



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 27, 2012**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Smith led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Medical Marijuana  
Collective Gardens  
Moratorium**

Councilmember Moir moved to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Johnson stated that the hearing was required to extend the moratorium on medical marijuana collective gardens.

Ms. Tammy Ramsey, Hoquiam, stated that she does not feel that the council is working towards creating any zoning or regulations to allow for collective gardens or dispensaries. The council keeps extending the moratorium. If dispensaries are not allowed, there will be more growing operations which will put more marijuana on the streets instead of using licensed dispensaries. There needs to be some way of providing safe access for patients. The more you deny access the more patients are being exposed to criminal markets. The "do nothing" approach the council is taking is making it hard for patient/police relationships and working together. She asked that the council please do something.

Hearing no further comment from the public, Councilmember Moir moved to close the hearing at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**CDBG Grant Application –  
Eastside Fire Station**

Councilmember Moir moved to open the hearing to discuss the CDBG application for the Eastside Fire Station at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Ms. Thurman made a staff presentation regarding the CDBG and the Eastside Fire Station. She reviewed the grant requirements and the proposal that the City will submit. She also stated that there were handouts available regarding the CDBG for the public and media. The City will be applying for a \$900,000 grant. We will also utilize city labor for some of the asbestos surveys and



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demolition. Businesses that have provided letters of support are: Grays Harbor Community Hospital, YMCA, Grays Harbor Transit, Educational Service District 113 (Head Start), Hoquiam School District, City of Aberdeen Fire Department, GH County Sheriff / Emergency Management, Westway Terminals, Imperium Grays Harbor, Paneltech, Westport Shipyard, Bottomsiders, Hair Concept, Harbor Chiropractic Center, Timberland Bank, and over 40 residents who have submitted letters of support. Councilmember Grun asked if we should look at another location out of the flood plain. The council also briefly discussed with the Chief how calls would be handled while construction is underway. Chief Pumphrey stated they would respond to calls from the main station.

Mr. Rick Murray, 2600 Aberdeen Avenue, stated that there have been many incidents that the Eastside Station has taken care of. It is comforting to know that they are there. Good people, good equipment, deserve better than what is there now. He feels the city should do this project and look ahead.

Mr. Eugene Bistrika, Maple Street, Hoquiam, spoke in support of this project and encouraged Council to support the application. He also stated he would like to see the park rehabilitated. Mr. Shay stated that staff is currently working on a plan for the parks.

Ms. Elizabeth Scott, 807 5<sup>th</sup> Street, stated she is in favor of this fire station. She has talked to a number of people throughout Hoquiam and no one is negative about this. She believes it is something that Hoquiam needs and deserves.

Hearing no further comments, Councilmember Moir moved to close the hearing at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Chief Pumphrey introduced the newest Captain at the fire station, Matt Miller who was recently selected to fill the vacant Captain position. This will be effective March 1, 2012.

**RESOLUTIONS  
Authorizing the CDBG  
Grant Application**

Councilmember Moir made a motion to move to item 5, Resolutions, items 2 and 4, on the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Folkers read the resolution authorizing the application for



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**Capital Facilities Plan**

\$900,000 in Grant Funds for the Eastside Fire Station Redevelopment project. Councilmember Moir moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS  
Business on Port Dock and  
Question Regarding  
Library Board**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam adopting a new Capital Facilities Plan for the City of Hoquiam. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the resolution, the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Powerboat Racing  
Club/Hydroplane Racing**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, asked a question regarding one of the businesses located on the Port Dock at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Bay (Bottom Siders); he asked how long they had been there. Staff responding they have been at this location for some time. Mr. Forbes asked if there would still be a Library Board when the Hoquiam Library becomes part of the Library District. Mayor Durney stated that this is an advisory board who lets the library know how well they are doing and feels the Board would still serve in this capacity. .

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Keith Roman, South Aberdeen, stated he is the President of the GH Powerboat Boosters which is a Powerboat racing fan club. They currently have 46 members and would like to submit bid to bring hydroplane racing to Hoquiam. The Port has given permission for them to use some of their property. They are just getting started but would like the Cities support to bring racing to the harbor. They are currently looking at the last weekend in June of next summer.

Councilmember Grun moved to approve items a and b on the consent agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council minutes of February 13, 2012;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 74112 through 74296 in the amount of \$292,036.70;
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**OFFICER REPORTS  
Warrant Sweep #2-2012**

The motion for approval of the consent agenda items passed by voice vote.

A written report on Warrant Sweep #2 was provided to the Council for their review. 31 persons were arrested and booked



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into jail, with 10 prisoners posting bail resulting in \$9,700 in bail being collected. A total of 35 warrants were cleared.

Mayor Durney presented his request for authorization from the Council for the following projects:

- The Art Pocklington/Central Play Park Redevelopment Project which would include replacement of the playground equipment; a spray park, picnic shelter, fencing, lighting, walkways, benches and signage at a project cost of \$350,000. The City would be required to provide \$104,000 in match against the \$198,754 grant. The Mayor and staff recommend the matching funds be allocated utilizing the parks special projects funds totaling \$54,000 and \$50,000 from the General Capital Reserve Fund.
- Neighborhood Park Restoration Project. The 2012 budget included \$50,000 for playground equipment which would be enough to address all four neighborhood parks. The Mayor and staff recommend that staff be authorized to move forward to bid all new equipment for this spring.
- Library Heating System Replacement Project. The library has seven heat pumps and two of these have been shut down due to the failure of four compressors. Total replacement of the entire system would cost approximately \$60,000; replacement of the failed compressors would be \$9,350. The Library District will contribute \$15,000 toward the project and the City has \$100,000 allocated for general building repairs. The Mayor and Staff recommend that this project be funded for completion.
- Farmer's Market Expansion Project. Staff would recommend that council approve the building of new attached restrooms on the exterior of the building adjacent to Deidra's Deli. This would free up space inside for additional vendors. The project is estimated at approximately \$35,000 and the Mayor and Staff recommend this funding be taken from the \$100,000 budgeted for general building repairs.
- Approval of the application for CDBG funding for the East Side Fire Station. (Previously approved earlier in



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the meeting.)

- Water Transmission Main Replacement Project. Staff has applied for a PWTF loan to replace priority segments of the Main. Staff recommends that if the funds are made available, the City accept the loan.
- Sewer Force Main Replacement – Moon Island to K Street. The City is on the Ecology Recommended funding list to receive a \$1.4 million loan to replace the Sewer Force Main from Moon Island to K Street. Staff recommends Council approval to authorize the Mayor to sign the loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Sewer Force Main Project.

Councilmember Winkelman made a motion to authorize staff to move forward on construction of the Art Pocklington Central Play Park Renovation Project, the Neighborhood Park Renovation Projects, the Library Heating System Replacement Project, the Farmer’s Market Expansion Project and submittal of the CDBG application for the Headquarters Fire station Dorm Remodel project utilizing allocated and recommended city and state funding. He further recommends authorizing the Mayor to sign loan agreements with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Sewer Force Main project and acceptance of the PWTF Loan for the Water Transmission Main project if made available to the City. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

**MAYOR REPORTS  
Library Board  
Appointment**

**COUNCIL REPORTS  
Retreat**

Mayor Durney asked for council concurrence on the appointment of Mike Parker to serve on the Library Board. Councilmember Grun moved for adoption of the recommendation and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**LEGAL BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES  
Extending Moratorium on  
Marijuana Collective  
Gardens**

Councilmember Winkelman thanked everyone for participating. At the recent Council retreat. Councilmember Wiedl stated that he felt he learned a lot at the retreat and would like to see them held more often.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, extending a moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective



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**Community Services  
Department**

Gardens for an additional six months. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded and following no discussion, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which it passed by vote of 9 to 1 with Councilmember Carlstrom voting no.

**Street Trees**

An Ordinance relating to the Community Services Department; amending Section 1.52.018 and 1.52.025, of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and repealing Section 1.52.112, 1.52.115, and 1.52.117 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS  
Opposing Tax and  
Licensing Simplification  
Act**

An Ordinance relating to the regulation and control of street trees; amending Section 6.52.010 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending Section 6.52.050 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Amending Watershed Plan  
- Timber Harvest Rotation  
Schedule**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, expressing its opposition to SB 6176 and HB 2590, known as "The Tax and Licensing Simplification Act." Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pellegrini and passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS  
Location of Committee  
Meetings**

A Resolution amending the City of Hoquiam's 1994 Watershed Plan, prepared by Columbia Pacific Resource Conservation and Development Council on behalf of the City. Councilmember Grun moved for adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Medical Marijuana**

It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall on the first Monday of each month. Also meeting the first Monday of each month at City Hall are the Public Utilities at 6:00 and Watershed at 7:00.

Councilmember Carlstrom spoke briefly regarding the extension of the Moratorium on Medical Marijuana gardens.



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**ADJOURN**

She stated that at a previous council meeting it was discussed that a committee/group be formed to look at this issue. She stated she feels this is a civil liberties issue and we are dealing with someone's health and she would like to see us move forward on this. Mayor Durney suggested it could be referred to the Public Safety Committee – there was no motion for referral. He asked if there was interest to form an Ad Hoc committee - Councilmember Carlstrom stated she would be happy to serve on this committee.

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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