



REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

November 01, 2023 at 7:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Candice Makos

Councilmember Stana Carlisle

Councilmember Jim Ancich

Councilmember Raymond Robinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pauley stated he would like to take off the second portion of the Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda to with Mayor Pauley's adjustment, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

PRESENTATION - PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR

Kayla Dunlap, Commissioner Pinnick, Executive Director Gary Nelson, and Deputy Director Leonard Barnes gave a presentation regarding the Port of Grays Harbor.

PRESENTATION - HAZARDOUS MITIZATION PLAN

Fire Chief Nick Falley gave a presentation regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING - I STREET VACATION

Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle to open the public hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

Public Comments:

Jeremy Winn: Curious about impetus for vacating both sides. Wondered if not vacating that property would allow for future parking availability.

Question from Ancich about details of property and city infrastructure

Linda Springer: Spoke in favor of the vacation

Councilmember Ancich concern about utility easement possibility, and if the owners to the north may want to.

Michelle Focus - Question regarding zoning in the waterfront district

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to close the public hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Makos. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Administrator - Administrator Raines stated the City was awarded an RCO grant for \$150,000.

Finance Director- Mayor Pauley read the Finance Director's report. He stated there would be a workshop at the next meeting to discuss the 2024 Revenue Budget. It will start at 6 p.m. There will also be two public hearings at the next meeting. One is for the 2024 Revenues and the other is for the 2024 Property Tax. As a reminder, the night drop is still available during construction.

Fire Chief - Chief Falley stated they have received their credentials to evaluate EMTs in Grays Harbor County. We have another member taking a driver train the trainer course. We have three three individuals signed up for the Fire Academy and EMT classes.

Police Chief - Chief Layman stated we have approval for the bullet proof vest partnership. It was much less than anticipated. We were able to pay for 1.5 vests with partnership. Thanks to Ann Peery, we are able to pay for the remaining half plus another vest. Deputy Chief Miskell will be out for an extended period of time. Reserve Officer Johnson drove to North Bend and secured a donation of 3 sets of wheels and tires for our Tahoes. He would like authorization to apply for a grant. through the Spirit of the Blue. It is for officer safety equipment and training. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

Public Works Superintendent - We received the application for the TIB grant. We have been working on getting quotes for the LED lights. We poured the concrete going up Altenau hill. He recognized Jamin Turner for noticing water coming from the Pape building. He was driving through town at 9 p.m. when he noticed the water. He went up to the building and could hear the water pouring. He then turned the water off at the meter and contacted Pape the next day to let them know what happened.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley stated we received a notice from Lemay Enterprises that they are planning to do increases January 1, 2024 per our contract. Roger from Lemay Enterprises stated it is adjusted by the CPI per our contract. Contract is capped at 5% of the CPI. The carbon fee is a new fee and will be itemized on their invoices. He commended Rognlin's for the work they are doing on the new municipal building. He received a letter of interest from Stephanie Johannesen to fill the vacant Planning Commission position. Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

NEW BUSINESS

A. Vacation of Right of Way on I Street

Administrator Raines stated we have a petition from the owner for 10' on the south side.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to the vacation of I Street, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Administrator Raines stated there are two areas that need an easement. We will be asking for a utility easement in exchange of connection fees.

Administrator Raines stated Item B under new business is the same parcel as the easement.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

B. Utility Easement for Parcel 031001200000

Administrator Raines stated we would give them free water and sewer connections in exchange for the utility easement.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

C. Interview Candidates for Council Appointment

We had three people interested in position 5: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Janelle Martin. Debbi Moran was not present at the meeting. The Council asked Jim and Janelle why would like to fill the position.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Qualifications of an applicant/candidate for appointment to elective office per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h).

Executive Session started at 8:37 and will resume at 8:47. Mayor Pauley restarted the regular session at 8:47.

E. Vote for New Councilmember

Councilmember Makos nominated Jim Ancich to fill position 5.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Makos thanked the Public Works Crew.

Councilmember Ancich thanked the Council.

Councilmember Robinson thanked Public Works and the Fire Department

Mayor Pauley gave kudos to the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Turner gave kudos to Public Works. She noted that Public Works is half staffed.

Linda Springer gave kudos to all the departments for their hard work.