

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

DATE June 11, 2009

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Council member Matt Swindell.

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 6:27 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to excuse Council member Swindell

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

[6:28:04 PM](#)

Vote:

4-0

Yes:

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

No:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Council member Matt Swindell

Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add: Executive Session regarding potential litigation

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Taylor: Attended the Sewer Coalition meeting, traveled to Olympia to tour a Regional Class A Treatment Plant, attended the Planning Commission meeting, Parks Board meeting, Port of Ridgefield meeting, Farmer's Market meeting, the Three Creeks Advisory Committee meeting and worked on obtaining the 4th of July fly over by the Air Force

Mr. Wells Attended the Community Garden meeting, and the Port meeting

Mr. Wertz Attended the 4th of July meetings, Parks Board meeting, and the Sewer Consortium meeting

Mayor: Attended the Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament, Olympia tour at the treatment plant, council briefing, met with Confluence Winery

regarding a fundraiser, attended the Parks Foundation luncheon, the C-TRAN Board meeting, the Identity Clark County Legislation update meeting, was appointed to the Economic Board for the Port of Ridgefield, attended the Port meeting, and the sewer meeting regarding forming a consortium

Ed Firstenburg will be the Grand Marshall for the 4th of July parade

- a. Appointment of Citizen-at-Large to the 2010 Budget Advisory Committee

Mayor Onslow appointed Jerry Bush as the Citizen-at-Large to the 2010 Budget Advisory Committee

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jerry Bush to the 2010 Budget Advisory Committee

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

[6:48:00 PM](#)

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

Motion unanimously passed.

- b. Selection of two council members to serve on the 2010 Budget Advisory Committee

Mayor Onslow appointed himself and Councilmember David Taylor to serve on the 2010 Budget Advisory Committee

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to confirm the selection of Mayor Onslow and Council member Taylor

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

[6:49:16 PM](#)

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

Motion unanimously passed.

Executive: Identity Clark County: attended the meeting regarding the legislative session and Tax Increment Financing has passed the legislature

Parks Foundation of Clark County: Ridgefield awarded a grant for trail improvements on Gee Creek

Vancouver Sign pre-application: Meeting was held yesterday for a 19,000 square foot commercial building in Union Ridge

Community Garden: draft program under review. 2009 Council work program included a Community Garden program due in July. Council direction needed on whether or not to refer the program to the Parks Board

Council discussion: Program should be vetted through the Parks Board; if garden is on park land the Parks Board should be involved

Directive: Dependent upon whether or not the garden would be on park land determines if Parks Board should be involved

Community Garden program to go through Council

I-5 Interchange project: Port is willing to accept soil from project

Working with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on haul routes, costs and times
Pavement conditions will likely deteriorate with the heavy, multiple loads and mitigation will be necessary

24 hour per day work may occur during construction

Budget status: Conservative revenues still not meeting projections

Retail sales tax tracking at 80% of projection

Construction continues to be slow – 5 single family residential permits have been issued year-to-date and a 60,000 square foot commercial permit has been issued

General Fund budget was cut \$800,000 from 2008

Department Heads met and removed Cost of living adjustment (COLA) for management staff, cut travel & training, revised all expenditures and reviewed revenues. Cuts of \$200,000 more were necessary

Laid off 3 staff members in the Community Development Department due to lack of revenues received and projection through year end

City will revert back to consultant based planning

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Melroy, resident, Port Commissioner

Port meetings will change to 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month

Don Griswald, resident

Wanted to voice support for Farmer's Market

Request Council to help facilitate effort in bringing a market to the city

Feels it adds vitality to the community and foot traffic for downtown

Denise Koopman, Country Financial, Farmer's Market Treasurer

Market has insurance in place; individual vendors will have their own insurance also

Thanked the City for interpretation of business license requirement that the Market is the business

Market will open July 11 and continue through October 3 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$319,594.13
#12124 through #12180 in the amount of \$319,090.67
Automatic payments of \$503.46
- 2. Approval of study session minutes from May 28, 2009
- 3. Approval of general session minutes from May 28, 2009

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

Council discussion: Regarding the minutes from May 28, 2009, Mr. Crist has commented that if the city can service the 25 acre parcel it should be added to the boundary of the Latecomer Agreement
Staff: additional parcels can be added at council’s direction

7:30:20 PM

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

Motion unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 1032
First reading of Amendment to Ridgefield Municipal Code Chapter 10.16 –Operation of vehicles in parks or on trails

Will not allow motorized vehicles in parks and on trails, except city maintenance vehicles, powered wheelchairs and emergency vehicles
Privately owned truck was parking on a trail and has since been removed
Needed regulations for conduct in parks and on trails
Parks Board reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance
- 2. Resolution No. 370
Approval of the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Hearing was conducted at the last meeting
Slight modification to more accurately reflect costs

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to approve Resolution No. 370 as presented

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

7:36:06 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	4-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Council member Matt Swindell

Motion unanimously passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Roy Garrison, non-resident

Like the update on the parks and trails ordinance however it does not address horses on the trails and needs to

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Onslow announced that Council would be entering Executive Session at [7:42:06 PM](#) regarding potential litigation for approximately 20 minutes and no action is anticipated

Attendees included the City Manager, Public Works Director and the City Attorney

Mayor Onslow reconvened the general meeting at [7:58:08 PM](#) and announced that no action would be taken

June 25th council meeting will be a teleconferenced meeting at 9:00 a.m. for the approval of claims/payroll. Council quorum will be in attendance at the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference

ADJOURN [7:58:32 PM](#)

Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor