

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

DATE July 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; Director of Finance & Administration/City Clerk Kay Kammer; City Attorney Chris Sundstrom; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

CALL TO ORDER [6:29:13 PM](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Wertz Attended the Sewer Coalition meeting, Columbia River Economic Development Council Board meeting, Ice Cream Social at Osprey Pointe, study session regarding Urban Reserve and the Community Garden Program and study session on 2010 Budget

Mr. Wells Attended the Sewer Coalition, briefing with the City Manager, Ice Cream Social, Ridgefield Junction Association meeting, Port of Ridgefield meeting, study session on Urban Reserve and Community Garden and session on the 2010 Budget

Mr. Swindell Attended the Sewer Coalition meeting, council briefing, study session regarding Urban Reserve and Community Gardens and study session regarding 2010 budget

Mr. Taylor Attended an Energy Recovery Tour, Community Trade and Economic Development meeting, July 4th festivities, Budget Advisory Committee meeting, study session on the Urban Reserve and the Community Garden, study session regarding 2010 Budget, and briefing

Mayor:

Mayor Onslow Attended the Sewer Coalition meeting, Farmer's Market, Budget Advisory Committee meeting, study session on Urban Reserve and Community Gardens, briefing, and the 2010 Budget study session

- a. Proclamation- National Night Out

Mayor Onslow read into the record the proclamation regarding National Night Out

STAFF REPORTS

Executive & Community Development

I-5/SR 501 Interchange project: Bid opening on July 29 in Olympia and the groundbreaking event will be August 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the cul-de-sac on Timm Road

Shoreline Master Program: update is due for the County. Working with other local jurisdictions and the county on the plan

179th Interchange: the County is submitting a revised new tax increment financing application

1 new single family residential (sfr) permit issued in June

2 sfr permits are pending and waiting to be picked up, Vancouver Sign has submitted for their 20,000 square foot plan

Police: Chief Greene is out of town

Received \$10,000 from stimulus funding to partially fund the School Resource Officer position

Court filings have increased 20% over this time last year

Jail bed costs are lower in part due to the work release program

Finance & Administration

National Night Out: August 4th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Davis Park. Army will be there with their rock climbing wall and Humvee interactive game, Country Financial along with Clark Fire and Rescue will have a bike rodeo and encourage kids to participate. Free hot dogs and polish sausages this year

Centennial Celebration: August 22nd. Activities begin at 9:00 with the Fort Vancouver Pipers conducting a bag pipe march from Davis Park to the war memorials at the Fire Station and then the American Legion will honor our fallen soldiers by calling out their names. Activities include music, dancing, a fashion show, car show, antique equipment, Old Time Living Legends panel and ending with a Centennial Dance at the Belltower Cathedral.

Public records requests: continue to rise and are up 30% from this time last year

Kay Kammer recognized and thanked staff for efforts while on vacation and with taking on additional duties

State Auditor: plan to audit the 2008 financial statements beginning on August 3rd

General Fund: cash position is \$314,000

Revenues are at 86% of expected budget and expenditures are at 92%

Special Revenue Funds: cash position is \$3,601,769

Revenues are at 72% of expected budget and expenditures are at 73%

Utility Operations: cash position is \$1,500,000

Revenues are at 92% of expected budget and expenditures are at 117%

Utility System Development Charges: cash position is \$3,400,000

Revenues are at 71% of expected budget and expenditures are at 9%

Public Works

Water and sewer usage: consistent for this time of year

July 4th: event went well and congratulations to the committee

Recycling: Working on single cart on recycling system and met with City of Vancouver on their negotiations with Waste Connections

Stimulus funding: Summer Youth program, have 2 individuals working through a 6 week period at no cost to the City

Sewer Coalition: working on Memorandum of Understanding between interested entities, working on obtaining a consultant to work through details

S. 85th Avenue: coming along nicely and hoping to be completed by the end of August

Hillhurst Road Overlay: bids go out next week. Trying to get project completed before the start of school

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Sandy Schill, resident

4th of July committee wanted to thank the city workers, public works crew and police officers for efforts Ed Firstenburg was the Grand Marshall and sent a thank you for appreciation to Committee and Mayor C-TRAN supplied shuttle service for the event. Park 'n Ride would be a good thing for Ridgefield

Council recognized the 4th of July Committee and their efforts for a great event

David Standal, resident

Community Photo was taken on Saturday and it was great

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$273,926.93
Claims No. 12274 through 12327 in the amount of \$267,780.01
Automatic Payments in the amount of \$6,146.92

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

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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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.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1033
First reading of 2009-02 Budget Amendment

Total amendment is a reduction of \$1,263,589.80

- General Fund reduced \$212,350
- Gee Creek Trail added \$16,000
- School Resource Officer added \$5,000
- I-5/SR 501 Project reduced \$1,072,600

2. Resolution No. 371
Community Garden Program

2009 Council Work Program included creation of a Community Garden Program
Program was submitted to council for review and a study session held last evening

Changes: Application – City to provide response within 15 days

Public notice instead of petition process

Site usage form is necessary only if converting existing park lands
Legal survey needed only after council has approved

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to approve Resolution No. 371 as presented on July 23, 2009

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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Vote: 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.

3. Resolution No. 372
Resolution Urging Immediate Passage of Comprehensive Federal Health Reform Legislation

Received a request from Clark County Health Department for consideration of support
Support has been received from National Association of County and City Health Officials, the National Associations of Counties, and the US Conference of Mayors

Marni Storey, Clark County Public Health Services Manager
Thanked council for consideration of resolution of support
Congress is proposing health care reform
Support language that creates funding sources and promotes a reliable system to prevent disease and improve health

Council discussion

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approved Resolution No. 372

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

David Standal, resident
Encourage council not to pass Resolution
United States has the best health care in the world
Bills are being written everyday and we don't know what will be finally proposed

Sandy Schill, resident
Only asking for health care reform
Health costs are rising faster than wages
United States does have the best health care but worst in access to a provider
Encourage council to support Resolution

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Vote: 2-3
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell

No: Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Failed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None received

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor