



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final City Council

Mayor Dennis Weber
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Tom Hutchinson
Council Member Don Jensen
Council Member Chet Makinster
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink
Council Member Michael Wallin

Thursday, May 24, 2012

7:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The city council meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION/ FLAG SALUTE**

The invocation was pronounced by Pastor Bob Giles from Faith Family Christian Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Mayor Weber, Council Member Botero, Council Member Hutchinson, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Makinster, Mayor Pro Tem Melink and Council Member Wallin

Other staff present: City Manager Gregory, City Attorney McNamara, Deputy City Clerk Corral

Also present: David Campbell, Assistant City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Smith, Human Resources Manager; Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Deborah Johnson, LPD Captain; Daryl McDaniel, Fire Chief; Kurt Sacha, Finance Director; and John Brickey, Community Development Director.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made and passed, the reading of the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 10th, 2012, copies of which had been submitted to the Mayor and members of the City Council, was waived and the minutes were

approved as if read.

[MN 12-0150](#)

COUNCIL MINUTES, MAY 10, 2012

Attachments: [CNCL MIN 05102012 R](#)

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Weber stated that immediately following the Public Hearings, following discussion, the Ordinances in consideration will be voted on by the Council. The Board and Commission item will be automatically referred to staff, as it is not a necessary agenda item.

6. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

[12-2213](#)

PRESENTATION: RETAILERS DRAWING THE LINE AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING, YOUTH & FAMILY LINK

Rianna and Sarah, students from Cascade Middle School, recognized local participating stores who are working to draw the line between children and alcohol sales that encourage underage drinking. Efforts also include placing child and teen-related items far away from alcohol on the shelves. Participating stores include St. Helens Shopping Center, Hemlock Store, Short-Stop Store and Deli, Bakers Corner Store, Wal-Mart, and Walgreens. Walgreens representatives were available to accept their award, and stated they appreciated the hard work being done in prevention.

7. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Molly Beard, Longview citizen, spoke regarding a tree removal request. Her property is experiencing ongoing sewer and landscaping problems with an old maple tree, which falls on city property. Her request to the city was to please take the tree down. City Manager Gregory and Parks and Recreation Director Dave Campbell are both taking measures to resolve the issue.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[12-2206](#)

PUBLIC HEARING - LEASE OF UTILITY PROPERTY AT 1440 INDUSTRIAL WAY

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure
Continue effective financial management

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City has purchased the property at 1440 Industrial Way currently occupied by Old School Choppers, a motorcycle, parts, and accessories sales and repair facility in business more than 4 years at that location. The City purchased this property for expansion of the Utility Operations Center and staff recommends executing a lease allowing the tenant to remain on the property until Utility Operations' plans to utilize the property have been approved and the city council appropriates funds to incorporate the property

into the Utility Operations Center.

Staff and the current tenant recommend continuing with a month-to-month lease to provide flexibility to both parties. Based on appraised comparable lease rates, the tenant's current total lease payment of \$2,300 per month is appropriate for this property.

Under RCW 35.94.040, the City is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing declaring the property surplus to the City's current needs and authorizing leasing the property.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct the public hearing.

Attachments: [1440 Ind & Ops.pdf](#)

Jeff Cameron gave a presentation regarding the property in question at 1440 Industrial Way, which the city purchased for expansion of the Utility Operations Center. It currently houses the business Old School Choppers. The tenant wishes to remain at the property until the city has need of it, and the recommendation is to charge a monthly lease to the business tenant.

The public hearing was opened hearing at 7:18. There being no comments, either written or verbal, the public hearing was closed at 7:18pm.

RS 12 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - LEASE OF UTILITY PROPERTY AT 1440 INDUSTRIAL WAY

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure
Continue effective financial management

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City has purchased the property at 1440 Industrial Way currently occupied by Old School Choppers, a motorcycle, parts, and accessories sales and repair facility in business more than 4 years at that location. The City purchased this property for expansion of the Utility Operations Center and staff recommends executing a lease allowing the tenant to remain on the property until Utility Operations' plans to utilize the property have been approved and the city council appropriates funds to incorporate the property into the Utility Operations Center.

Staff and the current tenant recommend continuing with a month-to-month lease to provide flexibility to both parties. Based on appraised comparable lease rates, the tenant's current total lease payment of \$2,300 per month is appropriate for this property.

Under RCW 35.94.040, the City is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing declaring the property surplus to the City's current needs and authorizing leasing the property. A copy of the proposed lease is attached.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The recommended total lease payment is \$2,300 per month, which will be deposited 50% each into the Water and Sewer Utility funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025.

Attachments: [Resolution 2025 Surplus and Lease of 1440 Industrial Way.pdf](#)
 [Lease 1440 Industrial Way 05.2012.pdf](#)
 [1440 Ind & Ops.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Don Jensen, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, that this matter be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

12-2207**PUBLIC HEARING - SALE OF EXCESS SEWER UTILITY PROPERTY ON 48TH AVENUE AT OCEAN BEACH HIGHWAY****COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure
Continue effective financial management

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In 2009 the City purchased a vacant lot adjacent to the OB 3 sewer pump station located at 4802 Ocean Beach Hwy. This lot was utilized for pump station expansion and as a contractor staging area for the West Longview Sewer Diversion project. With the project nearing completion, an adjacent property owner approached the City with an offer to purchase the unused portion of this lot. The lot cannot be developed unless it is combined with adjacent property, and sale of this property will eliminate the need for City maintenance of the lot. Under RCW 35.94.040, the City is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the property surplus and authorizing its sale.

Staff has determined the value of the property to be in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000. In order to sell the excess property, a boundary line adjustment was necessary. The boundary line adjustment has been completed, the cost of which was paid by the prospective buyer.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In consideration that the prospective buyer already paid the cost of the boundary line adjustment, staff recommends setting the sale price at \$3,000, with the buyer paying all closing costs. Revenue from the sale will be deposited into the Sewer Construction Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct the public hearing.

Jeff Cameron gave a presentation regarding the property in question at 48th Avenue and Ocean Beach Hwy. An adjacent property owner approached the city asking to purchase the land not being used by the city.

The public hearing was opened at 7:21pm. There being no comments, either written

or verbal, the public hearing was closed at 7:21pm.

RS 12 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - SALE OF EXCESS SEWER UTILITY
PROPERTY ON 48TH AVENUE AT OCEAN BEACH HIGHWAY**

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure
Continue effective financial management

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In 2009 the City purchased a vacant lot adjacent to the OB 3 sewer pump station located at 4802 Ocean Beach Hwy. This lot was utilized for pump station expansion and as a contractor staging area for the West Longview Sewer Diversion project. With the project nearing completion, an adjacent property owner approached the City with an offer to purchase the unused portion of this lot. The lot cannot be developed unless it is combined with the adjacent property, and sale of this property will eliminate the need for City maintenance of the lot. Under RCW 35.94.040, the City is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the property surplus and authorizing its sale.

Staff has determined the value of the property to be in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000. In order to sell the excess property, a boundary line adjustment was necessary. The boundary line adjustment has been completed, the cost of which was paid by the prospective buyer. Resolution No. 2026 will declare the property surplus and authorize sale of the property.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In consideration that the prospective buyer already paid the cost of the boundary line adjustment, staff recommends setting the sale price at \$3,000, with the buyer paying all closing costs. Revenue from the sale will be deposited into the Sewer Construction Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion approving Resolution No. 2026.

Attachments: [Resolution 2026 Surplus and Sale of 48th Sewer Property.pdf](#)
[OB3 Sewer Property Sale Site.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Don Jensen, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, that this matter be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

9. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

PC 2012-1
5/24/12

**PROPOSAL TO ALLOW CHANGEABLE COPY ELECTRONIC SIGN IN
STOREFRONT WINDOWS IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCE DISTRICT**

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Preserve and enhance neighborhoods, Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) recommended proposed amendments to the Downtown Commerce (D-C) District that would allow changeable copy electronic signs in the D-C district. Under the proposed amendment, television, scrolling light and LED matrix displays are examples of the types of signs that would be allowed. These signs would be allowed only in the interior of first floor storefront windows.

At their April 4, 2012 regular meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the DAC recommendation. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission decided not to recommend the specific code amendment language. The Planning Commission felt more work needed to be done to ensure the proposed signs would be compatible with the Downtown district.

The DAC, at their May 14 meeting, concurred with the Planning Commission. However, the DAC requests that the City Council direct City staff to make it a priority to develop draft code amendments that would address the issue.

The proposed amendments would then be reviewed by the DAC and then the Planning Commission with a recommendation coming from both bodies.

The attached staff report contains the draft code amendments originally considered by the DAC and the Planning Commission. The "staff discussion" portion of the staff report gives some of the pros and cons of electronic changeable copy signs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to direct the City Manager to make it priority for City staff to work with the Downtown Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission to develop a recommendation on code amendments that would allow electronic changeable copy signs in the Downtown Commerce District.

Attachments: [PC 2012-1 Staff Rpt_changeable copy signs](#)

10. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**11. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS**[12-2198](#)**RESIDENTIAL WINDMILLS AND ALLOWED USAGE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

Submitted by: Ken Botero

Supported by: Don Jensen

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Preserve and Enhance Neighborhoods

Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

At the present time we have a citizen of Longview requesting a new provision in our residential allowable activities regulations. The present code for allowable activity, such as the windmill, is not currently mentioned in our zoning information. The request is to have the Longview Planning Commission work within their responsibility to investigate this request, along with all necessary requirements.

I have only had a conversation with one individual concerning this issue and at this point cannot respond with a positive report that more citizens would like to update this item .

Having some history with this issue I do understand the concern and feel that with the proper input from the planning commission a positive solution can be reached.

An example: This particular situation is for the irrigation of agricultural produce, in the form of an orchard. This use is not meant for water consumption for any public event. The location is located on three acres of land, which is bordered by a slough and a residential avenue and creates no specific problems for the neighbors. We, as a council, could recommend that our planning commission consider changing our current use permit to include windmills for irrigation, with a set height of not more than thirty (30) feet. We may also ask the planning commission to set the site limit to possibly two (2) or three (3) acres. I am sure that there are other specifics that should be considered when proposing a positive solution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to refer the matter of updating our residential compliance code, in the matter of allowing windmill erection within the Longview City limits, to agricultural use, land requirements, and height requirements.

Attachments: [Signed agenda sheet - Windmills](#)

A Longview resident approached council members regarding use of a residential windmill for irrigation of an orchard. Councilmember Botero said this idea is consistent with efforts in going green and will benefit the community, providing it follows all the recommendations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Botero to refer the matter of updating Longview's residential compliance code in the matter of allowing windmill erection within city limits, and was seconded by Councilmember Makinster.

Councilmember Melink asked if the code changes would be limited to agricultural uses only, or should the recommendation include all types of windmills to be considered? Council members Hutchinson, Makinster and Wallin all stated it would be beneficial to include all types of windmill function for consideration.

Councilmember Wallin moved to amend the motion by striking "to agricultural use" and adding "to the planning commission" at the end, which was

seconded by Councilmember Makinster. The motion passed as amended and carried unanimously.

12-2205

APPOINTMENT OF PHIL LOVINGFOSS TO THE BIG IDEA COUNTY TOURISM BOARD

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The interlocal agreement for The Big Idea provides for the City to appoint members to the Cowlitz County Tourism Board of Directors. This Board will review and select projects working collaboratively with other members from all the cities in the County, Cowlitz County, and county stakeholders. Phil Lovingfoss has been contacted and is willing to serve on the County Tourism Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to appoint Phil Lovingfoss to the Big Idea County Tourism Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Ken Botero, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, that this matter be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

12-2212

LETTERS OF REQUEST FOR COMPREHENSIVE CONSIDERATION OF LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF COAL EXPORT TERMINALS PENDING IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON

Initiated by: Mary Jane Melink

Supported by: Tom Hutchinson

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality and environmental infrastructure

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

1. Currently there are six coal export terminal proposals pending in the Washington and Oregon slated to export approximately 157 million tons of coal annually. Each proposal is being evaluated and permitted individually without comprehensive consideration of the cumulative benefits and/or impacts all the pending proposals Washington State and our individual communities.
2. Moving 157 million tons of coal from the coal fields of Montana and Wyoming through the Columbia River Gorge for shipment will have economic, community, environmental and transportation benefits and impacts to Washington and more specifically Cowlitz County and

Longview.

3. We as an individual community and as a part of the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest understand the potential economic benefits of locating a coal export facility in our community; however, we believe that we need to understand **all** the impacts and risk (positive and negative) associated with this proposal.
4. The impacts from the transport of coal through Washington and its communities could be significant. Areas of concern that merit a study, at a minimum include:
 - Increased vessel traffic on the Columbia River, including navigational and maritime safety concerns (*the proposals could result in a 70% increase in ship traffic in the Columbia River*)
 - Protection of water quality, including increased risk of spills
 - Impacts to listed anadromous fish species
 - Coal dust emissions at the facilities and during product transport
 - Emissions of other air pollutants, including diesel particulate, ozone, mercury and greenhouse gases and
 - Increased rail traffic noise, and delay times for communities along the proposed rail lines, including emergency vehicles at rail crossings.

It is our opinion that the cumulative and long term benefits and impacts of the operation of these facilities should be evaluated, studied and considered to as a part of the decision making process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Send a letter to our federal regulatory agencies respectfully requesting that a comprehensive environmental impact statement that considers all of proposed coal export terminals be developed under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act. The regulatory agencies will include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior and Environmental Protection Agency.
- Send a letter to Governor Chris Gregoire and our elected officials respectfully asking them to submit a letter to the appropriate regulatory agencies requesting that a comprehensive environmental impact statement be developed under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act. The regulatory agencies will include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior and Environmental Protection Agency.

Attachments: [Sample Letter to Agencies](#)
 [Letter Request to Join Longview](#)
 [Coal - Gov Kitzhaber's ltr April 25 2012](#)

Councilmember Melink gave a brief review of the letters in consideration, which request a comprehensive environmental impact statement from appropriate state and federal agencies and elected officials.

Councilmember Melink made a motion to approve the letters as submitted, and was seconded by Councilmember Hutchinson. Councilmember Botero felt the letter appears to be essentially a photocopy of what Governor Kitzhaber had come up with, and is very concerned about the negative health impacts of the coal terminals. He also expressed the importance of cleaning up the intended site first, which should take precedence above anything else, and should be included as a requirement in the letters. Cowlitz County ranks the lowest in poor health out of 39 Washington counties. This coal movement will only worsen health statistics if not handled correctly.

Councilmember Hutchinson agreed with Councilmember Botero's concerns, and is amenable to specifically include site cleanup and its impacts in the letters. Councilmember Makinster stated the cleanup process is already underway, and wants to consider potential negative effects of the letters and requested studies. He would like to know what possible cons are to sending the letters.

Councilmember Melink reminded council members of the letter sent to the Department of Ecology a year prior requesting that the Alcoa cleanup be a top priority, and felt they have been very responsive and good progress is being made. She believes the research is necessary to be fully cognizant of all the impacts, both locally and regionally.

Councilmember Wallin shared a letter he received from Ted Sprague, President of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council, who stated concerns about the "programmatic EIS" portion of the letters in question. The wording could potentially make future permitting very difficult for various projects, and could make Longview procedures look inconsistent. Councilmember Wallin wished for a future opportunity to wordsmith the letters, and felt all council members need to be on the same page before moving forward.

John Green, Longview resident, said farmers are particularly concerned about health and economic consequences the potentially 60+ coal trains traveling per day will have on Longview. He felt the requests in the letters are the right avenue to assess potentially harmful impacts.

Lenny Fisher, Longview resident, member of Occupy Longview, felt there is no limit to an overabundance of caution, and that maintaining good health should be the most important thing, and hoped the letter would be signed.

Dan Coffman, President of ILWU Local 21 Longview, is against the letter because Millennium has already completed a comprehensive EIS consistent with the requirements of NAPA and FEPA. He felt the programmatic EIS requested in the letter would hamstring local port entities.

Susan Schwartz, Longview resident, strongly supported the letter, and wants to know both economic and health impacts, particularly asthma risks.

Steve Chandler, Longview resident, is an oncology and hematology physician, and

supported the letter. He upholds the idea of patients rights, including 'do no harm' and 'provide education to the patients', and felt that Longview officials and residents do not have enough information to give 'informed consent' on the short and long term effects of the proposed coal industry.

Gail Kaiser, Longview resident, supported the letter, and felt a programmatic EIS covering all regions affected would provide substantially more information than an individual EIS.

Margaret Green, Longview resident, strongly supported the proposal, and felt the comprehensive review is a very sound approach. County resources are limited, but the broader review will allocate a larger pool of resources for the study.

Gary Lindstrom, Longview resident, shared potential impacts and statistics of coal trains traveling through Longview and the northwest regions. He urged the council to consider adopting the letter.

Les Anderson, Longview resident, doubted the positives of the coal industry will outweigh the negatives where health is concerned. Coal dust is very harmful to lungs, especially for asthma sufferers, and the heavy metals are harmful when they enter the blood system. He strongly supported the letter and research it requests in order to make an educated decision.

Robert Andrew, Longview citizen, worked 30 years for the Port of Longview. When traveling up to Alaska, he witnessed the effects of a coal facility, and described it as dirty, with ash covering the railroad tracks, and very contaminated. He stated the idea of "clean coal" does not really exist. He strongly encouraged the exploration and study of the effects coal will have.

Peter Bennett, Kelso resident, employee of Millennium, said Millennium is concerned as well and intent on doing the right thing. There are many regulations already in place and they are doing the best they can to meet them, and intend to do what is required. Millennium has gone on record in a letter with the Corps of Engineers stating that MBTL will provide information sufficient to develop an appropriately scoped cumulative analysis that can be adopted and incorporated for all projects. He asked that the letter not be approved, but that the council continue to work cooperatively with their efforts.

Katie Fry, Longview resident, felt it unethical not to consider the wide impacts this project could have. She spoke to the negative effects of coal dust, and potential consequences. She wants to keep Longview the beautiful city it is now, and supports the letter.

Council members Makinster, Botero, and Wallin all expressed concerns, especially regarding precedents that are potentially problematic and more wordsmithing is necessary before an approval by the council.

Councilmember Jensen moved to table the letters to a workshop at the council's earliest possible time to settle the differences and reword the letter, which was seconded by Councilmember Botero.

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Botero, that this Agenda Item be tabled to a future council meeting, following a workshop scheduled at the earliest convenience to settle differences and wordsmith the documents. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Weber, Council Member Botero, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Makinster and Council Member Wallin

Nays: 2 - Council Member Hutchinson and Mayor Pro Tem Melink

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no items the Council wished removed from the Consent Calendar, a motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.

[12-2199](#)

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

[12-2200](#)

LIABILITY CLAIMS/LAWSUITS

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

[12-2210](#)

PURCHASE EASEMENT FROM BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION (BPA) FOR HUDSON SEWER FORCEMAIN

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On May 12, 2011, the city council authorized hiring Gibbs & Olson to design replacement of four sewer pump stations and installation of a new forcemain to relieve sewer capacity issues along 32nd Ave. The new forcemain will be installed from the Hudson Pump Station near 32nd Ave. and Midland Ave., southerly and easterly along Consolidated Diking Improvement District No. 1 Ditches 2, 1, and 3. To avoid utility conflicts and costly concrete street replacement if the forcemain is constructed in Alder St. along Ditch 3, the forcemain is proposed to be located on BPA property. The City proposes to purchase a 20-foot wide sewer easement from BPA to provide for the forcemain.

A portion of the new forcemain alignment will be underneath the new Highlands Trail scheduled to be constructed this year. To facilitate construction of the trail and avoid removing and replacing part of the new trail, that section of the new forcemain needs to be constructed this summer, prior to construction of the trail. After obtaining an appraisal and negotiating with BPA, the value of the sewer easement has been set at \$76,500.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The cost to purchase the easement from BPA is \$76,500 plus closing costs, which will be paid by the Sewer Construction Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion approving purchase of the sewer easement from BPA.

Attachments: [BPA EASEMENT.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Don Jensen, seconded by Council Member Ken Botero, that this matter be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

12-2211

REVIEW PROJECT FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR HIGHLANDS TRAIL

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve transportation systems
Maintain quality of place

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Highlands Trail project has been advertised for bids. Based on the current project funding and estimated construction costs, bids are estimated to exceed the available funding by \$150,000. Due to federal bidding requirements, staff must reduce the scope of the project to match the available funding, or obtain additional funding appropriations from the city council. Staff will provide details of the project funding, construction estimate, and bidding restrictions during the city council meeting.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

This project is funded by federal Community Development Block Grants, a federal Transportation Enhancement grant, and a local Capital Projects Fund appropriation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Direction to staff regarding project funding.

Attachments: [Highlands Trail Presentation](#)

Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director, gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Botero asked what the importance was of completing the Archie Anderson parking lot project, ahead of other necessary projects. Jeff Cameron responded that ultimately all parking will be important, but Archie Anderson parking is largest and fits within the master plans for the park and trails.

Councilmember Hutchinson wondered how this may possibly impact other projects within the budget. Councilmember Jensen stated that the Highland residents have worked very hard to clean the neighborhoods up, and since the city council promised to build a trail along the dike, that it is our turn to follow through. Councilmember Melink said she supported Councilmember Jensen's statement, that this project has been in place since 2009, and enough time has passed. She would support all funding.

Mayor Weber asked if the proposed parking lot would interfere with the 3rd baseball field. Jeff Cameron said no, not to his recollection.

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Melink, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Mayor Weber, Council Member Botero, Council Member Hutchinson, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Makinster and Mayor Pro Tem Melink

Nayes: 1 - Council Member Wallin

14. **MISCELLANEOUS**

MN 12-0151 **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2012 AND APRIL 16, 2012 REGULAR
PARK BOARD MEETINGS**

Attachments: [March 19 2012 Park Board Minutes .pdf](#)
[April 16 2012 Park Board Minutes .pdf](#)

12-2203 **LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS**

Attachments: [LL Renewals](#)
[LL-State Liquor Store #13](#)
[LL-New app-Office](#)

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is June 14th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

*Sarah E. Corral
Deputy City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

**** EXECUTIVE SESSION: REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND SALE ****

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012 AT 7 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012 AT 7 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

**MAY 29, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M., JOINT WORKSHOP WITH KELSO
CITY COUNCIL, KELSO CITY HALL**

**JUNE 7, 2012, AT 6 P.M., CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN;
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

**JUNE 21, 2012: NO WORKSHOP – AWC ANNUAL
CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER**

JULY 5, 2012 – DATE AVAILABLE