that all bidders are provided a level playing field, the most responsive and responsible bid is obtained, and that is best for the ratepayers.

Councilor Bowerman endorsed Councilor O'Neill's observations, reiterating the importance of clear communication going forward. The more qualified bidders who can submit good bids, the better it is for the City. An additional concern was a newspaper article posted on the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water project website on July 2, naming Slayden Construction Group as the Water Treatment Plant expansion contractor; however, the contract award vote was not scheduled until July 16. These kinds of notices need to be controlled properly. **Mr. Komarek** concurred. He was not aware of the content of this posting and indicated he would look into it.

Councilor Jordan provided background on a Council decision made during the City's sewer project to end the relationship with the original contractor and initiate a new process. This was done in response to changes in the marketplace and allowed the City to obtain a better price. The

current Project team is well qualified and experienced with contracting for major projects. Council should show faith that the team is working hard to do their best for the ratepayers.

Mayor Studebaker called for any motions. **Councilor Gudman moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gustafson seconded the motion.**

A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed, with Mayor Studebaker and Councilors Kehoe, Bowerman, Gustafson, O'Neill, Jordan, and Gudman voting 'aye'. (7-0)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
ON August 13, 2013

Kent Studebaker /s/
Kent Studebaker, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schneider /s/
Catherine Schneider, City Recorder