

5.4 Finance Director – No report.

5.5 Police Chief – Excused

5.6 City Attorney – No report.

6. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

6.1 None.

NOTE: SHARON DID NOT
KNOW WHAT SHE WAS TALKING
ABOUT

4. **VISITORS/PETITIONS**

4.1 Sharon Thornberry, Philomath, OR: Ms. Thornberry stated that she is a 27-year resident of Philomath and is also the Community Food Systems Manager for the Oregon Food Bank. She stated she was on the Board of Philomath Community Services for 5 years during the period when their current building was constructed and is a past president of the organization. She stated she is very concerned that the suggestion has been made by the current PCS leadership that the Gleaners group should obtain their own non-profit exemption status and begin paying rent for building space. (Supplemental Agenda Item #4.1) She requested that the Council consider requesting assurance from the PCS leadership that the Gleaners program will not be harmed before granting any social service allocation under Agenda Item #7.5. She described the importance of the Gleaners as a self-help organization. Councilor Buddingh questioned what the source of the issue is. Ms. Thornberry stated it seems to be a personnel or personality conflict. Councilor Sloan stated he was working on an electrical project there last winter and personally witnessed the benefit of the Gleaners program. Ms. Thornberry stated the Gleaners self-help program is unique to

Oregon and she is personally disturbed that they could be asked to leave the building. She stated there are very few others buildings across the state like the PCS program housing multiple assistance programs. She delivered a folder of letters to Mr. Kugler providing additional information about the Gleaners and requested that the Council review it.

7. **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

7.2 Allied Waste rate increase request – Ron Tacchini, Allied Waste Corvallis Division Operations Manager, and Kevin Hines, Allied Waste Albany Division Operations Manager: Mr. Tacchini reviewed the statistics for service in Philomath. He handed out the proforma statement of income and schedule of expenses for the 12 months ended December 31, 2011. (Supplemental Agenda Item #7.2A) Mr. Hines stated the projected percentage of revenue based on a September rate increase would be 6.3% for 2012 and 7.5% in 2013. There was discussion about the other municipalities that Allied Waste are proposing rate increases to, including Adair Village, Corvallis, Monroe, and Scio. Mr. Hines stated that they are also proposing use of a CPI index beginning in 2014 for rate adjustments. He stated that other industries have historically used such an index but the waste industry has been slow to incorporate that as a rate adjustment method.

Mr. Kugler noted that there are two separate issues to be considered: a 9% rate increase request and an automatic rate adjustment using an index. He stated that the use of an index is outside the scope of the present franchise agreement and has concerns about removing public input from the process. Mr. Fewel stated franchise agreements are a contract to be negotiated between the two parties, and he agreed with the City Manager that the use of a CPI beginning in 2014 is not a proposal that could be decided tonight. Mayor Schaudt encouraged