

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

DATE August 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: Council member Darren Wertz.

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 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add: Executive Session regarding pending litigation

PRESENTATION

1. George C. Marshall Leadership Award
Tom Koenniger

Information was presented regarding nomination and criteria for the award

Criteria: 35 years old or younger and a 4 year degree

Award based on academic achievement and leadership

Deadline for nominations is August 20th

Birdfest is coming up on October 10th and 11th

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Taylor Attended National Night Out, council briefing, groundbreaking ceremony for the I-5/SR501 Interchange project, Budget Advisory committee, and the Three Creeks Advisory committee meeting

Mr. Swindell Attended National Night Out, briefing, and I-5 groundbreaking event

Mr. Wells Attended National Night Out, briefing, I-5 groundbreaking, bid opening for I-5 Interchange project, and the Port meeting

Mayor:

Mayor Onslow Attended National Night Out, briefing, I-5 groundbreaking event, a meeting with Mike Westby and the Clark Fire & Rescue regarding funding of a fire boat and a boat house at the marina, and the bid opening for the I-5 Interchange project

Council expressed their sympathies to the families who lost their children earlier this week in the car accident

A memorial service will be held at the Ridgefield High School on Thursday, August 20th, at 7:00 PM

Mayor Onslow read the proclamation regarding the Ridgefield Centennial Celebration into the record
Yesterday's Pride – Tomorrow's Promise

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None received

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$359,907.72
Claims:
#12336 in the amount of \$1,035.43, #12337 through #12410 in the amount of \$178,175.09,
Automatic payments in the amount of \$504.00
Payroll:
Direct deposit in the amount of \$92,747.83, #12328 through #12335 in the amount of
\$33,746.36, Electronic transfer in the amount of \$32,973.88 and an automatic payment in the
amount of \$20,725.13
2. Approval of minutes from July 9, 2009
3. Approval of minutes from July 22, July 23 and July 30, 2009
4. Approval of donations in support of the National Night Out

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve the minutes from the study session and the general session from July 9, 2009

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SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

<u>Vote</u> :	3-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell and Lee Wells
No:	None
Abstained:	Council member David Taylor
Absent:	Council member Darren Wertz

Motion unanimously passed.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve items No. 1, 3, and 4 of the consent agenda

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

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

Total net reduction of \$1,263,589.90
General Fund reduced \$212,350 through a variety of sources and departments due to lack of revenues realized
Reduction due to slow growth effecting sales tax, building permits and zoning and development fees
Capital Project Funds added \$12,000 for Gee Creek trail improvements and reduced the I-5/SR501 Interchange project by \$1,072,684 to reflect current cost information

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1033 as presented
SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

Council member Wells asked to add a Business item #3 to discuss System Development Charges (SDC's)

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to add Business item #3 to discuss System Development Charges
SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

2. Discussion – Memorandum of Understanding to Develop the Structure of a Regional Wastewater Entity

Cities and District Sewer Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (SCMOU) was approved by Council on March 27, 2008
SCMOU set in motion the study to identify short-term technical solutions and development of a long-term vision for regional sewer service

Study is now essentially complete with four agencies remaining to continue the efforts toward developing a regional sewer entity
The four agencies are the cities of Ridgefield and Battle Ground, Clark Regional Wastewater District, and Clark County
Memorandum of Understanding is intended to memorialize the agencies commitment to proceed with development of a structure for a regional entity and developing a Business Plan. It does not bind the City to any future Interlocal Agreements

Council discussion:

Asked if staff is comfortable with the document
Concern raised on liabilities, personnel, level of service, rates and assets

Staff:

If liabilities are transferred, the asset would also be transferred
The Business Plan will get into the fine details

Next step: if all four agencies agree to MOU, it will need to go to Senator Zarelli and the Department of Ecology on the plan of how to spend the remaining funds
Need to get consultants on board

3. Discussion – System Development Charges [7:10:59 PM](#)

Keep a fair playing field for all developers/builders
Allow all to pay fees upon Certificate of Occupancy versus at time of building permit

Staff:

Recommend study session to discuss

Council member Wells asked that a meeting for the Board of the Transportation Benefit District be held at the conclusion of the next council meeting

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Onslow announced that Council would be entering an Executive Session at [7:20:52 PM](#) regarding pending litigation for approximately 15 minutes and action is anticipated

Attendees: Council, City Manager and City Attorney

Mayor Onslow reconvened the general session of the meeting at [7:31:08 PM](#)

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved that the City Manager respond to Chris Hermann's request to take no further action on the Integrity Insurance claim

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

Claim was an attempt to obtain a monetary settlement from an environmental claim from approximately five years ago
Insurance company has declared bankruptcy
Council action was to provide written notice that no further action will be taken

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor

During the regular council meeting on September 10, 2009:

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to excuse Council member Wertz from the August 13, 2009 meeting

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.