

Public Service Committee

Chairman Conn, Wright, McAteer-Margolis, Mortimer, Tramontozzi
Attending: Brodeur, Forbes, Infurna, Medeiros, Seaboyer, Boisselle
In attendance: Joan Bell,
Superintendent of Mount Hood
and Public Open Space and Park
Commissioner Mike Interbartolo

Public Service Committee called to order by Chairman Conn at 7:30 p.m. Alderman McAteer-Margolis motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Mortimer. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Mortimer motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Order No. 09-163, Requesting the Park Commission to appear before the Melrose Board of Aldermen to discuss the expansion of fields at Mount Hood. (A-4)

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to suspend the rules to hear from the representatives of the Park Commission, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Chairman Conn asks if they could give a sketch of their plan. Mr. Interbartolo says the Park Commission solicited proposals from professional engineers. They are looking to increase golf related activities and non-golf related activities so that Mount Hood can be used more as a park. There are no preconceived ideas. A Request for Proposals was submitted a couple of weeks ago; six proposals were received and they will be screened.

President Boisselle asks how many proposals will be selected of the six received. Mr. Interbartolo says three will be selected. President Boisselle asks if there is a time schedule between selection and the commencement of work. Mr. Interbartolo says it will take a couple of weeks to finalize the selection. Work will begin in mid-May and they hope it will be completed by the fall. President Boisselle asks what types of non-golf activities they are considering. Ms. Bell says passive recreation, hiking trails, bike paths, and soccer fields. President Boisselle says the newspaper mentioned repairing the ponds and Slayton Tower. Mr. Interbartolo says they are looking for ideas for capital improvements to Slayton Tower. They also need a parking facility up there. Ms. Bell says the overall plan is to make the park more family-friendly.

Alderman Brodeur asks if the consultant will give a list of options and a price tag for improvements. Mr. Interbartolo says yes; whatever goes up there will be expensive but he guarantees it won't be a repeat of the Big Dig.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis says she recalls the Park Commission worked to create a Master Plan and asks if it only included city fields. Ms. Bell says it didn't include Mount Hood. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if the consultant will look at the Master Plan. Mr. Interbartolo says the consultant will have access to all plans. The Master Plan is being overseen by the Park Commission as they have responsibility of all parks in the City.

Alderman Forbes asks if they will go with the lowest bidder. Mr. Interbartolo says no;

they'll measure the professional experience of the firms. The highest bid is \$70,000 and the lowest is \$18,000. Alderman Forbes asks if that's the fee for the design. Mr. Interbartolo says it's just for the Master Plan. The Park Commission currently has \$25,000 budgeted.

Alderman Medeiros says it has been suggested to her to put a wind turbine at Mount Hood. Mr. Interbartolo says the Park Commission funded an initial study which showed it wasn't feasible.

Alderman Boisselle asks if the professional engineers also be talking with the Conservation Commission; Mr. Interbartolo says yes.

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to place the matter on file, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Alderman Mortimer moves for concurrent action on orders 09-150, 09-151 and 09-152, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Order No. 09-150, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Richard P. Doucette, 49 Crescent Ave.
To: Conservation Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-151, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Joseph E. Nerden, 277 Grove Street
To: Conservation Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-152, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Steve Locke, 495 Swains Pond Ave.
To: Conservation Commission, Associate Member Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Alderman Mortimer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Public Service adjourns at 7:46 p.m.

Finance Committee

Chairman McAteer-Margolis,
Tramontozzi, Conn, Wright,
Mortimer
Attending: Brodeur, Forbes, Infurna,
Medeiros, Seaboyer, Boisselle

Finance Committee called to order by Chairman McAteer-Margolis at 7:47 p.m.

Order No. 09-141, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$32,450.00 From: A/C #29072-590000 - Cemetery, Sale of lots & Graves, Transfer Out To: various cemetery accounts as set forth herein

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 09-146, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Cathy Ann Gulino
To: Board of Assessors Term to expire on the last day of February, 2011

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 09-147, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Donald Dragt, 24 Bellevue Road, Stoneham
To: Board of Assessors Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Mortimer.

On discussion, Alderman Brodeur says he intends to vote against this at the full board meeting. He doesn't think it's good government or good practice to have the Assessor sit on the Board of Assessors.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Mortimer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Finance adjourns at 7:50 p.m.

There are no orders in the Legal and Legislative Matters Committee to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees