

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

DATE October 9, 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; City Attorney Chris Sundstrom.

CALL TO ORDER [6:29:57 PM](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add: Discussion of budget and review of police department

PRESENTATION

1. High Capacity Transit Study Findings
Dean Lookingbill, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

Overview of RTC
Study background and processes
Defined High Capacity Transit
Review of system plan scenarios
Scenario 6 is shaping up to be the preferred alternative
How decision will be finalized
Ridership and capital costs presented
Annual operating costs presented
Land use and density discussed

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wertz Attended the I-5/SR501 Design open house, study session on the City's financial position, American Legion meeting, and briefing

Mr. Wells Attended the Economy in Motion meeting, Business Association, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) hearing, briefing, financial study session, pre-application conference for HD Fowler Company, and the Port of Ridgefield meeting

Mr. Swindell Attended the Economy in Motion, financial study session, briefing and the Three Creeks Advisory Council meeting

Mr. Taylor Attended the financial study session, briefing, Community Park stakeholder meeting, I-5/SR501 open house, and the Birdfest auction

Mayor Onslow Attended the Economy in Motion seminar, met with Port representatives, Mayor's meeting, Ridgefield marketing meeting, dedication of new water tender, Community Park stakeholders meeting, Kiwanis club, met with Vern Veysey, attend the I-5/SR501 open house, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) workshop, briefing, financial study session, First Friday event, dedication of St. Stevens school, Birdfest auction, and met with Jeanne Harris

Public Works Presentation of City of Ridgefield Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Named 2008 Washington State Operator of the Year by the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association to John Duback

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Beverly Becker, non-resident, Environmental Scientist
Representing local farmers
Discussed Right to Farm agreement
Concerns over stormwater fees and utility taxes
Land to continue as current use and not be burdened with charges
Can not develop like others for 15 years or until infrastructure is available
Understood it would be status quo until development occurs
Development Agreement allows for mitigation

Directive: Staff to set up a joint meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$439,891.99
Claims
11184 through 11240 in the amount of \$196,722.48
Automatic payments in the amount of \$3,643.14
Payroll
Direct deposit in the amount of \$120,396.84
1210 through 1213 in the amount of \$5,047.67
11117 through 11183 in the amount of \$40,135.28
Automatic payments in the amount of \$27,334.33
Electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$46,612.25
2. Approval of minutes from September 25 and October 2, 2008

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to adopt the Consent Agenda

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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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.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1019
Second reading of Budget Amendment 04-2008

Included in the amendment are additional funds for the Davis Park Improvements, Battle Ground Court services, I&I analysis, and additional funds for the T-7 construction debt service

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1019 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.

2. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement for authorized use of the Small Works and Professional Services Rosters maintained by the City of Vancouver

Use of a master list maintained by the City of Vancouver

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Vancouver for maintaining a shared small works and consultant roster and additionally for extending the use of purchasing agreements to acquire supplies, materials, equipment and services if in the best interest of the City

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.

3. Discussion of the Police department and the 2009 budget

Rehash the benefits of having a local police department rather than contracting

Is it worth looking into outsourcing to Clark County

City is currently in mediation with the Police Department

Had a Town Hall meeting regarding contracting with the County or maintaining a local Police force a couple of years ago

Local police generally provide a higher level of service than a larger organization

Need to look at all options and departments with budget cuts

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Roy Garrison, non-resident

Stormwater : live in county and pay a stormwater rate on the square footage

Farmers should have been paying a stormwater fee to the county

The larger the parcel the lower the rate

If you want to have your property annexed into city limits, you have to pay your fair share

Budget: citizens of Ridgefield want local fire protection and police protection

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Onslow announced that Council, the City Manager and the City Attorney would be entering an Executive Session at [7:47:16 PM](#) for the purpose of discussing real estate. The session is expected to last approximately 20 minutes and action is anticipated.

Mayor Onslow announced at [8:13](#) PM that the Council would need at least another 5 minutes

Mayor Onslow reconvened the General Session at [8:29:44 PM](#)

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to authorize the City Manager to execute and Purchase and Sale Agreement as amended with Guy and Sylvia Martin for the purchase of approximately 3 acres as identified as Clark County parcel No. 068352-000 and located at 535 Abrams Park Road for \$299,900.00 using Real Estate Excise Tax monies consistent with the Abrams Park Phase I improvements and closing of the Purchase and Sale Agreement to be contingent upon the City's completion of the Environmental Phase I analysis with an amendment to paragraph 13 for the language to read that the purchaser shall take possession at closing and the seller has the option for a rental or lease agreement to remain in the property for up to one year

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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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.

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor