

**CITY OF UMATILLA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Trott called the special Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Cook, Recorder Gettmann and Finance Director Glover

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2010 Council and Planning Commission workshop as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: A liquor license application was submitted by Novedades Cruz for an “Off-Premises Sales” license. Councilor Stokoe moved to approve the application and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

BALLOT MEASURE: Manager Cook explained that the Transient Room Tax committee had met several times to discuss increasing the Transient Room Tax from \$1.00 per room per day to 7% per room per day. Discussion also included changing the expenditure designation to give the Council more control over how the Transient Room Tax revenue should be designated for expenditure. After some discussion, Councilor Roxbury moved to direct staff to proceed in preparation of a ballot measure to increase the Transient Room Tax to 7% per room per day and to prepare a ballot measure to change the expenditure designation of the Transient Room Tax. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by majority vote with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – no; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Trott adjourned the special Council meeting to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) for the City Manager’s review.

RECONVENE: The regular Council meeting was reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

With a favorable review, Councilor Fenton moved to end Manager Cook’s probationary period effective March 1, 2010 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Personnel Committee would make recommendations for any salary or benefits changes.

Manager Cook requested a time extension to meet the residency requirement for the position. He was still trying to sell his home in Athena and so far had not been successful. After some discussion, Councilor Roxbury moved to extend the residency requirement for an additional year. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion, the special Council meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder