



# CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Hinchon led the flag salute.

## ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Dick, George, Grun, Hinchon, McMillan, Pellegrini, Puvogel, Reid and Ushman. Councilmember Nelson was absent from the meeting.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Asst. Fire Chief Matt Miller, Fire Representative Rich Malizia, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Legislative Success

Briahna Murray and Marian Dacca from Gordon Thomas Honeywell provided an update of the recent legislative success for funding through the State budget for various Hoquiam projects. Also presented was an Interim Work Plan. The Company was jointly hired through Hoquiam and Aberdeen to lobby for funding through various sources. Our cities received funding for the Levee Flood Protection project and US 12 rail project as well as funding for the RCO grant that was submitted on behalf of the Stadium preservation project. Funds for these projects have been secured and the possibility of another round of funding for the levee projects exists through the probably 70 M that will go to the Chehalis Basin group. OCD funds should be awarded by mid-June. With the secured funds and possible future funds we should be shovel ready for the levee projects by early 2023. They stated that it is extremely important to thank 24<sup>th</sup> district legislator leaders – emphasize and encourage that everyone extends their thanks to them.

### Washington Trust for Public Lands

Sam Hotchkins and Anna Hadlick made a presentation to the Council regarding the Washington Trust for Public Lands assistance in obtaining additional timberlands near the watershed. They are a national land conservation non-profit organization and they work to identify land with conservation value. Working collaboratively with public entities the trust negotiates the acquisition of privately owned land. There is no fee to the city for this. There is a significant amount of property owned by Rayonier which borders the city watershed property



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## CONSENT AGENDA

(approximately 12000 acres). This is the property that is being looked at. They are experts in conservation real estate. Recognize that these are working timberlands within the watersheds. They are requesting that Council approve a Letter of Intent to allow them to pursue/negotiate with Rayonier for those properties identified. They will also look at possible sources of funding to help with the purchase through State and Federal funds. Following their presentation, City Administrator Shay stated if the council is interested in moving forward, under new business we could authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent; there is more public funding for this type of project than there has ever been before.

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

- The City Council Minutes of April 26, 2021;
- The Amended Notice of Completion – Moon Island Road

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Play and Park Program

Councilmember Carlstrom reported that the Regulatory Committee reviewed the play and park proposal for Pocklington Central Playfield submitted by the YMCA. The Committee has determined that the City will not participate this year due to COVID restrictions and also that it was not included in the budget.

## MAYORS REPORTS

### Laser Show – City Anniversary

Mayor Winkelman announced that there will not be a Laser Show at the Stadium on May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to the COVID restrictions and planning we have decided to postpone this. Looking at possibly doing it at a later date over at Gable as it was done before. It would not be a city event but they would be allowed to use Gable Field as they did before.



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National Police Week

The Mayor reminded everyone that this is National Police week. There are virtual events from the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual candlelight vigil will be on Thursday night. If you see officers thank them for what they do.

Candidate Filing

Mayor Winkelman reminded Council that 8 positions need to file next week to run in the next election.

PDC

If you have not completed your PDC filing – they are past due.

Scam Emails

There are emails going out to staff and council that look like they are from the mayor to buy gift cards, etc. Do Not Answer these – delete them. Always look at the properties of the email addresses – they show they are not coming from the city.

Building Safety and Sanitation

The City is working with a local company to obtain quotes for city disinfection services. There are concerns with employees working in our buildings, especially now that the public is allowed back in. Staff will get the quotes to the Regulatory committee for their review. This is a fairly expensive project and it would probably to go out to bid if we decide to pursue it.

Park Name

The Park at the corner of Adams Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street needs a name. We should refer this to the Historic Preservation Committee for review – there are city adopted guidelines for the naming of public properties.

Resurfacing of Simpson

The resurfacing of Simpson began last week – prep work is currently being done and resurfacing is starting.

Mr. Moo's Ice Cream

There is a new ice cream business at the corner of Simpson and 5<sup>th</sup> St. – Mr. Moo's Ice Cream. He had a soft opening this past weekend and the grand opening is this week. Stop in and welcome them to Hoquiam.

Presentations

Mayor Winkelman encouraged council to consider what was discussed during the presentations tonight.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**



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Employee Barbeque

Councilmember McMillan stated that we are moving forward on the plans for an employee barbeque in late August. If you have not given your \$25 to Denise please do so.

Cemetery

Councilmember Grun complimented staff on the Cemetery and the new planters and work that has been completed over the past several month. It is really looking great.

### **LEGAL BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinances**

Parking on Ontario

An Ordinance relating to parking on Ontario Street; and amending Section 7.80.030 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Ms. Schmid read the ordinance by title and Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the ordinance. His motion was seconded. Councilmember Puvogel stated that the Ordinance is for the east side of the street – is the west side to be no parking also. Chief Myers stated that he thought it already was a no parking area. It is not listed in the Ordinance. Councilmember McMillan moved to table the Ordinance so staff can review and make any necessary changes. The motion to table was seconded and passed by voice vote.

#### **Resolutions**

Surplus Property – Firearms

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam municipal Code Sections 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. The items consist of three firearms that the Police Department will trade to a licensed firearms dealer. There was a brief discussion wherein Council asked if the Hi-Point 9mm was an officer firearm or a seizure. Mr. Johnson stated it was a seizure. Following this discussion, the motion to approve was passed by voice vote.

#### **Other Legal**

Babe Ruth Baseball Lease –  
Olympic Stadium

A Rental Agreement between the City and Babe Ruth Baseball for lease of the stadium for the 2021 Babe Ruth Season in the amount of \$850. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the lease and have the Mayor sign. His motion was seconded. Councilmember Ushman asked if the fields were used on a first come first served basis. Mr. Shay stated that all field reservations



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Hoquiam Girls Fastpitch  
Lease – Gable Field

are done through Tracy in Community Services. Staff explained that all leagues were given a reduced rate this year due to Covid restrictions and a decrease in their player registrations and number of games. Following this discussion, the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign passed by voice vote.

A Rental Agreement between the City and Hoquiam Girls Fastpitch Association for lease of the Gable Field for the 2021 Season in the amount of \$1,000. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the lease and have the Mayor sign. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Hoquiam Youth Baseball  
Lease – Olympic Stadium

A Rental Agreement between the City and Hoquiam Youth Baseball for lease of the stadium for the 2021 Youth Baseball Season in the amount of \$2,500. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the lease and have the Mayor sign. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Hoquiam School District  
Lease – John Gable Park

A Rental Agreement between the City and the Hoquiam School District for John Gable Park at a rate of \$100 per use. Councilmember McMillan moved to correct item 1 of the agreement and remove the language concerning Olympic Stadium and to approve the agreement as corrected. His motion was seconded and following a brief discussion regarding graduation and other school events, the motion to approve passed by voice vote. Staff stated that graduation was scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Signage on Highway

Councilmember George said that he and his wife have been in Hoquiam for 10 years next month. The signage for local businesses on the highway has not changed in that 10 years. He would think that HBA and the City could work with the State on getting the signage updated and bring people into the downtown area. Mr. Johnson stated that businesses need to approach the State to get their signage on the highway. Also discussed was the signage at some of our intersections that join one of the highways. It is sometimes difficult for people to know what road they are turning onto – especially on Emerson Avenue.



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Ordinance Regarding New  
Holidays

Councilmember McMillan moved to have staff bring back the ordinance on City holidays for reconsideration at the next meeting. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Washington Trust for Public  
Lands

Councilmember Grun moved to approve the Letter of Intent for the Washington Trust for Public Lands. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Excuse Absent Member

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

RFA Meeting

Councilmember McMillan announced that the RFA meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment  
City Holidays

Ms. Schmid read a letter submitted by Bianca Black 121 Karr, supporting the approval of Juneteenth and Native American Heritage Days and asking the council to reconsider their previous vote.

## ADJOURN

Councilmember Mcmillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary