

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

DATE April 28, 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; 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

Add Business No. 2. Resolution No. 398 regarding partial relinquishment of an underground communications line easement for the I-5 Replacement Project
Add an Executive Session regarding pending litigation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Berger, Chair of Flag Day at Fort Vancouver
Challenge issued to Mayor Onslow to participate in the patriotic tie contest at Fort Vancouver during the Flag Day Celebration.

Chuck Williams, Representative of Citizens for Responsible Government
Supporter of the E-Verify System.

E-Verify allows for a legal workforce.

Clark County, Washougal, Camas, Vancouver, Woodland, and Yacolt now use a form of the E-Verify system.

Ridgefield citizens are opposed to light rail and tolls. Crime will increase by ten times if light rail goes through.

Bill Smith, non-resident

Supporter of the E-Verify System.

Other Washington cities have adopted the E-Verify System.

Cities, States, and Nation pay out too much for illegal aliens.

Request council adopt the E-verify system.

Roger Moody, non-resident 6:41:03 PM

Supporter of the E-verify system.

Liberal services drag down the wage scale.

United States borders are too wide open.

Debbie Peterson, non-resident
Supporter of the E-Verify System.

There are 377,000 drivers who do not belong in the State of Washington.
Washington is one of two states that allow people to obtain driver licenses without proving citizenship.
Social services are bearing the burden of illegal aliens.
Myth is that the Columbia River bridges are not safe. The bridges are safe for another 50 years.
Light rail is not required by the Federal government.
Recommend council vote against the bridge and light rail projects.

John Halalon, Representative of Citizens for Responsible Government
Supporter of the E-verify system.
Request council adopt the E-Verify system.
Illegal immigrants are obtaining social security benefits.

Dick Sone, Representative of Citizens for Responsible Government
Supporter of the E-Verify System.
There was a bill that died this year that addressed language to be added to driver licenses that they are not valid for employment purposes.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from April 14, 2011
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$307,064.34
Claims No. 14756 through 14815 in the amount of \$113,778.97 and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,885.89
Payroll No. 14815 through 14823 in the amount of \$36,446.65, direct deposit in the amount of \$98,909.37 and electronic payments in the amount of \$55,043.46.

MOTION: Council member Don Stose moved to approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

6:53:09 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	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.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1082
Second reading of Amendment to the Ridgefield Development Code relating to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update Cycle

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.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. The City Council conducted a public hearing on April 14, 2011 and no testimony was received.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1082 as presented

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:56:32 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	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. Resolution No. 398

Partial Relinquishment of an underground communication line easement to the Pioneer EV Holdings, LLC within the highway project known as I-5, SR 501 Interchange vicinity

Qwest requested the ability to complete the relocation of their underground communication lines through both Stages 1 and 2 of the I-5 Interchange Replacement Project rather than just Stage 1. The City needed to relinquish a portion of the easement so that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) would be able to clear any outstanding easements and purchase the right-of-way fronting Pioneer EV Holdings, LLC.

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to adopt Resolution No. 398 subject to execution of the deed

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

7:02:28 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	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

None

COUNCIL /PRESIDING OFFICER REPORTS

Meetings attended on behalf of the City:

Council member Wertz Ridgefield Business Association (RBA) special meeting regarding the

	Emerging Business Initiatives from Washington State University- Vancouver, City-Port joint meeting on the Waterfront Integration plan, Veteran's Proclamation at Clark County, and the coordinated trails and parks system meeting
Council member Stose	Briefing, School Board meeting and helped build a shed at the Blue Heron Community Garden
Council member Taylor	Briefing, City-Port Waterfront Integration meeting, Emergency Management tabletop training session, and the Regional Transportation workshop
Council member Wells	Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association (RJNA) meeting, RBA meeting, RBA Emerging Business Initiatives workshop, City-Port Waterfront Integration meeting, briefing, Port meeting, and the Clark County Health Forum
Mayor Onslow	Joint City-Port Waterfront Integration meeting, employee appreciation picnic, briefing, Emergency Management tabletop training session, and worked on the community garden

Proclamations read into the record:

- a. Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
- b. Law Enforcement Week

Commission appointment

- c. Reappointment of Paula Oatley, Civil Service Commission, Position No. 3, Term expiring May 12, 2017

MOTION: Council member Darren Wertz moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Paula Oatley to the Civil Service Commission

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

7:27:18 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.

Announcements:

School District symposium on May 11th at the Community Center from 4:45 PM to 9:00 PM.
 RJNA annual meeting will be May 23rd at DollarTree. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive & Community Development
 Planning Commission continues to work through the Development Code.
 St Elizabeth Ann Seton High School project pre-application conference was conducted on April 18th.
 21 single family residential permits have been issued year-to-date.
 Waterfront Integration plan next steps are to convene a meeting of the project steering committee to identify projects.
 Blue Ribbon Parks Commission is now talking about what makes sense and sharing of services.

County Emergency radio system is due to become obsolete and a group is working now to identify funding mechanisms.

Emergency tabletop training session went well. Chief Greene was recognized for her efforts on the training session.

Finance & Administration

Annual census audit for the Office of Financial Management (OFM) was submitted. Official population will be released in July effective April 1st.

Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) completed their annual audit and no findings were noted. The audit focus was on public records and premise liability.

An advertisement for the 2011 Budget Committee has been noticed and the deadline for applications is April 29th.

Approximately 185 citizens and 50 county residents were served at the annual spring clean up.

The first ice cream social this year will be in the Cedar Ridge subdivision on May 19th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

General Fund revenues are at 71% of the year-to-date budget and expenditures are at 105%. This is typical for first quarter. Expenditures exceed revenues by \$200,000.

Property taxes are due next month and the gas utility tax is also due.

Utility tax revenue effective February 1, 2011 has been posted to the Street Fund.

Utility fund revenues are at 94% of the year-to-date budget and expenditures are at 76%.

Public Works

There is an issue with the well casing on Well No. 7 that is being addressed.

Abrams Park play structure is under design. The Parks Board is working on art in parks and the Development Code update.

The Director is serving on two new committees. One for WCIA & the other for WSDOT regarding streets that act as highways and on the Highways and Local Programs Safety Committee.

Regional Sewer meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled. The next elected officials meeting is July 8th.

I-5 Interchange design is underway but waiting for right-of-way acquisition.

Spike in both water and wastewater treatment usage in March.

Public Safety

No personnel changes.

There were 59 court filings for the month of March.

Received 50% compliance from letters sent out for out-of-state vehicle licenses.

Major illegal operation was averted thanks to concerned neighbors reporting suspicious activity.

Conducted a community tabletop exercise developed by CRESA Emergency Manager John Wheeler, with assistance from Clark County Fire & Rescue Chief Tim Dawdy, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Special Agent Mark Geers and Chief Carrie Greene. Appreciated the participation of everyone who attended the session.

FROM THE COUNCIL

MOTION: Council member Don Stose moved to have staff move forward with alternative No. 4 for S.

Main improvements

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

8:02:10 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.

Directive: Staff to bring forward information regarding E-Verify at the next regular council meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pending litigation

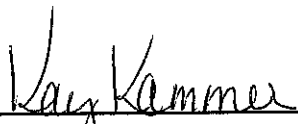
Mayor Onslow announced that Council would enter an Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss potential litigation for approximately 20 minutes and no action is anticipated

Attendees: City council, City Manager Justin Clary and City Attorney Chris Sundstrom

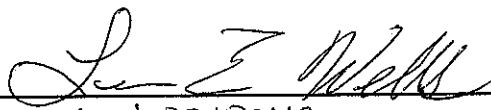
At 8:25 City Manager Justin Clary announced the Council needed approximately another 10 minutes

Mayor Onslow announced at 8:30 PM that council would reconvene the general session and no action will be taken.

ADJOURN **8:29:59 PM**



Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk



Ron Onslow Lee Wells
Mayor Pro Tem