

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Forkum, Grun, Livingston, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope, Wilson and Winkelman.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Asst. Finance Director Maureen Smedley and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shoreline Master Plan

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, spoke to the Council regarding the Shoreline Master Plan. Section 1.06.02B speaks to protecting significant wildlife and bird sanctuaries such as the Grays harbor estuary. It states these should be considered when reviewing shoreline development applications. It seems to him that this would certainly apply to the impending final environmental impact statement for the Westway crude oil terminal. He would think that everyone involved should keep the master plan in mind when they are working on this.

Historical District

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that there has been some discussion on expanding the historical district in downtown Hoquiam. He hopes the council will think about the consequences to the small businesses who don't have the resources to meet some of the regulations imposed by a Historical district

Ed Jurin, Minor Street, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding the safety of the children in his neighborhood. Cars are going down Queen Avenue at 40 to 50 miles an hour and there is not one speed limit sign on the whole road. He would like to see some speed limit signs put up so no one gets hurt. He stated he came before the council last year for the same issue. There is also a problem with motor homes turning down the side streets and there are some very low hanging overhead wires.

Parking Strips

Mike Cooper, 2911 Pacific Avenue, asked who is responsible for the parking strip maintenance. Mr. Shay stated that per city code it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain them. Mr. Cooper stated that on the corner of Pacific and 29th, there is a condemned building and it is becoming a fire and safety hazard. There are two trees growing out over the sidewalk and it causes pedestrians to have to use the road to get around in that area and it also causes a safety hazard for traffic as you cannot clearly see the intersection. The grass is not being maintained either and he would like to see something done.

City of Aberdeen – Sludge Disposal

Kyle Stop, Wastewater System Manager for the City of Aberdeen, conveyed the city of Aberdeen's thanks to the City of Hoquiam, Mr.

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Shay and Mr. Fulbright for helping the City out with sludge disposal during their recent maintenance on their plant. The efforts of the staff and the cooperation of the City are greatly appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun Moved to approve the consent agenda items a through c, motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked what the additional costs were on item B. Mr. Shay explained it was for additional materials for the sewer line connection.

Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of July 25, 2016;
- A Request to Accept Completion of the Water/Sewer Emergency Pipeline Replacement Project done by Rognlin's;
- A Request to Accept Completion of the Construction of the Police Station Improvement Project done by Western Washington Construction.

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

MAYORS REPORTS

Neighborhood Ward Meetings

Mayor Dickhoff reminded Council and citizens that the neighborhood ward meetings will be held next week. This is a great opportunity for people to get to know their council representatives and ask questions of staff or suggest things that they would like to see completed. The meetings will be held at Central Elementary School on August 15th at 6:30 p.m. and at the Grays Harbor PUD Meeting Room on August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation of New Finance Director

Mayor Dickhoff asked for council confirmation on the appointment of Corinne Schmid as the city's new Finance Director. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the confirmation of Corrine Schmid for the position of Finance Director. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Chief for a Day and National Night Out

Evan attended the Chief for the Day activities at the academy and really enjoyed his day. Also National Night out was a great success. There were 11 individual parties with hundreds of people attending. The Elks also hosted one of these parties and supplied new backpacks to the kids attending there. Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the contact of the police with the Youth in the community is invaluable. The value of that kind of community effort and touching base with the young people in the community will pay off in the future.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

Shoreline Master Plan

A Resolution adopting the updated Shoreline Master Program, and directing staff to submit the shoreline Master Program to the State Department of Ecology for its review and approval. Ms. Smedley read the resolution by title and Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adopt

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the resolution. The motion was seconded after which Mr. Shay provided some background information on the plan and the process that it goes through once submitted to the State. It could take up to 9 to 12 months for their review and approval. Over the last 6 years all cities that have shorelines were required to update their shorelines plan. The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Stadium

Councilmember Forkum spoke about forming the Friends of the Stadium. The intention is to do something to help with maintenance, upkeep and help promote uses at the stadium. If anyone is interested in participating in this group let her know or Mayor Dickhoff or staff.

Safety Issues on North End

Councilmember Pennant spoke briefly regarding the concerns from Mr. Jurin. He has been before the Council twice for the same concerns and we need to take care of the problems in that area. He asked how expensive it would be to install speed bumps. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shay explained that our insurance (WCIA) highly recommends that speed bumps not be used, but staff will certainly look at signage. Councilmember Nelson moved to send this issue to the public safety committee for their review and recommendation to the council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking on Sumner

Councilmember Forkum stated that she has been approached by business owners on the east side regarding the parking on Sumner. Many residents are parking there which leaves no parking for the customers stopping at the businesses. Could the issue of two hour parking be looked at in this area? Councilmember Forkum moved to send this issue to the public safety committee for their review and recommendation to the council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Painting of Roadways

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, asked if the city would consider painting the roads with children at play or slow – to try and alleviate some of the excess speeding in the residential areas on the North end.

Loggers Playday

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, asked if there was information on Loggers Playday. It will be held on September 10th and the Loggers Playday Committee meets every Thursday at 7:00 at the Elks.

Pride Festival

Councilmember Anderson reminded the Council, staff and citizens that the Pride Festival will be held August 20th. This is the third year of the festival. The vendor fair and activities begin at 11:00 and the festival will end at midnight.

Shoreline Master Plan

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, encouraged council and staff to review the paragraphs and sections that he referenced in the Shoreline Master Plan regarding protection of estuaries and refuges.

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Sidewalk Program

Mr. Jurin, Minor Street, asked about the residential sidewalk program. Mr. Shay stated that the program for this year ends this week, but he can contact staff and get on the list for next year.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff -- Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

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