

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

DATE December 17, 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; 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 [6:30:44 PM](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of outgoing Council member Matt Swindell

City Manager Justin Clary recognized the efforts of Mr. Swindell
Noted that Mr. Swindell has served on the council since January 2007 and has valued his perspective and thoughts
Appreciates the work done on behalf of the City and look forward to his continued involvement

Mr. Swindell
Have really enjoyed serving the community
Felt we have accomplished some great things in the last three years
Thanked and recognized each of the council members for their efforts and noted that he has learned from everyone

2. Recognition of 2009 Outstanding Citizen

Don and Earleen Griswold, Owners/Operators of Old Liberty Theater and Seasons Coffee Shop
It was noted that the Griswold's provide cultural experiences for residents and for the greater Vancouver/Portland area and introduce folks to our community
Volunteer efforts include Hometown Celebration coordinator and co-chair, the Lewis & Clark committee, the Birdfest Bluegrass coordinator, a Cruise In coordinator, served as the Ridgefield Business Association President, served on the Refuge Overlook Park committee and works with the school district to provide events for our youth

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:
Mr. Swindell Attended briefing

3. Reappointment of Jeff Carlsen, Position No. 3, Planning Commission

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Carlsen to the Planning Commission

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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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.

4. Reappointment of Marie Bouvier, Position No. 1, Parks Board

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Marie Bouvier to the Parks Board

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.

5. Reappointment of Sean Kearns, Position No. 4, Parks Board

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Sean Kearns to the Parks Board

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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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.

6. Reappointment of Ailsa Crawford, Position No. 2, Cemetery Board

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Ailsa Crawford to the Cemetery Board

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.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive and Community Development

Joint Legislative breakfast: both Ridgefield and Battle Ground have a number of commonalities, 6 local legislators were in attendance with 2 from each district

Hometown Celebration: Acknowledged staff for efforts

Community Development: 25 single family residential permits (sfr) have been issued year-to-date

Fire District: budget shortfall of \$1,000,000 due to property tax reduction

State Budget: showing a number of cuts and they will affect Ridgefield, the Public Works Trust Fund was not funded, Comprehensive Plan update funding pulled but the Governor may extend timeline for updates

Shoreline Master Plan: lobbying to extend timeline for update

Finance & Administration

Hometown Celebration: recognized efforts of staff and council for Hometown Celebration, time capsule burial and tree lighting

2010 Census: Working with US Census bureau to correct boundaries to ensure correct population count

Oath of Office: Ron Onslow and Don Stose completed their oaths

General fund: revenues exceed expenditures for November, cash balance is \$534,323, and the ending fund balance is \$559,961. Project that we will end the year at \$490,000

Real Estate Excise Tax: project that we should end year at 85% of budget

Utility Funds: tracking to budget appropriations

Public Works:

Utilities: operated without incident in November

Water pipes did freeze in December; there were problems with the communication controls systems

Sewer Coalition: requesting additional information from firm chosen. Ridgefield near term solution proposals are out and two options are being considered. 1) Preliminary design of treatment plant expansion to 1.0 million gallons per day or 2) a pipeline to the Clark Regional Wastewater District 36th Avenue pump station in Vancouver

Maple Street sewer lateral replacement: 5 homes qualify for improvements and is roughly 1/3 of what we anticipated

I-5 Replacement Project: complaints received on traffic controls. Contractor has specific timelines to work within and has been notified

Public Safety:

Officer Doriot is on light duty due to a non-job related injury

Officer Cook is back on regular duty

Officers Bone, Ferriss & Gibson were recognized for their efforts at the Night of a Thousand Stars

Emergency vehicle operations & firearms training completed

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2009
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$101,584.43
Claims: 12828 through 12908 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$98,059.26, and Automatic Payments in the amount of \$3,525.17

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve 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. 1041
Third reading of an amendment to Ridgefield Municipal Code 10.12 (Parking)

Added language regarding fire lanes
Modified infraction cost to \$95.00

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1041 as presented

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. Motion – Approval of a Collection Agreement for Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Debris with Waste Connections

Cart based recycling is now available

Waste Connection will pay the up-front the costs for the new carts and the truck

Costs will be passed onto consumers through rates within the 10 year contract

Garbage collection is mandatory however recycling is not

Recycling and yard debris would be collected on offsetting weeks

Will continue with spring clean up day and garbage collection in city receptacles

Jason Hudson, Waste Connections

If found within first 6 months of program that the 96 gallon cart was not sufficient, citizens could request a second can for no additional cost

New cart program should begin in February

Betty Tuenessen, resident

Citizens have to pay for yard debris year-round whether used or not

Joe Melroy, resident

Questioned who owns equipment

Rate should just be a stated as a rate increase

Dave Standal, resident

Consumer Price Index (CPI) used at 3.35% seems high

Fill up yard debris cart and also the neighbors every week with gardening debris

Would like to see yard debris collection every week during peak growing season

Jason Hudson: CPI is actually from 2008 as an increase was not processed during the negotiations of the new contract

Costs for yard debris are evenly distributed throughout the year

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Waste Connections of Washington, Inc. for the collection of solid waste, recyclables and yard debris as presented

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

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Vote:

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Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, David Taylor and Darren Wertz

No:

Council member Lee Wells

Abstained:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Passed.

3. Motion – Approval of the Parks Board recommendation naming the public park on s. Cedar Ridge Drive as Horn’s Park

Horn family homesteaded the area

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to name the park Horn Family Park

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

Discussion: Parks Board deliberated and did not want to make it a memorial park

Support Parks Board recommendation

Will not to have to use an apostrophe

Discussion of names including Horn Homestead Park

Convey thought in name

Like the history and continued heritage

Joe Melroy, resident

Served on a number of boards and commission and suggest you listen to the Parks Board recommendation

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Vote:

4-1

Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No:

Council member David Taylor

Abstained:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Passed.

4. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of La Center for Building Inspection Services

Provides for back up coverage when employee is not available

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of La Center for sharing of Building Inspection and Plans Review services

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.

5. Motion – Authorization directing staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Battle Ground, La Center and Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield for development of a North Clark County Community Investment Board

Have been participating in the North County Leadership Group with the Cities of Battle Ground and La Center and the Port of Ridgefield

Group hosted the 2008 North County Business Expo
Formalizing arrangement to focus efforts on job creation in North Clark County

David Standal, resident
Details would be hammered out in Memorandum of Understanding

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to authorize the City Manager to develop a memorandum of understanding between the cities of Battle Ground, La Center and Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield associated with development of a community investment board

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

Discussion: encourage group to go beyond the Community Investment Board
We need an economic development council and find out why group is shying away from that
It is a great thing for the entities to come together

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Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Bomar, non-resident
Leadership Clark County thanked Mayor Onslow & Council member Wertz for their support
Participants attend classes on a variety of subjects and it gives you a broad perspective for the County

David Standal, resident
Did you find out where the land is that was to be mitigated

Discussion:
Three (3) acres of lands around 179th Street needs mitigation. Would mitigate removing invasive blackberries, plant trees and installation of bird houses on 38 acres near Taverner Ridge

Planted trees along Pioneer and working with G2 Outdoor Living to obtain 80 to 100 additional trees
New trail from Pioneer Street to the wooded area above Mayor's Meadow worked on
Meeting with a scout to discuss project for trail improvement

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor