

**February 14, 2018
Work Session
City of Gaston**

Present: Mayor Tony **Hall**, Jerry **Spaulding**, David **Meeker**, Don **Richter**, Bill **Martin** and Rod **Hale** and Jon **Wismer** arriving at 6:45pm.

Absent: None

Staff: City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette**, Public Works Director Brent **Whittaker**, City Clerk Sharon **Bregante-Candau**.

Mayor Tony **Hall** called this meeting to order at 6:20 PM. After a brief recess closing the work Session at 6:21PM. Mayor **Hall** reconvened the meeting at 6:30PM. Mayor **Hall** introduced Bob **Terry**, Washington County Commissioner, who is present to ask the Council for his endorsement to re-elect him in the upcoming election. Mayor **Hall** turned the meeting over to Commissioner **Terry** to discuss his views with Council.

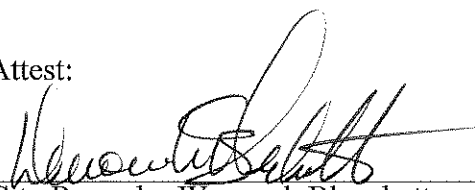
Commissioner **Terry** explained to the Council he used to own Fisher Farms and his reason for no longer operating the nursery in Gaston as it was based mostly on the recession and financial situation. Commissioner **Terry** also explained his personal background and intentions of continuing with his tenure as Washington County Commissioner. He has been very active with the County and ran the Budget Committee for Washington County and because of his impact, Washington County does not have a deficit with PERS. Discussion heard on Metro's expansion and interest to continue to expand into this area. He explained there is not a tax that Metro does not like. His position is to keep metro out of the suburban areas. He doesn't want to change much with Washington County, but to address congestion problems and the way Metro is expanding their urban growth boundary, much of the problems that face the inter-city will become part of the problem in the Gaston area if something isn't done about it. This is a reason why he is a big supporter of the Rails to Trails program and trail systems. Commissioner **Terry** further discussed with Council the increasing population in the Gaston area, limited parking, the new trail systems, and traffic concerns on Hwy 47. Commissioner **Terry** expressed his interest to installing a roundabout on Hwy 47 near Fernhill Road and explained that installed roundabouts on Hwy 47 were constructed too narrow and he's fought Oregon Department of Transportation for changing regulations requiring them be wider. It was one of his trucks that killed those two kids which called for the changes necessary for installing those roundabouts.

Mayor **Hall** called to wrap up the meeting asking Commissioner **Terry** to explain to Council his wanting the Council's endorsement. At this time Commissioner **Terry** passed out endorsement envelopes for all the City Council and asked if they would like to support him to fill it out and return in the mail, if not to let Mayor **Hall** know and get back with him as he needs to keep track of them.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor **Hall** asked for any further discussion, none heard. Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.



Mayor Tony Hall

Attest:


City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette