

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

DATE September 11, 2008

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; Senior Planner Dale Schulze; City Attorney Clayton Spencer; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

CALL TO ORDER [6:30:04 PM](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1. Add G.5. Council representation at Sewer Coalition Study Sessions
2. Add an Executive Session regarding personnel matters following the second Citizens Comments

MOMENT OF SILENCE – REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

PRESENTATION

1. Columbia River Crossing Coalition

Coalition is determining how to move the project forward through the environmental impact and funding processes

Project includes a bridge, transit and highway improvements

Senator Murray is in support of the project and feels it is very much needed

Coalition lifespan is expected to be 3 to 5 years

Request support from the City of Ridgefield in both expressed and financial support

2. Ridgefield Community Park

Concern is lack of opportunities for the youth

Many participated and volunteered efforts in the development and construction of the park

Skateboarding was identified as the most feasible activity for the 5 to 17 age group

Task force was formed in 2002 to address vandalism, and other issues

Issues have come full circle once again

Ask City Council to provide leadership that can help restore health to the community and form a citizen task force to address issues

Police need to enforce rules and issues may subside

Staff has provided an Action Plan with timelines for the Community Park to address concerns
Mr. Kennon indicated that he was satisfied with the timeline and plan

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCIL

Mr. Wertz Attended council briefing, the Planning Commission meeting, State Senate meeting at the Hilton Hotel, Labor and Commerce meeting, Ways & Means Committee meeting, met with Chief Greene regarding animal regulations, and attended the Parks Board meeting

Mr. Wells Attended the Planning Commission meeting , met with Theresa Wagner, Representative for Senator Murray and toured the city, briefing, Senate Reception at the Pearson Air Museum, and the 911 Observance Ceremony at Clark County Fire & Rescue

Mr. Swindell Attended council briefing

Mr. Taylor Attended council briefing, the Budget Advisory Committee meeting, Planning Commission meeting, Senate Reception, State Auditor Exit Interview, Parks Board, and an Emergency Planning meeting regarding newly merged Fire District

MAYOR

Mr. Onslow Attended the 911 ceremony, and council briefing
Abe Rommel has resigned from the Civil Service Commission as he is moving outside the city limits

Constitution Week Proclamation read into the record

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ryan Thompson, resident

Can self police to a certain degree but need assistance as we can only do so much
Trash and graffiti comes from the basketball players, not the skate boarders
Will be willing to negotiate and fundraise for skate equipment
Graffiti occurs in Abrams and Davis Parks also

Dennis Sakorski, resident

I try to look after the park when I am skating
Can only self police to a certain limit and can't enforce it
Police don't even look over at the park when they drive by
Basketball players are the ones writing the graffiti on the benches
Unfair punishment to skateboarders

Sheila Peraza, resident

Parent of a son who loves skateboarding
Guilty of not being down at the park and supervising
Most of the skateboarders don't participate in other sports and need the park
Please consider bringing the park back fast before the weather turns bad

David Avolar, resident

Enforcement needs to be done by police
City is punishing the kids who enjoy the park not the ones doing the vandalism

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$115,837.90
Claims No. 11065 through 11124 in the amount of \$69,709.14, automated payments in the amount of \$1,643.89 and a bank payment in the amount of \$44,484.87

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve the claims

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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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. Approval of minutes from August 7, 2008

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2008

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of minutes from August 28, 2008

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Notice of Petition to Annex – Hayden Park

Property is owned by the city
Parcel is in the county

Opened [7:50:28 PM](#)

No testimony received

Closed [7:50:36 PM](#)

BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 1018
First reading of Notice of Petition to Annex – Hayden Park

Letter received from Clark County to certify signatures

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to suspend the rule of two ordinance readings and adopt Ordinance No. 1018 at the first reading as presented

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.

- 2. Ordinance No. 1016
Second reading of Amendment to Animal Regulations

Ordinance is housekeeping in nature
Conflicts in the code as there are differences in Title 7 versus Title 9
Clarify animal control authority
Animal licensing will occur at the Police Department
Livestock and foul offenses defined

Discussion:
Suggestions made but not in proposed ordinance
Nuisance pet animals – add language about when nuisance occurs whether on owners’ property or not

Photograph of the dog - to be provided by the police department
Current tag - found within the city limits
Dangerous dog – written complaint must be from two citizens
Dangerous dogs should not be allowed in the city

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1016 as presented

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

Discussion:

Nuisance pet animal – add precursor language

Dangerous dog – exclude language

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to amend the motion to include all of the suggested changes as read by Chief Greene

Fails for lack of second

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to amend the motion to include the precursor language regarding nuisance pet animal and to exclude the language regarding dangerous dogs

Fails for lack of second

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to amend the motion to include the language: nuisance pet animals whose actions or existence create negative environmental impacts extending beyond the borders of the owner’s property

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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

Motion Failed.

Vote on original motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1016 as presented

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

Motion Passed.

3. Ordinance No. 1017
Second reading of Repeal of Ridgefield Municipal Code Chapter 9.12
(Parental Responsibility – Curfew)

Housekeeping
Deemed unconstitutional

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1017 as presented
SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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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.

4. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Clark Regional Wastewater District for Sewer Jetting Services

Bulk of sewer system installed in the 1950's
Has not been cleaned or maintained as it should have been
Cost to jet is \$1.00 per linear foot

Discussion:
Age of pipe and potential damage by cleaning

Rick Nelson, Clark Regional Wastewater District
Can be dangerous to old pipe but have a new variable speed water pump to minimize potential of damage
Potential for rehabilitation of pipe instead of replacement

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Reimbursable Services Agreement with Clark Regional Wastewater Sewer District for cleaning and inspection services

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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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.

5. Discussion of Council participation at the Sewer Coalition Study Session

Quorum notice has been posted

Limited to three members to sit at the table and the other two will need to sit in the audience

Mr. Wells offered to sit in the audience

Mayor Onslow indicated he would like to sit at the table along with Mr. Swindell

Mr. Taylor indicated he would sit either at the table or in the audience

Mr. Wertz would like to sit at the table

Mayor Onslow, and Council members Swindell and Wertz will sit at the table

Council member Taylor and Wells are to sit in the audience

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

Mr. Taylor A lot of kids showed up tonight and would like to throw out a challenge to work with the kids through the issues

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At [8:45:03 PM](#) Mayor Onslow announced that council would enter into Executive Session regarding personnel for approximately 20 minutes with no action to be taken

At [9:09:04 PM](#) Mayor Onslow reconvened the meeting and announced that no action will be taken

ADJOURN [9:09:10 PM](#)

Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor