



## **REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Council Chambers – 1300 First Street**

**November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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### **6 P.M. WORKSHOP - 2024 REVENUES**

Finance Director Pope, City Administrator Raines, and Mayor Pauley went over the projected revenues for 2024.

### **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Candice Makos, Councilmember Stana Carlisle, Councilmember Jim Ancich

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Raymond Robinson

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **PRESENTATION - LYNETTE BUFFINGTON, GREATER GRAYS HARBOR**

Lynette Buffington gave a presentation to showcase what Greater Grays Harbor has done in 2023

### **PUBLIC HEARING - 2024 REVENUE BUDGET & PROPERTY TAXES**

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

There were no public comments.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ashley Arcangel** - She sent in an email comment asking the need for additional funding in 2024 and stated the Greater Grays Harbor contract and the landscaping contract could pay for an additional person in public works.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works** - Councilmember Ancich stated they met prior to tonight's meeting. They discussed the public works budget and the landscaping contract.

### **CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**City Administrator** - We received a \$100,000 parks deferred maintenance grant from RCO. We should have the agreement before the Council at the next meeting. The new building is on schedule and one budget.

Administrator Raines asked permission for the mayor to sign the agreement for a grant not to exceed \$400,000 grant from RCO for a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan and Rate Study. This grant is for Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis.

Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle to approve the mayor signing the agreement, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

**Finance Director** - Director Pope stated that our insurance is going up 13.44% which is less than was predicted. There will be a budget workshop at the next meeting.

**Police Chief** - Chief Layman acknowledged Reserve Officer Adam Johnson and Officer Nick Bailey for acquiring three sets of tires and wheels for our vehicles. December 2, 2023 will Shop with a Cop.

Chief Layman requested permission to apply for a grant to receive a radar unit.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve applying for a grant for a radar unit, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

Chief Layman requested a permission to apply for a grant for Body cams.

Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle to grant permission to apply for a Body Cam grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

**Fire Chief** - Chief Falley stated they are working on updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan and an interlocal agreement with Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Fire District 2. It will be a couple of months before they hear about the DNR surplus engine.

Chief Falley requested permission to apply for a FEMA grant to acquire new turnout gear.

Motion made by Councilmember Makos to approve the application of a FEMA grant for turnout gear, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

Chief Falley would like to request permission to apply for a grant for MDT's. This is through the State Homeland Security program. This would be a joint grant for the fire and police departments.

Motion made by Councilmember Makos to give permission to apply for the grant, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

**Public Works Superintendent** - Superintendent Nations stated the TIB grant to replace street lights has not been completed yet. All of the veteran banners have been put away for winter.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pauley thanked everyone who ran for public office. He stated that US Representative Derek Kilmer will not be seeking reelection. Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director Gary Nelson will be retiring March 31, 2024.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Property Tax Refund Levies**

Motion made by Councilmember Makos to approve collecting the property tax refund levies, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

B. Ordinance 1387 (2024 Property Tax)

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve Ordinance 1387, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

C. Ord 1388 (Street Vacation)

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve Ordinance 1388, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

D. 2024 NW Maintenance Pros LLC Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Makos to approve the agreement with NW Maintenance Pros, Seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

E. 2024 Greater Grays Harbor Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the Greater Grays Harbor agreement, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Shawn Bridges** - He asked about the street light replacement in Paisley Creek. He volunteered to help with the project. He also asked about the \$400,000 grant and if we have to rebid the weeding contract.

**Linda Springer** - She stated she was impressed by the grant opportunities brought forward by the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.

**Kasi Turner** - She asked if the grant covered installation.

**Ashley Arcangel** - She thanked everyone voted in the election and thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve.