

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 9, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Oregon Garden Resort, Trillium Room
895 Main Street
Silverton, OR 97381

PRESENT: Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano. Also present were John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, Gloria Roy as county counsel and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:01:20)

Ron Lierman – Vice-Chair, Silver Falls School District

- School district encompasses about 240 square miles;
- 13 schools, eight are rural kindergarten through eighth grade schools, two charter schools and a high school;
- Higher than average in reading and math;
- 82 percent graduation rate over four years, 93 percent over five years;
- Allow parents to move children across boundaries to attend schools;
- Allow children from Salem, Keizer and Stayton to attend Silverton schools;
- Average teacher experience level is 14 years;
- 99 percent of teachers are highly qualified;
- Partnership with Oregon Garden;
- Businesses in community are very supportive of local athletic teams;
- High level of parent volunteers; and
- Community effort to replace football field with artificial turf:
 - Fundraising effort not paid with tax money.

Stacy Palmer – Executive Director, Silverton Chamber of Commerce

- Partnership between SEDCOR, City of Silverton and Chamber of Commerce:
 - Working on a Business Retention and Expansion project; and

- Working with community volunteers to interview select businesses about their future business plans.
- Working on tourism initiatives with the Oregon Garden, Silver Spur and Silver Falls State Park:
 - Attract bike friendly tourists to the area; and
 - Group working on history identifying placards and signs throughout downtown.
- Tree lighting ceremony took place in Town Square park with more than 1,500 people in attendance;
- Silverton Chamber of Commerce is working with Travel Salem to help promote tourism; and
- Oregon Garden does a great job with communicating with the local businesses when a large event is being held.

Bill Miles – Chief, Silverton Fire District

- One of the community's oldest volunteer organizations;
- Established in 1883;
- Special purpose district governed by a five-member board;
- The current district is a result of a merger between the Silverton Fire Department, Silverton Rural Fire District and Scotts Mills Rural Fire District;
- Encompass 106 square miles;
- Five stations;
- Annual budget is \$2,000,000;
- 65 dedicated volunteers and seven paid staff;
- Last year, responded to 924 calls;
- Responded to 890 this year;
- Volunteers are the backbone to providing service to the community;
- Recruit volunteers year round;
- Respond to:
 - Structure fires;
 - Medical aid;
 - Car accidents;
 - Hazardous materials; and
 - Wildland fires.
- As of the first of December, Silverton Fire District made the last payment to the 1995 general obligation bond; and
- Last May, community supported the fire district with a new bond.

Randal Thomas - Chair, Oregon Garden Foundation Board

- Christmas in the Garden has a new attraction:
 - Ice skating rink which is located in the pavilion.
- Receiving a lot of regional media coverage:
 - Alaska Airlines Magazine and Auto Club Magazine has provided quite a bit of coverage.
- Live reindeer will be at the garden December 10-13, 2015;
- So far, 8,467 people have attended Christmas in the Garden:

- That is 2,729 more people that have attended than last year.
- The next big event will be the Quilt Show from January 22-24, 2016.

Mark Hunter – Development Director, Oregon Garden Foundation

- There are 35,000 plants in the garden;
- Last year, 125,000 visitors attended the garden;
- Membership has grown by 69 percent over the last year;
- 600 volunteers provide over 10,000 hours of service;
- 9,000 kids attend the education program throughout the year;
- Great wedding spot:
 - 55 couples held their wedding in the garden last year.
- Looking at a comprehensive strategic plan:
 - Looking at supporting the Oregon Garden in the future.
- Expanding into the Pettit property that includes an 18 acre lake; and
- Redesigning the education program to reach third and fourth grade children.

Ken Hector – Silverton City Council

- Appreciates the county’s outreach in the community;
- Served on City Council for 28 years; and
- Long history of cooperation and collaboration between the city and the county.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:46:30)

BUSINESS SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES

Adopt and establish a new classification, Community Services Program Coordinator, #161.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund in the amount of \$87,028.79 to DirecTV, LLC.

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund in the amount of \$31,913.89 to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan.

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund in the amount of \$24,092.70 to Keystone Resources, LLC.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

ACTION

(Video Time 00:47:44)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Adopt an administrative ordinance granting LA 15-002, regarding amendments to the Marion County Code, Title 16 (Urban Zone Code) – Joe Fennimore

Summary of Presentation:

- Purpose of revision is to reconcile the Zone Code with Ordinance #1357 regarding the keeping of chickens on land inside urban growth boundaries;
- The zone prohibits the keeping of poultry in residential zones;
- In Ordinance 1359, the county adopted standards that property owners must meet in order to keep hens on their property in residential zones;
- Ordinance 1357 became effective November 10, 2015 and now has codified at Chapter 6.15;
- The ordinance under consideration will amend the zone code to allow hens to be kept in residential zones if the standards in Chapter 6.15 are met; and
- The ordinance is prepared and notice of adoption was given on December 2, 2015 and is before the board for final adoption.

Board Discussion:

- Keeping of backyard chickens applies to properties that are zoned single family residential and urban growth boundaries;
- Most of those properties are in East Salem:
 - Will affect 12 lots in Silverton; and
 - 23 lots in Woodburn.
- Can have hens in a fully fenced backyard, have to keep the coop clean, allows six hens per property with the exception of Silverton and Woodburn which the total is three;
- Code Enforcement handles complaints with backyard chickens; and
- Kept Marion County ordinance consistent with city ordinances.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved that the chair to read the ordinance by title only twice. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Carlson read the ordinance by title only twice.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to adopt an administrative ordinance granting LA 15-002, regarding amendments to the Marion County Code, Title 16 (Urban Zone Code). Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.**


None.

Commissioner Carlson read the calendar.


Commissioner Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



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