

City Council Meeting on 05/21/18

(3:19:04): Councilor Niemann moves that the record be held open for an additional 14 days.

Councilor Low seconded the motion.

Jerry Jackson (3:23:09): I don't think that the motion should stay open, or stand, I'm gonna tell you right now I'm not going to vote for it because they met the criteria it's not fair to them. Every day that goes by is money (3:23:19): and, why should we have rules if we don't all live by them. So, they met the criteria, they spent the money to give us the reports we need, and I feel like it's not fair to them to leave the record open.

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Jerry Jackson (59:44): I'd just like to make one last comment. For those that don't know that Oregon has the toughest land use laws in the United States. And I do enforce those laws and I can tell you that there's no way that you're doing anything you're not supposed to do, and get away with it. I work with DEQ directly and I know that they don't mess around when it comes to groundwater and tanks in the ground and so I don't have a doubt. (1:00:17) In my mind when I vote for when the process has been done and I vote yes for it it's because you've done your work and to me, I can't tell you go do everything and I say no just because emotionally I may not want you to. That's not my job. (1:00:32) My job as a city councilor is to represent you, that you do everything you can, and it's I have to say that's good. You can go forward with that project in my mind because you've done everything you have to do. I know that there's no steps that you're going to miss in this process so, I have all the confidence in the world that when we go through this process, if you make it through all that criteria, OR's tough criteria, then that land will be safe.

Councilor Niemann (1:01:05): Would you be willing to wait for a DEQ ruling on the environmental report before moving forward?

Mr. Miller: No sir. No sir. We cannot wait that long. You know, we waited 6 months now, and you're asking us to wait longer. You know, the motive is to kill this project when you ask that, and when I hear that. And we all know it. Let's don't do it.

Councilor Niemann (1:01:32): You're talking about risk in terms of the Health and safety of residents that doesn't concern you?

Mr. Miller: We'll find that as we go through this process, DEQ will approve it. If DEQ doesn't approve it then we're not gonna do anything, right?...

Jerry Jackson (1:01:56): And Councilor Niemann I can just assure you that DEQ, they're not in the business of saying, 'stop,' they're in the business of saying, this is what has to be done. So they'll look at it and they'll say they won't say OK you're done. They'll say, this has got to be done, and that's what you have to do, you have to get that done. It's not our job to be DEQ.

Eric Niemann: I was just asking whether or not the applicant would be willing to do so.

Jerry Jackson: Yeah, and I heard his answer.

Eric Niemann (1:44:49): "I would add that I think the planning commission should continue to look at ways to amend the municipal code beyond just environmental issues in light of SB 1573 being in place, and our ability to manage the rate of development I think is an important aspect to look at, so I think this is a good start but I think the work needs to still continue in terms of looking at other ways, and I think the city attorney might have some good insight and that they/he could assist in that process."

Jerry Jackson (1:45:42): "I think the legislature's already told us what they want."