

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Special Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Winkelman led the flag salute and Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Anderson, Dickhoff, Diehm, Grun, McMillan, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Nelson.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Fire Chief Paul Dean, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

PUBLIC HEARING

**CDBG Final Project
Performance – East Side
Fire Station**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the hearing at 7:17 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. There were no public comments and Councilmember McMillan moved to close the public hearing and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Fire Chief Dean stated that it is approximately 99% complete and they hope to be moved in by the beginning of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Port of Grays Harbor

Representative from the Port of Grays Harbor including Commissioner Pinnick, Executive Director Nelson and Public Affairs representative Kayla Dunlap spoke briefly regarding the accomplishments of the Port and projected growth over the next few years. A brief discussion followed wherein the Port personnel answered questions asked by the council.

University of Washington

Three representatives from the University of Washington made a presentation to the Council regarding the old Railway Bridge and rehabilitating it to become a public walkway and possible bike path. There is a group of 8 students that have been working on the project in conjunction with the Department of Health personnel. Their goal is to help provide safe healthy trails/paths for pedestrians and bicycles. They provided information to the City on possible next steps for funding and construction.

Public Comment

Ideas from the Public

Robin Moore, Monroe Avenue, Hoquiam, thanked the Council for providing the opportunity during public comment for the public to present ideas and ask questions of the Council.

Oil by Rail

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault Avenue in Hoquiam, stated he felt there were several inconsistencies in the Port presentation.

Without crude by rail, the channel deepening is not necessary. There is no spill hazard equipment located in Grays Harbor and if a disaster happened it would need to come from Seattle or Columbia River. He stated he would be happy to make a presentation to the Council on the downfalls of plans for oil by rail.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of items a through d on the consent agenda and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014
- Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 80931 through 81131 in the amount of \$1,928,096.81;
- A Notice of Completion and request for approval of acceptance and release of retainage and bonds for the 2014 RMAP Project (Watershed culverts) completed by Schermer Construction

Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval of the consent agenda passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2015 Committees

Council was reminded that new committees will need to be established in 2015.

OFFICER REPORTS

Cancellation of December 22nd Meeting

Staff requested that Council consider cancelling the December 22, 2014 Council Meeting if it is deemed not necessary. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to cancel meeting if it is not necessary. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

MAYORS REPORTS

2015-2016 Biennium Goals

A written copy of the goals for the 2015-2016 Biennium were provided to the Council. Mayor Durney also asked the council to consider whether they would like to hold a retreat in 2015.

PDC

Councilmembers were reminded to complete their PDC Reports and submit them.

AWC Freight Rail Committee

Mayor Durney provided information from the AWC Freight Rail Committee to each councilmember.

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K Street Tree Planting

Mayor Durney stated that new trees have been planted on K Street. The Washington Conservation Corps will be coming down to assist with planting the remaining 44 trees on Thursday.

Retirement

Mayor Durney congratulated Al Gregory on his retirement from the City and thanked him for his many years of service to the City of Hoquiam.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ho Ho Hoquiam

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Ho Ho Hoquiam run and the Ho Ho Hoquiam activities were very successful last Saturday. The tree lighting and cocoa stroll were enjoyed by all. Councilmember Winkelman also stated that the Grayport has made a request to for the use of some property here in town. He will keep the council informed.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Equipment Rental

An Ordinance relating to the Equipment Rental Fund; repealing Ordinance No. 84-26; repealing section 1.76.050 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending sections 1.76.030 and 1.76.060 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved to postpone action on this Ordinance until the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Register of Historic Places

A Resolution listing the Quigg Riverside Building, 1508 Riverside Avenue on the Hoquiam Register of Historic Places, effective October 31, 2014. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded and

OLD BUSINESS

Council Vacancy

Councilmember McMillan asked what the status of filling the council vacancy is. Mr. Shay stated that the City advertised for the position and those interested are to submit a letter of interest by December 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Member

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent member. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, thanked the council for postponing action on the Equipment Rental ordinance until the next meeting.

Executive Session

Mayor Durney announced that council will adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. The

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session will last approximately 10 minutes and no action will be taken following it. Councilmember McMillan moved to recess for 5 minutes and convene in executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council came back to order in regular session at 8:15 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved for adjournment of the meeting and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

