

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

**DATE** September 22, 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**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Nemeth, non-resident  
Inquired about disc golf proposal for Abrams Park

Staff: Parks Board to bring forward a proposal to council regarding disc golf in Abrams Park

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of minutes from September 8, 2011
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$514,679.08  
Claims No. 15329 through 15376 in the amount of \$502,936.77 and automatic payments in the amount of \$11,742.31

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

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:39:10 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. Moratorium on the Establishment, Licensing and Operation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Collective Gardens

During the 2011 legislative session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5073 which would have legalized medical marijuana dispensaries and collective gardens.

Governor Gregoire vetoed numerous portions of the bill including portions that would have permitted dispensaries but that has created voids and loopholes. A moratorium is necessary while local governments attempt to interpret and implement regulations.

Public Hearing Opened 6:42:03 PM

No testimony received.

Public Hearing Closed 6:42:33 PM

**BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 1084  
First reading and adoption of Declaring an Emergency and Adopting a six-month Moratorium within the City of Ridgefield, Washington on the Establishment, Licensing and Operation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Collective Gardens

Refer to the Public Hearing section for information.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure and Adopt Ordinance No. 1084 as presented.

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:44:50 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**

None received

**COUNCIL /PRESIDING OFFICER REPORTS**

Meetings attended on behalf of the City:

Council member Stose City Manager evaluation, Heritage Days, Sewer Coalition, School Board, briefing and ice cream social.

Council member Taylor	City Manager evaluation, Sewer Coalition, employee appreciation picnic and Budget Advisory Committee.
Council member Wells	City Manager evaluation, Parks Board, Sewer Coalition, Port of Ridgefield, Clark County Development, Engineering & Architecture Board (DEAB), ice cream social, and employee appreciation picnic.
Council member Wertz	City Manager evaluation, Heritage Days, ice cream social, briefing, Budget Advisory Committee, interviewed candidates for the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) President position.
Mayor Onlow	City Manager evaluation, Heritage Days, judged word carvings at the Water Resource Center, Mayors Dinner, Sewer Coalition, delivered flyers for the ice cream social, briefing, met with Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation regarding Overlook Park and their findings, employee appreciation picnic, Budget Advisory Committee, and Gee Creek Enhancement Committee.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Executive and Community Development

State Budget: Shortfall expected of \$1.3 billion. There will be a special legislative session from November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup> to address the budget.

Development Code: Planning Commission is on track for completion. The October meeting will finalize the Mixed-Use zone sections.

Shoreline Master Program: SEPA public comment closed September 13<sup>th</sup> and comments are being addressed.

Permits: 49 single-family residential permits have been issued through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Duct Testing Program: Clark County has expanded the free program to include Ridgefield residents.

Overlook Park: Met with Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation regarding their findings and additional requirements.

AWC Regional meeting: Regional meeting will be held at the Heathman Lodge on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### Administration & Finance

State Audit: Audit has been completed and the report issued. No findings were received.

General Fund: Revenues are at 99% and expenses are at 94% of projected budget year-to-date.

Budget Advisory Committee: Discussed initiatives and priorities have been added to the budget. Future meetings include a study session on October 13<sup>th</sup>, a Budget Advisory Committee meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup> for revenue sources including proposed rate increases of 1% to property taxes, 5% to Water Utility rate, 10% to Sewer Utility rate and \$0.50 to the Stormwater monthly rate. The first public hearing on the proposed 2012 budget will be November 17<sup>th</sup> and the final hearing on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Public Works

Parks Board: Recommendation will be coming forward to the council on a 9-hole disc golf course.

Working on the 2012 work plan and parks naming.

Stormwater grant: Stormwater markers were purchased that will go next to 500 catch basins.

Development & Engineering Board: Staff presented a proposal that County staff will no longer need to complete a review if the developer certifies that plans presented meet the county codes. No decision has been made to allow certification.

Regional Sewer Plan: Continues to move along and awaiting answers from Battle Ground. There are cost implications on the decisions with regards to Battle Ground participation. Council Study Session will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the regional system.

Wastewater Treatment: Blue Array LLC has been testing this week and should start treatment next week in the pilot system.

**Public Safety**

Personnel: Part-time Officer Tracy Cook accepted a full-time position with the City of La Center.

Enforcement: 48 filings were processed in August.

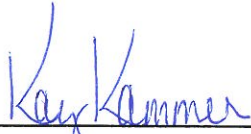
Accomplishments: Ridgefield was selected to house a portable radio kit for emergencies.

I-5 Interchange: Tapani Underground announced today that they have completed the soil hauling component of the project.

**FROM THE COUNCIL**

Nothing brought forward.

**ADJOURN**      7:45:52 PM



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**Kay Kammer**  
**Director of Finance & Administration**  
**City Clerk**



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**Ron Onslow**  
**Mayor**