

City of Othello  
Council Workshop  
April 2, 2001

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Donald Derifield, and Kenneth Johnson. Absent were Everett Cole and Jeannie Ochoa. Also present were Curt Andrews and Debbie Kudrna, Department Heads; and Bill Shaw, City Administrator.

### SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna reviewed the Draft Resolution to surplus equipment. She noted all departments have items to be surplus and discussed several items listed. She asked that Council consider surplusing the spotlight. It was noted that staff had requested to surplus this several years ago, but there was some concern that the city should keep it. We currently charge a deposit and use fee and city staff has requested that it be sold, noting the time it takes to check it in and out and considering that it is very old. The City Clerk stated that Adams County Park and Recreation District #1 has requested to purchase the 3 gang mowers and parts and the Othello Housing Authority has requested to purchase the International dump truck. Consideration during the actual adoption of the resolution can be made for staff to sell the items in a commercially reasonable manner with preference of certain items to be given to governmental entities and non-profit organizations.

### SR 24 & 26 INTERTIE

City Planner, Curt Andrews briefed the Council of citizen comments and the Planning Commission's recommendations from the recent public hearing regarding SR 24 and SR 26 Intertie. The public input included:

1. They want more public process with joint planning and community input
2. There is a need to plan for the long term, but build needed improvements in the near term.
3. Build a center turn lane in SR 24 soon.
4. Plan to replace the Broadway/SR 26 overpass and have this as priority on an overpass at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
5. Connect 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SR 26 but do not make 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue a major entrance into the city.
6. Keep the good elements of both plans and avoid the negative elements in each.
7. Work on a design to facilitate traffic on 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway through Main Street.

The Planning Commission recommendations are:

1. Create a joint planning body, as agreed in the joint Task Forces' "Foundation for Planning" document.
2. Propose to the State a list of "minor" improvements that need to be in their six year street plan:
  - a) Center turn lane in SR 24 at SR 26 intertie.
  - b) Walkpath under SR 26 behind columns.
  - c) Wider radiiuses at SR 26 and 1<sup>st</sup>/SR 24.
3. A citizens group, led by Maxine Taylor will evaluate the SR 24/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and

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- Broadway/ SR 26 bridge options.
4. Develop details on a SR 26/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection that will discourage all but school traffic north on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and at the same time encourage SR 24/SR26 traffic to avoid 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection.
  5. Enforce the SR 24 access standards and provide a center left turn lane from Broadway to Bench Road.

Mr. Andrews noted that a letter has been sent to the Adams County Planning Department requesting that a neutral, County/City committee be selected to make continued, joint planning decisions. He asked for Council comments and noted that there will be some funding spent for future planning efforts.

Council member Lyon noted that it important to continue to include citizen input in order to have a broad base of ideas and to take as much time needed to go through the process.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

City Administrator, Bill Shaw stated that the city engineers have provided preliminary plans for the Lee Road project. They are still discussing how to coordinate the project with harvest traffic.

Mr. Shaw reported that the J R Simplot Company is replacing approximately 3,000 feet of their wastewater line, which is within the city's right-of-way, prior to any excavation for the Lee Road project.

Mr. Shaw reported on the following items:

- that staff has met with the school district to discuss platting of their properties.
- McCain Foods is proceeding with their platting process.
- Well #3 will be pump tested the following day.
- Staff is working through the SEPA process for Well #8.
- He is starting to work on the sidewalk construction program for this year.

Mr. Shaw discussed the possibility of Council authorizing the use of Real Estate Funding for right-of-way improvements on vacant lots on S 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He suggested low-maintenance landscaping within the city's right-of-way. Council member Derifield voiced some concern of long-term maintenance and was concerned of the water shortage and the need to water certain landscaping.

Mr. Shaw announced that Burger King and Desert Deli have been given notice to make their improvements to the south ½ of Columbia Street. He did state that the discussions with Cenex on the realignment of Columbia Street has not been agreed upon. It was noted that staff still believes that the realignment would coincide with planning for a traffic light at the intersection.

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Citizen Larry Bray stated that he believed street lights needed to be placed on Main Street at 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues and on Scooteny Street off of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Mr. Shaw stated that a new traffic light system was budgeted for this year and staff is working on that bid package. Mr. Bray suggested that street names be hung on the street light bars.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the workshop at 7:57 p.m.

Debbie Kudrna, CMC  
City Clerk