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APPROVED BY TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

Date June 14, 2010

Recording Secretary J. Kerby

TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Lou Ogden; Councilors Chris Barhyte, Monique Beikman, Joelle Davis, Jay Harris, Donna Maddux, and Ed Truax; Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager; Brenda Braden, City Attorney; Doug Rux, Community Development Director; Mike McKillip, City Engineer; Don Hudson, Finance Director; Paul Hennon, Community Services Director; Brad King, Police Captain; Dan Boss, Operations Director; Carina Christensen, Assistant to the City Manager; Will Harper, Associate Planner; Dayna Johnson, Project Engineer; Eric Underwood, Development Coordinator; Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: None.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the work session to order at 6:11 p.m. and Council went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to discuss labor relations.

The work session recessed at 7:03 p.m. and reopened at 8:45 p.m.

B. PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS

1. High Speed Rail Update and Discussion

City Engineer Mike McKillip presented a PowerPoint and gave a presentation regarding high speed passenger rail in Oregon. City Engineer McKillip noted the PowerPoint information was put together by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) including presentations from Cascadia High Speed Rail, designed and produced by Randy Niederer and Brad Perkins, and Passenger Rail Solutions – Balanced Approach produced by Brock Nelson, Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad Western Region. Benchmarks were reviewed noting the major one is to reduce the amount of time to travel by rail from Eugene to Portland.

The two proposed rail lines and locations were displayed and discussion followed. Council expressed concerns such as the proposed route, congestion, and other associated issues that would affect the city. City Engineer McKillip suggested meeting with other local area elected officials would be beneficial for all to know exactly how this will end up. If high speed rail does end up happening and is proposed to pass through Tualatin, Tualatin needs to be prepared as much as possible.

Discussion continued and it was suggested starting some type of discussions if at all possible, before the open houses begin. Getting feedback from the community with as much information as is known at this point was also suggested and that something be put in the City's newsletter and on the website.

City Engineer McKillip said it was important to share this information and make sure we are prepared. He will continue to participate and attend the meetings, and suggested Councilor Maddux represent the Council on this issue.