

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

DATE April 23, 2009

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Finance Division Director Gaylynn Brien; City Manager Justin Clary; Chief of Police Carrie Greene; Director of Finance & Administration/City Clerk Kay Kammer; City Attorney Chris Sundstrom; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Wertz Attended the parks funding workshop, briefing, study session regarding banking, keeping of poultry, Interchange funding and Vision Statement with the Port of Ridgefield regarding the waterfront, and the Sewer Coalition meeting

Mr. Wells Attended the parks funding workshop, study session, Port of Woodland meeting, briefing, Junction Association meeting, Sewer Coalition, and the Port of Ridgefield meeting

Mr. Swindell Attended briefing and the study session

Mr. Taylor Attended the parks funding workshop, Spring Clean Up day, Sewer Coalition, and briefing

Mayor: Attend the Little League opening day, parks funding workshop, study session, Centennial meeting, briefing, 4th of July meeting, Spring Clean Up, Overlook Park meeting, Sewer Coalition, met with John Peterson of Clark Regional Wastewater District, and worked with a volunteer to trim the hedge at Overlook Park

- a. Proclamation – Silver Star Shining for Sacrifice Honoring our Wounded and Ill

Mayor Onslow read the proclamation into the record

b. Appointment of Kent Anderson, Planning Commission Position No. 6, Expiring 12-31-2012

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kent Anderson to the Planning Commission

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive & Community Development:

Status update on the 2009 work program

Shoreline Master Program status update – legislature required cities to complete a Shoreline Master Program and the next biennium is Clark County's turn to complete the program. Working on forming an Interlocal Agreement with the County and other local jurisdictions

Interchange Replacement Project status update – working with Department of Transportation on utility easements and funding

Met with representatives wanting to create a Farmer's Market

Two homes permits were issued in April. Pacific Lifestyle Homes bankruptcy is final and they are now able to move forward on their project

Moonlight Meadows, the 60,000 square foot building is proceeding and a tenant is scheduled to move in within 45 days

Parks grant – application is for a segment of Gee Creek trail improvements and dog waste collection sites

Association of Washington Cities annual conference is coming up in June in Spokane. The conference is scheduled for the same week as a Council meeting

Finance & Administration:

Spring Clean Up day went well on Saturday and the volunteers who worked were thanked. The volunteers included Mayor Onslow and Sandy Schill, Council member Taylor, Don & Sherry Stose, David Standal and John Dragoo, Russ Roseberry, Tevis Laspa, Curtis Lefebvre, Ryan Greenwood and 2 cadets from Clark County Fire & Rescue

The clean up event served approximately 240 to 250 vehicles – down from 275 in 2008
Collected over 10,000 pounds of hazardous materials, over 7,200 electronic pieces and 250 pounds of Styrofoam. Have not yet received the totals from Waste Connection

Washington Cities Insurance Authority conducted their annual audit and no findings were recorded for 2009. Focus this year was Land Use and Planning. Kudos to Justin, and the Community Development Department

Ridgefield Art Association is hosting their annual show and exhibit on May 8th. Local artisans have opened the Alcove Art Gallery in the Rylander Building on Pioneer Street.

General Fund balance is \$150,000 with revenues at 63% of budget and expenditures on budget target at 98%

City received mitigation funds from Sales Tax Streamlining

General Fund ending fund balance is \$73,000

Property tax should be received in May

Utility funds balance is \$89,000 but does not include depreciation expense

Capital projects moving along

Recruiting now for the Budget Advisory committee

Public Works:

Water and Sewer utilities are tracking the same as historical usage

Parks/Cemetery – crews have been out maintaining the parks and cemetery

Will begin working with Battle Ground Court work crew program later this summer

United Natural Foods, Inc. employees picked up garbage in support of Earth Day on Union Ridge Parkway and Pioneer Street

Operations crew painted the inside of Bennett Hall and the Lion's Club will paint the kitchen area

Looking for volunteers to paint the exterior

Sewer Coalition – the next Elected Official's meeting will be Friday, May 1st

S. 85th Ave – anticipate a mid May start date – S. 85th will be closed for approximately 3 months with detour on Union Ridge Parkway

Hillhurst Overlay project – will be out to bid in August

Public Safety:

Weekly work crew of approximately 8 would consist of low level offenders

Submitted grant with Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program – selection will be made in September

Jarred Morgan, our reserve officer is being deployed a second time to Iraq

Enforcement levels are at normal rates

Car prowls – encourage everyone to lock doors and remove valuables

Department is within budget authority

Signed up on Twitter to enhance information for our citizens

Hillhurst property owner has been notified about graffiti

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ed Barnes, non-resident

Presented Resolution to council in support the President on the Spending of Federal Economic Renewal grants

Stimulus money will provide for job creation

Encouraged everyone to shop locally

Clark County voted unanimously to adopt the proposed resolution and added to shop locally to their resolution

Wal-Mart vs. America information presented

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2009
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of

3. Acceptance of a \$500.00 donation from the Ridgefield Garden Club to replace the digger playground equipment in Davis Park

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve the consent agenda

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

1. Motion – Award of Primary Banking Services

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to award the primary banking services contract to Umpqua Bank

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

Council member Taylor disclosed that his family trust has an account with Umpqua Bank is well capitalized with high liquidity
Umpqua has 5 local branches

Council member Wells disclosed that his accounts were at Bank of Clark County and were absorbed by Umpqua bank

Asked audience if anyone had concerns about votes to step forward – no concerns voiced

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Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

2. Motion – Joint Statement between the City of Ridgefield and Port of Ridgefield pertaining to the vision of the Ridgefield waterfront

Development Agreement discussion
Higher level Joint Position statement proposed
Port unanimously voted to approve statement

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve the Joint Vision of the City of Ridgefield and Port of Ridgefield for the Development of the Ridgefield Waterfront

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

Discussion: even with vision statement there is more work to do

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<u>Vote</u> :	5-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

3. Motion – Agreement between the City of Ridgefield and Washington State Department of Transportation pertaining to funding of the I-5/SR 501 Interchange Replacement Project

Working with WSDOT to craft an agreement

City Manager received agreement after 4:00 PM today and not comfortable with moving forward without additional review

Staff is in the process of discussing with USDA Rural for a low interest loan

Revenues from TBD could be used to pay debt service

Concerns on agreement include funding uses

Deadline for agreement is May 15th

Randy Mueller, Port of Ridgefield

Port would consider an agreement as we don't want to miss opportunity for Interchange

Directive: Table until the May 14, 2009 meeting to allow time to review the agreement

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to remove Ordinance No. 1021 from the table

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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<u>Vote</u> :	4-1
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No:	Council member Matt Swindell
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Passed.

4. Ordinance No. 1021

Port of Ridgefield Annexation of the property known as the North Pole Yard

No changes from previous proposed ordinance

A legal description was provided but need a survey to reconcile all deeds

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MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1021 with the stipulation of a completion of a survey of record

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

Discussion: access and ADA requirements
Port is moving forward on waterfront planning

Randy Mueller, Port of Ridgefield

Port of Ridgefield is working to locate a Visitor's Center

Department of Interior did not include the Ridgefield project on the approved list

United States Fish & Wildlife can apply again for funding for a Visitor's Center

The Port has been working on this annexation for 14 months

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Vote:

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Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and
Darren Wertz

No:

Council member Matt Swindell

Abstained:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Roy Garrison, non-resident

Thanked council members for serving on council

Need to work on Interchange project

The interchange project is the most important issue to accomplish

Will create jobs and economic development for Ridgefield and the county

Impressed with parliamentary procedures adhered to at the meeting

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor