

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

DATE April 14, 2011

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; 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 ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION

1. 2011 Washington State Legislative Session Update
Mark Brown, Connections Public Affairs

Information provided regarding:

- Operating and capital budgets and the impacts on cities:
Operating. Cuts on average were approximately 3% to the City-County Assistance Account, Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance, Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation, Liquor Excise Tax and Liquor Revolving Account.
Capital. Public Works Trust Fund is largely intact and the \$10 million Ridgefield sewer project is included, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program is funded at \$50 million. The Model Toxics Program remains intact and the funding for the Port cleanup is included.
- Building Safety Mutual Aid: HB1406 cleared the House and Senate and is on its way to the Governor.
- Fiscal Relief: Extends time of Growth Management Act and Shoreline updates to eight years, delays certain mandates including NPDES Phase II permit reissuance, Reclaimed Water facility permit regulations one year, two year delay on pavement preservation rating report, three year delay on fleet conversion to electric or biodiesel, authorizes up to ten years to spend impact fees and exempts smaller cities from unfunded mandates for collection and reporting of buildable land data.
- Public Safety: Bills dealing with concealed weapons, information exchange between law enforcement and mental health systems, and information regarding burglar alarm systems.
- Public Records: Limits the daily penalties for violations and reasonable limits on inmate public records requests.

- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET): Use of proceeds for operation and maintenance for REET funded capital facilities and second quarter proceeds for debt service.
- Tax Increment Financing: constitutional amendment to allow tax increment financing.
- Public Facilities Districts (PFD): Provide PFD's with an additional 15 year state sales tax credit. Highly unlikely that the bill will advance further.
- Small Alternative Energy Projects: Includes elements of preemption of local permitting requirements of energy facilities.
- Complete Streets Grants Program: Creates a new grant program subject to the transportation revenue package.
- Impact Fees: Legislation would preempt local control over when to collect fees.
- Public Works Board: Revisit to the role and prioritization process.
- Underground Utility Location: This bill assigns greater responsibility and liability to cities in association with marking utility lines for contracts.
- Furlough Legislation: Insures that a city employee participating in a voluntary furlough program would not have an impact their retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Bartel, Clark County Fire & Rescue

District has purchased a new raft for river rescue efforts. A federal grant was received for thermal engine cameras and new "jaws of life" equipment. Other grants were received for dry suits and equipment. Staffing at the downtown station is improving with Chief Dawdy now at the station.

Mark Jefferies, Developer

Thanked staff for the efforts and expedient review of plat.

Joe Melroy, resident

Encourage everyone to come to the retirement celebration and support Coach Osmundson during the double-header baseball game on May 2nd when he will be throwing out the first pitch of the second game.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$321,241.97
 Claims: 14677 through 14678 in the amount of \$31,446.79, 14688 through 14755 in the amount of \$92,229.79, and electronic payments in the amount of \$9,706.58
 Payroll: Direct Deposit for payroll (3/31/2011) in the amount of \$96,823.42, 14679 through 14687 in the amount of \$37,218.89 and electronic payments in the amount of \$53,816.50
2. Approval of minutes from March 24, 2011
3. Acceptance of donations in support of National Night Out
4. Acceptance of a donation in support of the Sargent Street Community Garden

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

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:59:31 PM

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Amendment to the Ridgefield Development Code relating to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update Cycle (RDC 18.320.020.C)

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.0A.130(2) limits a jurisdiction with land use authority to update its comprehensive plan no more than once per year.

The City of Ridgefield accepted applications as late as September 30th.

The comprehensive plan amendment process involves a 60-day review by the Department of Commerce, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) threshold determination, and public hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council.

The Planning Commission passed a motion recommending that the City Council consider amending the municipal code to modify the application due date from September 1 to July 1 of each calendar year.

Hearing Opened 7:07:53 PM

No testimony received

Hearing Closed 7:08:15 PM

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1082

First reading of Amendment to the Ridgefield Development Code relating to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update Cycle

Please refer to the Public Hearing information.

2. Ordinance No. 1081

Second reading of Adoption of the Washington State Energy Code Update

Washington State law requires all counties and cities in the State to adopt the energy code following adoption by the State Building Code Council.

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1081 as presented

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

7:10:45 PM

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.

3. Motion- Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Police Officer's Association

Contract includes:

- One year contract to expire December 31, 2011
- No (0%) cost of living adjustment
- Increase in employee contributions to health care
- Increase in annual personal day off from one day to two days

MOTION: Council member Don Stose moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Police Officers' Association for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as presented."

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

7:16:47 PM

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.

4. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ridgefield and Clark County for the 85th Avenue Reconstruction Project

The City was successful in receiving \$104,350 towards design and construction improvements to 85th Avenue between S. 5th Avenues and N. 10th Street. Staff became aware that Clark County was also in the process of beginning a project on Timmen Road from La Center to N. 10th Street.

Both agencies agreed it would be more efficient and likely reduce unit bid prices to incorporate both projects. The agreement allows for the County to complete design and construction services on behalf of the City for the 85th Avenue project.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Ridgefield and Clark County for Engineering and Construction Services for the 85th Avenue Reconstruction Project, as presented."

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

7:23:00 PM

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Melroy, resident

Correction to the date of Coach Osmundson retirement celebration, it is May 3, 2012.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER REPORTS

Meetings and events attended on behalf of the City:


Council member Wertz	Planning Commission meeting and the Vancouver City Council and Clark County joint meeting regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission findings
Council member Wells	Ridgefield Business Association meeting, briefing, Spring Clean Up day, Sewer Coalition meeting, and the Port meeting
Council member Taylor	Briefing, Sewer Coalition meeting and the Three Creeks Advisory Council meeting
Council member Stose	Briefing, Sewer Coalition and the School Board meeting
Mayor Onslow	Lunch with Clark County Board of Realtors, Business Association meeting, briefing, Spring Clean Up, Community Garden work party, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting, Sewer Coalition meeting, Vancouver City Council and Clark County joint meeting

Proclamation – National Community Development Week


FROM THE COUNCIL

Sargent Street Community Garden has been named by the school children as Blue Heron Community Park and there are two plots left.

ADJOURN 7:52:03 PM



Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk



Ron Onslow
Mayor