



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 30, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Pellegrini led the flag salute after which the Mayor asked for a moment of silence in recognition of City employee Mike West who passed away earlier today.

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Grun, Wiedl, Hyde, McMillan, Nelson, Winkelman, Dickhoff, Swope and Carlstrom. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Moir, Nelson and Shumate.

Staff in attendance were Fire Chief Ray Pumphrey, Police Chief Jeff Myers, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, City Planner Alissa Thurman, City Librarian Mary Thornton, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Luis Mestas – Proposal to  
Rent Sr. Center**

Mr. Luis Mestas submitted a written request to the council regarding the possible rental of the St. Center at 526 8<sup>th</sup> St. for his dance and theatre studio. Mr. Mestas operates the Lighthouse Conservatory of Dance Theater and Culture. Mr. Mestas would like to rent the building for \$150.00 per month through the end of December. Mr. Mestas' dance troupe performed for the Council. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the request and have the City Administrator and Finance Director to negotiate an agreement with an insurance requirement. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Skate Park**

Mr. Jeremy Stutesman, 5<sup>th</sup> St., Hoquiam, reiterated his comments from previous meetings concerning not allowing bikes on the new skate park and the need for lighting to discourage graffiti and vandalism. He also suggested that there be a broom on site at the park to clear any rocks from the park. He stated that Skaters for Public Skate Parks is a good website to go to for information on management.

**Skate Park**

Mr. Dustyn Rhoades, owner of Thumbprint Skate Shop stated that the city is making a lot of dreams come true with the skate park.

**Truck Route Changes**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, asked questions regarding the truck route ordinance that will be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Johnson explained that the only change is adding one block on Myrtle Street extending it to Cherry Street where the PUD lot is.



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**Finance Agreement with  
Ocean Shores and Bio-  
solids Disposal**

Mr. Larry Lytle, Miner St., Hoquiam, expressed his concern with the \$1,000 extra per month that the Finance Director will receive for providing financial support to the City of Ocean Shores. Mayor Durney stated that this is only during the time that the agreement with Ocean Shores is in place. Mr. Lytle also expressed his concern with the bio-solid waste disposal. Mr. Shay stated that the disposal site selected must be a certified site and if it is to the city than the original site, the city should see a reduction in the cost of the contract.

**Suggestions on Bridge**

Mr. Dave Hansen, 509 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hoquiam, stated that he had spoken at the last Council meeting regarding the addition of a new bridge in Hoquiam and changing the traffic routes on some of the one-way streets. He made other suggestions of possible location sites for another bridge.

**Historic Preservation Plan**

Ms. Mickey Thurman, 622 Eklund Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke in support of the Historic Preservation Plan which is on the agenda later in the meeting. She stated that there are 20 buildings in Grays Harbor County on National Historic Register – 11 of those buildings are in Hoquiam. She also suggested extending the map to include the Speedy Wash and old Safeway buildings. The historic buildings are part of our history and part of the unique character of Hoquiam and she believes Hoquiam is a trendsetter by adopting this plan.

**Restrictions on Motels**

Ms. Judy Gilbert, 620 Queen, Hoquiam, spoke regarding the change to the zoning ordinance that restricts residents to staying only 29 days at motels. Staff informed Ms. Gilbert that this was not on agenda for tonight but would be on the next meeting agenda.

**Crosswalk at YMCA to  
McDonalds**

Mr. Dave Hansen, 509 7<sup>th</sup> St., Hoquiam, stated that he has concerns with the crosswalk from the YMCA to McDonalds. He believes extra caution lights and more signage should be installed for people not familiar with area.

**Loggers' Playday Parade  
Route**

Ms. Bonnie Cable, 615 Washington Court, co-chairman of Loggers' Playday parade committee. Ms. Cable thanked city staff Tracy Wood, Albert Watters and Sgt. Shane Krohn for attending meeting last week. They met with parade committee members and assisted with coming up with a safe route for the parade. She explained the new route and staging area. Grays Harbor transit will also be providing shuttle service from Olympic Stadium to the downtown area.



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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Hyde moved for the adoption of items a and b as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of August 9, 2010;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 69963 through 70201 in the amount of \$473,983.53.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety and Law**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that the request for Alcohol Sales at Olympic Stadium not be approved for Loggers' Playday. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of this recommendation and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Community Forestry  
Assistance Grant**

Ms. Thurman provided a written report to the council regarding the DNR Community Forestry Assistance Grant that the City applied for earlier this year. We have been awarded \$10,000 for a street inventory and management plan. Staff requests that Council accept the grant and move forward with purchasing the software from the Street Tree budget. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to authorize this request and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed on the cost of the software. Staff informed Council that it can also be used to map public utilities and that Mr. Jackson has been involved with selection of the software. Also, a Certified Arborist will complete tree inventory for the city through the grant funds. Following the discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**Downtown Historic  
Preservation Plan**

Staff presented a written report to the Council regarding the Downtown Historic Preservation Plan. A grant was received last year to create the plan and prioritize specific structures for preservation. Staff recommends that Council approve the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission to adopt the plan as presented. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for approval, the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Annual Work Plan – Tree  
City USA**

Ms. Thurman presented a written report to the Council regarding our Annual Work Plan for Urban Forestry. This is one of the requirements of the Tree City USA certification.



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Staff recommends that Council adopt the 2010 Annual Work Plan as presented. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for adoption of the work plan. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Purchase of Braun  
Ambulance**

Chief Pumphrey provided a written report to the Council regarding the purchase of a new Ambulance through Braun. In Staff had requested bids earlier this year and Braun was the sole bidder. Cost for the ambulance is \$143,737.20 and the department currently has \$226,844.00 in their Equipment Rental Reserve Fund to cover this cost. Staff recommends acceptance and award of the bid from Braun. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the staff recommendation and to authorize the purchase of the new ambulance. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Skate Park Bids**

Mr. Shay presented a written report to the Council regarding the bid opening for the Skate Park at Gable Field. Three bids were received, but only two met specifications. Grindline Skate Parks bid \$87,438.57; Dreamland Skate Park bid \$45,500; and American Ramp did not meet the bid specifications. Staff recommends award to Dreamland as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for approval and award of the bid to Dreamland and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documentation. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**Demolition Bids 1316  
Lincoln**

Staff requested Demolition Bids for the removal of dangerous building(s) at 1316 Lincoln. Two bids were received as follows:

- Northwest Rock \$3,252.00;
- KD&S Environmental \$6,937.00;

Staff recommends award of the bid to Northwest Rock as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved to award to the bid to Northwest Rock and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary paperwork. The motion was seconded and following brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Change Order – Little  
Hoquiam Dam**

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council asking for approval of a change order to the contract with MJ Hughes on the Little Hoquiam Dam Removal Project. Mr. Shay stated that approval of the change order will result in a \$35,000 cost reduction to the project. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for



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the approval of the Change Order. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

**Sotomish House**

Mayor Durney reported that the Sotomish house will be demolished on September 9, 2010. Staff has worked closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accomplish this task.

**Festivals**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly concerning the recent Bluegrass Festival and the On Track Art Festival. He thanked staff for their work over the past two weekends.

**New Owners – Liquor Store**

Mayor Durney reported that there is a new owner at the Hoquiam Liquor Store.

**Initiatives**

The Mayor briefly discussed upcoming Initiatives that will be on the November ballots. We need to review these initiatives carefully to see what impacts they would have on the city.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Grays Harbor Council of Governments**

Councilmember Pellegrini reported that COG recently assisted the Port of Grays Harbor on a rail loop grant.

**Loggers' Playday**

Councilmember McMillan reminded Council and the citizens that Loggers' Playday is gearing up and ready to go.

**HBA/HDA Auction**

Councilmember Winkelman reminded Council that HBA is working with HDA for the Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction which will be held on October 2, 2010.

Councilmember Winkelman also discussed looking into a way to disburse Bluegrass tickets and other event tickets for free as promotions.

**LEGAL BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES**

**Truck Route**

An Ordinance relating to truck routes; amending Section 7.80.080 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion was held concerning the addition of the block on Cherry Street. Mr. Johnson also stated that a clause has been added to allow for the Mayor or City Administrator to authorize temporary changes in lieu of emergency or construction projects. Following its second reading, the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.



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**Salary Ordinance**

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Hoquiam from and after September 1, 2010, and repealing Ordinance No. 2010-18. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following its second reading the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Interlocal Agreement –  
City of Hoquiam and City  
of Ocean Shores**

An Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hoquiam and the City of Ocean Shores for financial management services. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the agreement and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion on the liability to City and the software that Ocean Shores uses followed after which the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire at Fluckinger Building**

Council asked what the status of the burned out blue building on 8<sup>th</sup> Street was. Mr. Shay reported that the property owner was contacted and had no insurance. We are currently – applying for grants for the removal of the building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Loggers’ Playday  
Fundraiser**

Councilmember Carlstrom stated that the Loggers’ Playday parade committee is having a fundraiser to cover some of the costs associated with the parade. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece and she has them with her tonight.

**Truck Driving Competition  
on Levee Street**

Staff was reminded that the Playday will want to close a portion of Levee Street for the truck driving competition and this will require moving some of the DOT barricades. Staff will contact DOT.

**Watershed Committee  
Meeting**

It was announced that the Watershed Committee will meet on September 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers.

**Staff Barbeque**

Councilmember Moir stated that the Council will hold a barbeque for all City employees on Thursday from 12:00 to 2:00 at the Fire Station.

**Grizzly Alumni Photo**

It was announced that the Grizzly photo will be on Friday at 4:00 – all Grizzly alumni should meet in the Council chambers.

**Excuse Absent Members**

Councilmember Hyde asked which Councilmembers had notified staff that they would not be in attendance. Two of the Councilmembers called. Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse those who notified staff in advance. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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Congratulations to councilmember Hyde for birth of his 12<sup>th</sup> great grandchild.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary