



REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

September 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

1. FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Candice Makos, Councilmember Jim Ancich, Councilmember Raymond Robinson
Councilmember Miles Wenzel

ABSENT

Councilmember Stana Cummings

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to excuse Councilmember Cummings. Seconded by
Councilmember Robinson

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

3. GUEST SPEAKER - SCOTT BOETTCHER

Scott Boettcher from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority gave a presentation on who they are and what they do. County Commissioner Vickie Raines is also the chair. Administrator Raines welcomed them and thanked them for coming tonight. They are about flood damage reduction and restoring aquatic species. It was formed in 2008 and their focus is largely on the flood side. Cosmopolis joined in 2011. He discussed the local projects that were funded including the Mill Creek Dam. The Flood Warning System is also part of the Flood Authority. It was started in 2010. It provides a continual contact with the National Weather Service. In 2016, the Office of the Chehalis Basin was created. It's housed at the Department of Ecology. Commissioner Raines stated the links to the early warning system, it's listed on the County's under emergency management. Mayor Pauley stated it is also on the City's website. Mr. Boettcher said you can sign up for alerts.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pauley asked to have Item D added to the agenda. This is a joint resolution with Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis on State Capital Budget Requests.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to approve the amendment, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vickie Raines - She stated that she is support of the joint resolution. She says it shows a collaborative effort for all jurisdictions and is something that is needed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports this month

8. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Administrator - He stated that on October 3rd City Hall will go back to our previous schedule of Monday through Friday.

Public Works Superintendent - He thanked the Cosi School maintenance crew for painting the crosswalks, stop bars, and no crossing zones. He thanked Ed Van Syckle with volunteering at least 50 hours a month. He is appreciated. Hydroseeding for Highland park should happen next week. The last section of paving should happen in a week or two.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

He stated that we have not had an RFA planning committee meeting since the last Council meeting, but we have had a couple of workshops for the Cosmopolis citizens. He spoke at the Retired Senior Volunteer program appreciation event. He stated the local State of Emergency will drop as soon as the State drops. Any adjustments that were made and will go back to normal operations.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Central Grays Harbor Regional Fire Authority

Motion made by Councilmember Makos to continue with the Central Grays Harbor Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee, Seconded by Councilmember Wenzel.

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - TO DISCUSS SALE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) AND ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Executive Session for 10 minutes starting at 7:43 p.m.. Regular session resumed at 7:53 p.m.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. DNR Agreement

Administrator Raines stated this is an agreement with the City of Cosmopolis and the DNR which would reimburse the City if our fire department performed services on DNR lands. This is something Grays Harbor Emergency Management recommended. Councilmember Wenzel stated this is another step in progressing the fire department.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel

B. Quit Claim Deed with Friendly Village Associates of Olympia - There is land in the city limits they would like to donate to the City similar to the Makarenko Park land. They want it to remain park land area. It is approximately 24 acres of land.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel, Seconded by Councilmember Makos. Mayor Pauley ask that it be amended pending an ESA survey of the land as far as environmental and upon approval of the Friendly Village Associates.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to amend the original motion to accept the agreement pending an ESA survey of the land for environment and upon approval of the Friendly Village Associates., Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Councilmember Wenzel said this is important to keep green spaces within our community. He is thankful of this offer to the City. Mayor Pauley said the family has some preferences they would like to see including a name preference. We are working through the details.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel, Councilmember Robinson.

C. Animal Control Agreement

Mayor Pauley said the Police Chief stated this is an extension of the previous agreement that had been signed.

Motion made by Councilmember Makos, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson.

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

D. Joint Resolution with Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis - Attorney Johnson read the title of the resolution.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich.

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

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Makos - She appreciated Mr. Boettcher's presentation.

Councilmember Wenzel - He commended the volunteers at Highland Park. They had over 25 volunteers working at the park last week. He appreciates all of the community members that have reached out regarding the RFA.

Councilmember Robinson - He said the biggest issue has heard about is the speeding near Makarenko and Altenau. He says 724 Stanford keep piling garbage on their property. He thanked Ed Van Syckle for his work at cemetery park.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed VanSyckle - Grass clippings and street drainage are in violation of municipal on for 524, 603, and 612 Woodside Road. He is requesting abatement. Administrator Raines stated that he believes Mr. Sidor has already been in contact with them.

Vickie Raines - She thanked those involved with the RFA discussions. She thinks it is worthwhile to see if Cosmopolis should participate or not. She also wanted to acknowledge Linda Springer for her tremendous work on the park.

Susan Robinson - She said speed limit signs were promised. Public Works Superintendent Nations stated they were received about a week ago.

Matt Miller - He thanked the Council for their approval to stay on the RFA planning committee. He said there is still a lot of work to be done but thinks it will be good for Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis.

Steve Davis - He said one of the items on the agenda was the DNR agreement. He wanted to know how many of the Council actually reviewed the document before they voted on it. He said the RFA is at a pivotal point as the City doesn't have a fire department. He said the City was able to get \$100,000 in grants to redo a park but we haven't been able to do that for the fire department. He implored the City Council to set aside some time to meet with the former volunteers to go through each grievance.