

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

DATE January 28, 2010

ATTENDANCE

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

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 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Stose Attended the Planning Commission meeting, briefing, the Integrated Planning Grant Steering committee meeting, study session, School Board meeting, and the Port meeting

Mr. Taylor Attended the Planning Commission meeting, briefing, and study session
Mr. Wells Attended the Junction Association meeting, briefing, study session, the Clark County goals & policies meeting, the Business Association meeting, and the Port meeting,

Mr. Wertz Attended briefing, B & O Tax workshop with Department of Revenue, the Planning Commission meeting, the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) Board meeting, and the Economic Forecast presentation

Mayor Onslow: Attended briefing, met with David Standal, City Manager & Council member Don Stose about trails, the Gee Creek Enhancement Committee meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, the Integrated Planning Grant Steering committee meeting, the Sustainable Communities meeting, study session, worked with the Boy Scouts to chip Christmas trees, and met with Clark County Fire & Rescue regarding the rescue boat and the fire suppression system

1. Appointment of Darrin Class, Parks Board, Position No. 5

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Darrin Class to Park Board, Position No. 5

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

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Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

2. Appointment of a C-TRAN Board of Directors Alternate to La Center Mayor Irish

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to appointment Mayor Ron Onslow as the alternate to the C-TRAN Board of Directors

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive & Community Development:

Interchange project is moving along, paving is underway and the platform is under construction
Update to the Comprehensive Plan is due 2011 – legislation is being considering postponing update until 2014. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is proposing a 10 year minimum update
Rural lands task force will have a work session with the County Commissioners next Wednesday
Integrated Planning grant Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Scope of work will be advertised next week

CREDC is working on a business retention program

4 Single Family residential (sfr) permits were issued in December for a year-to-date total of 27

58,000 square feet of commercial construction was permitted in 2009

4 sfr permits were issued in January and 3 permits are pending

Finance & Administration:

Letters were sent out December 30th notifying customers about the utility rate increases effective February 1, 2010

Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 17th at Ridgefield High School

Census staff will be at City Hall to assist residents with questions and completing the forms this spring
Interim financial report with the first close indicates that the General Fund ending balance in December is \$508,467

Revenues were at 94% and expenditures at 92% of estimated budget

Received approximately \$75,000 in Real Estate Excise tax from a corporate interest transfer

Utility Operating Funds ending balance in December was \$1,904,384 and System Development Charges were \$3,120,022

Operating revenues were at 104% and expenditures at 88% of estimated budget

Public Works:

Wastewater collection and treatment plant operated without incident in December

Treated approximately 9.2 million gallons

Telemetry system is still not functioning properly and the system has been operated manually

Another round of street tree removal and replacement has begun

Donated tulip bulbs were planted in Davis Park and along Pioneer Street with assistance from the Ridgefield Garden Club and volunteers

Met with Trails Coordinator from Vancouver-Clarks Parks & Recreation regarding a county-wide trails and parks map

Brown & Caldwell was selected as the consultant for the Sewer Coalition to develop the Regional Business Plan

An Eagle Scout has proposed a trail improvement project from Bellwood Heights into Abrams Park Water System Plan update – county wide effort kicked off this week. Last update was in 1999 and is scheduled to be done every five years

Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) has approved a revision for the Maple Street Sewer Lateral project

Public Safety:

No personnel changes. All officers are back from injuries

Court filings were down in 2009 which is a good thing as it indicates a decrease in crime in all areas

Department expenses came in under budget

Work to begin on Indigent Defense monitoring or requiring criteria for requesting assistance

Bank robberies are on the rise in Clark County

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from January 14, 2010
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$258,523.58
Claims: 13004 through 13053 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$70,180.30 and automatic payments in the amount of \$7,802.19
Payroll: Direct Deposit in the amount of \$90,299.12, 13054 through 13061 in the amount of \$37,422.42 and automatic payments in the amount of 52,819.55
3. Acceptance of a donation of tulip bulbs from Van der Salm Bulb Farm
4. Acceptance of a donation of trees from G2 Outdoor Living

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

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

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Vote:

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Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose

No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

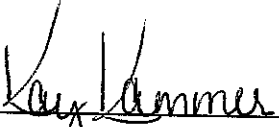
BUSINESS

None

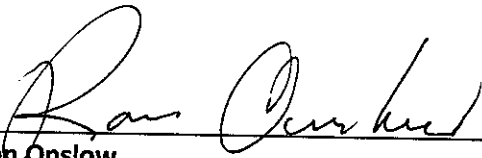
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None

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk



Ron Onslow
Mayor