

**CITY OF HOQUIAM**  
**Council Special Meeting Minutes**

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**March 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Pennant led the flag salute and Mayor Durney called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ocean Express – Traffic Revision**

A letter was received from Ocean Express requesting the City to allow for a traffic revision for their trucks during the upcoming Bridge closure. Councilmember McMillan moved to have the City Attorney draft a resolution to change the truck route during the bridge closure to accommodate the trucks. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Swearing In of New PSO Selena Lowery**

Mayor Durney swore in Selena Lowery as the newest PSO at the Police Department.

**Port of Grays Harbor**

Gary Nelson, Port of Grays Harbor, spoke in opposition of the proposed moratorium on liquid petroleum. He asked the Council to consider the implications this moratorium would have on liquefied bulk storage which would include everything from bulk gas stations, greases, propane, etc. He encouraged the City to be very specific in what the intentions of the moratorium are. This moratorium will impact the opportunity for existing companies such as Imperium and Westway to grow or expand. Maasco would not be able to locate in Hoquiam. He asked the Council to consider the needs of the businesses and employers in our town. . Mayor Durney explained that there will be a public hearing on the moratorium.

**Moratorium Liquefied Petroleum Sales and Storage**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, commended the Mayor on his stand. Citizens need someone to lead the way in the protection of the citizens. There is very little benefit to the people of Hoquiam by allowing storage for petroleum. It will offer very few jobs. If the Ordinances are going to be changed, be specific on the size of bulk and specific types such as natural gas. He does not think the Port is our friend or that they are looking out for the citizens. He also expressed his opposition to changing the truck route for Ocean Protein.

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Tammy Domite, Hoquiam, spoke about recent derailments and the explosions that have happened.

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, spoke in opposition to bulk/crude storage. The City has a statement in the charter to be responsible to the citizens and work for the betterment of the citizens and the city. Who do you want to be sued by the proponents of these projects or your citizens?

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, also spoke in opposition to oil by rail and bulk storage.

Dianne Wolf, 309 Beacon Hill Drive, thanked the Mayor for his proposed moratorium. While the proposal does not address the sites that have currently applied, it will keep others from doing this in the future.

Gary Murrell, 717 Lincoln Street, glad to see that the Mayor has changed his mind. It is not going to stop the projects that have currently applied, but will stop those in the future.

Lisa Chappel, thanked the Mayor for his proposed moratorium.

Mr. Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, thanked the Mayor for taking a stand on this.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The City Council Minutes of February 23, 2015
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 81703 through 81718 in the amount of \$32,500.85; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$329,176.30 and \$168,230.84 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27333 through 27365 in the amount of \$164,313.96.

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

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Loggers Playday**

Councilmember Diehm reported that at the last Loggers Playday Committee meeting she attended, the committee is considering this September to be the last logger show. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

**Moratorium**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding his proposal to place a moratorium on Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales Facilities. He urged the council to adopt the moratorium to stop any further development until the zoning ordinance can be reviewed.

**Firefighter Stair Climb**

Mayor Durney congratulated the fire department staff who climbed the Columbia Towers for the Leukemia Foundation this past weekend.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

**Moratorium on Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales Facilities**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, imposing a moratorium on the licensing, regulation, location and permitting of Wholesale Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales facilities, setting a public hearing, and declaring this ordinance a public emergency ordinance and thus effective immediately. Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan stated that the ordinance should be tabled until more specific language can be added to clarify what the moratorium includes. There was no second. Mr. Folkers stated that the Public Hearing would be set for March 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The Council has the option to adopt the moratorium as is, revise it at that time, or not adopt it. Councilmember Pennant spoke in support of the moratorium; Councilmember Winkelman stated he would like to see the specific definitions as to what it would include as it is too broad at this point. Councilmember McMillan asked staff if anyone has come forward requesting further permits. Mr. Shay stated there are no pending applications at this point. Following further discussion, Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title a second time and the motion passed by vote of 9 to 1 with Councilmember McMillan voting no.

**Resolutions**

**Zoning Code Amendment**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, relating to an amendment of Title 10, pursuant to Section 10.07.140 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code concerning the development and adoption of zoning regulations and development standards for Wholesale Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales Facilities. Councilmember Winkelman moved to table this resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Excuse Absent Members**

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Crude by Rail and Bulk  
Storage Facilities**

Mr. Gary Murrell, Lincoln Street, Hoquiam, stated that the City should never have been in the position of crude oil and bomb trains coming through our area. He stated he finds it astonishing that no one from the Port contacted the Friends of Grays Harbor, the Audubon Society, the fishermen in the area and spoke to them about their concerns.

Mr. Stan Pinnick, Port Commissioner, stated that the Port did host a meeting at the Port of Grays Harbor.

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault, stated that the organizations were not consulted on the first two project proposals, but did attend the meeting on the third one.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 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

