

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

DATE December 3, 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 Clayton Spencer; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add:

1. Presentation No. 2, Chief Mason, Clark County Fire & Rescue, regarding fire station transition
2. Executive Session after the second Citizen Comments regarding pending litigation for approximately 10 minutes and action is anticipated

PRESENTATION

1. 2010 Legislative Agenda

60 day session and the top priority will be dealing with the budget crisis

There is no money for new programs and state shared revenues are at risk

2010 priorities for the City of Ridgefield include Transportation Benefit District (TBD) enhanced authority, and protecting the I-5 Interchange replacement funding

Association of Washington Cities (AWC) priorities include flexibility legislation, Executive Session taping, Real Estate Excise Tax harmonization, inmate medical costs and tort reform

Other priorities include restoring Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) funding, Street utility fee authority, permanently funding the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), support of the Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) policy statement, continue Shoreline Program funding, Climate Benefit District authority, allowing cities a greater role in Growth Management Act (GMA) process, K-12 and Higher Education mapping, protection of sensitive information from public disclosure and sex offender "check-in" legislation

Next steps will be a joint pre-session meeting with the City of Battle Ground and the local legislators and the AWC conference

2. Clark County Fire and Rescue

Fire station at 117 N 3rd Avenue will be transitioning in January 2010 from paid firefighters to residents and volunteers

Change will not significantly affect level of service

Station at 911 N 65th Avenue will remain staffed with paid firefighters

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council:

Mr. Swindell: Attended briefing
Mr. Taylor: Attended the Planning Commission meeting and briefing
Mr. Wertz: Attended briefing
Mr. Wells: Attended the Ridgefield Business Association (RBA) meeting, Port meeting and briefing

Mayor Onslow: Attended a 4th of July committee meeting, RBA meeting, Port meeting and the Mayor's Exchange meeting

Proposed wetland mitigation discussed. Mitigation stems from a project on 78th Street in Vancouver. Proposal is to clean out the blackberry bushes and plant trees in 38 acres between the railroad tracks and Lake River near the Taverner Ridge subdivision. Public comment period is open until Friday, December 4th at Clark County Community Development

Arts of Clark County is looking for volunteers from each city to serve on their board

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from November 19, 2009
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$857,127.72

Claims: 12791 through 12827 for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$647,270.90

Payroll: Direct Deposit for payroll on 11/30/2009 in the amount of \$93,912.93
2101 through 2109 for payroll on 11/30/2009 in the amount of \$18,916.86
12783 through 12790 for payroll benefits in the amount of \$35,148.82
EFTPS for taxes in the amount of \$38,898.01
ACH for benefits in the amount of \$22,980.20

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve the minutes from November 19, 2009

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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.

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to approve the claims/payroll

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell.

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
Second reading of an Amendment to Ridgefield Municipal Code 10.12 (Parking)

Will not ask Council to take action tonight
Working with Clark County Fire and Rescue on issues
Council directive: Change fee to \$95.00

2. Ordinance No. 1042
Second reading of Amendment to Water Utility Rates

Proposed 2% increase

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve Ordinance No. 1042 as presented

SECOND: Council member David Taylor

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

Motion passed.

3. Ordinance No. 1043
Second reading of Amendment to Sewer Utility Rates

Proposed 5% increase

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve Ordinance No. 1043 as presented

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz

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

Motion passed.

4. Ordinance No. 1044

First reading of Amendment to Stormwater Utility Rates

Proposed \$0.50 increase per month per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve Ordinance No. 1044 as presented

SECOND: Council member David Taylor

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

5. Ordinance No. 1045

First reading of 2010 Fiscal Year Budget

Proposed total budget is \$12,831,095

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve Ordinance No. 1045 as presented

SECOND: Council member Matt Swindell

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

6. Resolution No. 379

Approval of hunting area (Rohrer)

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve Resolution NO. 379 as presented

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Matt Swindell, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Onslow announced that council would enter an Executive Session at 8:40 PM for approximately 10 minutes and action is anticipated

Mayor Onslow reconvened the meeting at 8:48 PM

MOTION: Council member Matt Swindell moved to approve the Amended Settlement Agreement associated with Clark County Case No. 09-2-03587-7

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Matt Swindell and Darren Wertz

No: None

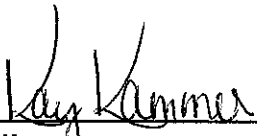
Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN

8:50 PM



Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk



Ron Onslow
Mayor