

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

DATE May 14, 2009

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: Council member David Taylor.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to excuse David Taylor from tonight's meeting

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

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Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add: Executive Report following Mayor/Council reports

Add: Discussion regarding Community Gardens under Business

PRESENTATION

1. 2009 Washington State Legislative Session Wrap-up
Mark Brown, Governmental Affairs Consultant, Connections Public Affairs

Congratulations were given to Ridgefield for this legislative session

Efforts to meet with legislators paid off for Ridgefield projects and with obtaining new money

Tax Increment Financing bill passed and will be effective 90 days after the end of the legislative session

Ridgefield is well positioned to benefit from the Tax Increment Financing bill

State participation availability: \$500,000 for 25 years for infrastructure projects however, there is significant criteria for the projects

Major annexation procedures reform passed

Able to protect Sales Tax Streamlining mitigation funding
Urban vitality grant funds available for mass transit, supporting residential density in proximity to employment opportunities, and improving the safety and appeal of walking and biking in communities
Small Works roster bid limits were increased
Flexibility for use of certain taxes
Not aware of any unfunded mandates or preemption of policy during this session
Did not get Ridgefield's bill passed regarding reform of Transportation Benefit District legislation, fixing the street utility legislation, or the creation of a funding source regarding stormwater regulations

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Swindell	Attended council briefing
Mr. Wells	Attended a meeting with the City Manager and Public Works Director regarding sewer issues, the Sewer Coalition meeting, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) meeting, and met with a developer and their representatives regarding development incentives
Mr. Wertz	Attended council briefing and the Sewer Coalition meeting
Mayor:	Attended the Business Association meeting, a Clark County work session, briefing, Sewer Coalition meeting, Overlook Park meeting, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting, Mayor's monthly meeting, North County Leadership Group meeting, briefing, WSDOT meeting, met with Cascadia regarding cell reception, met with a developer and representatives regarding development incentives, and met with Kendra Pearce regarding Community Gardens

Executive:

Recognition of Mayor Onslow who has received his first Certified Municipal Leadership award

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Claims/payroll in the amount of \$354,175.39

Claims: 12006 through 12065 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$137,682.46 and ACH Payment for Combined B&O Excise Tax return in the amount of \$7,007.41

Payroll: Direct Deposit for payroll (04/30/2009) in the amount of \$106,964.91, 11998 through 12005 for payroll benefits in the amount of \$36,949.56, EFTPS for taxes in the amount of \$38,472.47 and ACH for benefits in the amount of \$27,098.58

2. Approval of minutes from April 15, 2009
3. Approval of minutes from April 23, 2009
4. Acceptance of donations in support of the Centennial Celebration

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

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote: 4-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1031
First reading of Amendment to Ridgefield Municipal Code Chapter 7.04 – Animal Regulations

Proposed Ordinance allows five hens to be considered normal household pets and set back requirements from the street

Council discussion:

Great idea for families to raise chickens

Concerns regarding no set back separation from residential housing

Five foot set back from any residential house proposed

Concerns regarding what the chicken coops can look like with no regulations in place

Kendra Pearce, resident

Being able to educate people is critical

Roy Garrison, non- resident

Concerns on what are the provisions regarding nuisances

Celeste Gorman, resident

Reason for requesting approval is so that child can enter 4-H

Family project and learning experience

Teaching children to use proper procedures and channels

Dogs are not regulated with set backs

2. Resolution No. 368
Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Sale

Outdated water system parts, fire hydrants and a computer rack

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to adopt Resolution No. 368 as presented

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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Vote: 4-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None

Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

3. Motion – Approval of an Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation Pertaining to Funding of the I-5/SR 501 Interchange Replacement Project

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Secured \$10,000,000 from the American Reinvestment & Recover Act (aka: Economic Stimulus Package)
Allows for going to bid on Phase I of construction which includes replacing interchange, stormwater facility, and wetland mitigation

Working with WSDOT on a funding agreement regarding the current projected costs

Phase II will include the two roundabouts

Phase I project must be bid by June 22, 2009

Agreement must be reviewed, approved and back to Olympia by May 22, 2009

If agreement is not approved, the Interchange project will not move forward

Bart Gernhart, Deputy Regional Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation

If bids come in over the estimated amount, the City will be responsible for the excess amount

If bids come in under the estimated amount, the excess funds will be placed in reserves and the legislature will be able to decide what to do with the remaining funds

The City would have to apply for the additional funds in the next biennium

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation supporting funding of the I-5/SR501 Interchange Replacement Project as presented

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

4. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of La Center for Building Inspection Services

Coverage when employees may be out of the office

City of La Center approved the Interlocal agreement at their council meeting last night

First priority will be servicing our customers

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of La Center for sharing of Building Inspection and Plans Review Services

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote: 4-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

5. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between Clark County, the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver and Washougal, and the Town of Yacolt for a Cooperative Shorelines Master Program Update

Requirement for Clark County and cities within the county to complete Shoreline Master Plans Agreement will provide for continuity across the county and allow cost saving measures by combining efforts

City of Vancouver will be the lead agency and manage the funds and the project

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Clark County, the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver and Washougal, and the Town of Yacolt pertaining to a Shoreline Master Program Update

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote: 4-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Council member David Taylor

Motion unanimously passed.

6. Discussion regarding a community garden

Would like to get started before season ends

Concerns regarding costs and payment of system development charges

Mrs. Pearce's husband will perform a boundary survey for free on the 5th and Sargent lot

Will propose a variety of community gardens throughout the City

End of 1st Avenue is another proposed garden; adjacent property owner is willing to allow use of water from their property and will then ask users to reimburse

General Fund would have to pay the Water System Development Charge, the meter costs and provide for installation

Concerns regarding that all tax paying citizens are paying for what a few water customers will be able to enjoy

Roy Garrison, non-resident

Community Gardens are the wave of the future

County Commissioner thought there should be a community garden on acreage located on 78th Street
A program was designed and set up for 30 plots. County received 79 applications for the spots. Names pulled by draw from a hat

On behalf of the Junction Association wanted to thank the City Staff for participation and invited all to attend the annual meeting on Monday, May 18th, at the DollarTree facility with the doors opening at 6:30 pm

Kendra Pearce, resident

Thanked council for considering the concept of community gardens

Will change the community and believes in these types of projects

Key to success will be the planning of the program

Discussion:

Will help bring the community together

Common thread and will help them interact with each other

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor