

**City of Ridgefield, Washington**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** **October 23, 2008**

**Roll Call:**

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

**ABSENT:** Council member Matt Swindell, excused (see motion from meeting on 11-20-08).

**STAFF:** Finance Division Director Gaylynn Brien; City Manager Justin Clary; Chief of Police Carrie Greene; Senior Planner Dale Schulze; Clayton Spencer, City Attorney, Administrative Coordinator Lindsay Warren.

November 20, 2008 meeting motion

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to excuse Council member Swindell from the October 23, 2008 council meeting

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.

**Call to Order:** [6:34:14 PM](#)

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Late Changes to the Agenda:**

None

**Presentation:**

**1) Columbia River Crossing Project, Doug Ficco, Project Director, Washington State Department Of Transportation (WSDOT)**

Points of Discussion:

I-5 Problems: Congestion, Public Transit, Freight, Safety, Bicyclists/Pedestrians, Earthquake Safety; Crossing alternatives all inclusive of light-rail, auto and bicycle lanes; Cost \$3.1 to 4.1 billion; Electronic Toll Facility; Public Involvement

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## 2) 2009 Ridgefield Parks Board Work Plan; Marie Bouvier, Chair, Ridgefield Parks Board

Points of discussion: Financial stability for Ridgefield Parks, including Grant Funding; Park needs for location of new parks and trails; working models and templates for use by staff and developers; map of trails; engage in networking to create higher profile of Parks Board

Sean Kearns, Vice-Chair of Parks Board would be available for questions re: item no 3 under business section

Four members are needed for a quorum and majority vote of three are needed for approval

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### Mayor/Council Reports:

- Councilmember Taylor: Attended the Parks Board Meeting and 2009 Budget Study Session
- Councilmember Wells: Attended the Parks Board meeting; Ribbon Cutting at 219<sup>th</sup>; lunch with Ed Orcutt; Study Session for Budget; Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association meeting; Port Meeting and Council Briefing
- Councilmember Wertz: Attended council briefing and budget study session
- Mayor Onslow: Attended a meeting with Peter Donaldson, a one man show regarding Salmon; Birdfest; Sandhill Crane Tour with Brian Baird; met with Justin Clary and Steve Wall regarding the Community Development Block Grant proposal; opening of 219<sup>th</sup>, lunch with Ed Orcutt; interviewed by Comcast regarding Ridgefield; Battle Ground Community Center Opening; Budget Study Session; Port Meeting; judged Chili contest at Union Ridge; met with Jim Maul regarding Overlook Park, met with Consulate General of Canada at Fort Vancouver, Gee Creek Restoration meeting; Advisory Board Meeting at Clark College, and today Mayor's Breakfast
- Executive: Kay received a scholarship for Risk Management Training; 2009 budget; school district 20 year plan; acquisition of Guy Martin property; Brownfield Conference regarding environmentally impacted property cleanup; Community Development Department – 3 new homes permits issued for Sept, 32 Year-to-date, Ideal Foods almost complete, Mason's Supply and Agave are moving forward, Moonlight Meadows in Hinton Development was issued a grading permit; HD Fowler in Specht Ridgefield Commerce Center Public Works: Capital Projects – Davis Park to be complete mid-November, Abrams Park Well – in-well work will start next week, Division Street Sidewalk will be done in a few weeks, commended PW Staff for setup and cleanup for Birdfest
- Finance & Administration: General Fund cash \$267,000, down \$42,000, \$80,000 less than last year, revenues 81% of budget; expenditures are 87%; fund balance is

negative \$97,000; October should go down, but we should stabilize in November and December.

**Public Safety:** No personnel changes, officers had 147 filings into court, budget is over expenditures mostly due to court and jail costs, audit regarding access system for driver's checks was satisfactory, recently more car prowls and thefts.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Consent Agenda [7:40:22 PM](#)**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2008**
- 2) **Approval of Claims and Payroll in the amount of \$144,394.45 – Claims: 11241 through 11296 in the amount of \$138,331.63, plus ACH payment for \$2,323.45, and ACH payment of \$3,739.37**

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

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells

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

Motion unanimously passed.

**Public Hearing:**

- 1) **2009 Budget Revenue Sources, including Ad Valorem (property) Taxes**

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No public testimony

**Closed:** [7:58:28 PM](#)

- 2) **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Proposal**

**Open:** [7:58:47 PM](#)

Roy Garrison, non-resident: S Main Street sidewalk – if this is going to be torn up in three years why would we install sidewalks now

Justin Clary: Sidewalks would be to the curb to avoid damaging in future

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**Business:** [8:08:34 PM](#)

**1) Ordinance No. 1020 – First reading of 2009 Ad Valorem (property) Taxes**

Points of discussion – levy rate

**2) Resolution No. 363 – Ridgefield Community Park Rules**

Points of discussion – Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) approved of plan and Parks Board approved plan (suggestion from Mr. Taylor to exclude skateboards from downtown corridor sidewalks)

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to adopt Resolution No. 363 [8:16:35 PM](#)

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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.

**3) Motion – Approval of Ridgefield Parks Board Rules of Procedure**

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to approve the Ridgefield Park Board Rules of Procedure

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

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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.

**4) Discussion – Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Project Proposals, Justin Clary, City Manager**

Points of discussion – South Main sidewalks – can the projects be tied together (Justin Clary clarified use of funds for community park vs. neighborhood parks), sidewalks would be to curb, pulling them away from trees, possible conversion of South Main to one-way road with diagonal parking on west side, council questioned whether we could build just from wedding chapel south not touching the area in front of Overlook Park site; neighborhood garden on South 4<sup>th</sup>/Sargent with grading and fencing, irrigation system with sidewalk

fronting just the property; Maple Street sewer line project – South Main would be primary choice and community garden as second choice, but with no general funds available the sewer line makes more sense financially and is selected as the primary choice.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** [8:49:28 PM](#)

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**Kay Kammer**  
**Director of Finance & Administration**  
**City Clerk**

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**Ron Onslow**  
**Mayor**