

REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street October 05, 2022 at 7:00 PM

1. FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Candice Makos, Councilmember Stana Cummings, Councilmember Jim Ancich, Councilmember Ray Robinson, Councilmember Miles Wenzel

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Wenzel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of confirmation of new volunteer firefighters to new business. Councilmember Ancich seconded.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel, Councilmember Robinson

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Makos made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Motion carried.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel, Councilmember Robinson

A. Claims Vouchers

B. Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2022 Workshop & Public Forum, September 15, 2022 Workshop, September 21, 2022 Council Meeting

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety - Councilmember Wenzel stated that they have met with Chief Stratton. They discussed the parking ordinance, a new police vehicle, and moving to a temporary facility while the new building is under construction. Regarding the Fire Department, they discussed updating active shooter procedures, introduction to budget talks, flammable liquid cabinet pricing, surplus expired turn out gear, and updating emergency reporting software.

Regional Fire Authority - Mayor Pauley stated there is an RFA meeting next Thursday.

7. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Director - She stated the 2019-2021 audit just started. It will be done virtually. She has also been working on the revenue budget. The insurance agent stated that insurance is expected to increase 15%. Medical is expected to go up 4.5%.

Police Chief - Officer Tarnowski is accepting a position with the Aberdeen Police Department. His last day is October 16th. He sent out some information regarding RV parking for an ordinance. He receives complaints weekly. He said they are looking to 2024 for a new police vehicle. He said the only vehicle available now is a lease turn-in. He also discussed the Police moving into the Fire Hall during construction.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

He stated that City Hall has returned to five days a week. He was asked to submit a letter of support for the funding for the US 12 highway separation project for federal funding. He will joining local leaders for a meeting regarding the proposed Cascadia wind project.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Participation Plan for SMP Review

Administrator Raines stated this is for the Shoreline Master Plan update. This is the five year review. The legislature provided funding for performing the review. We are required to perform a public participation plan. He said the draft needs council approval.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich, Seconded by Councilmember Makos. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel, Councilmember Robinson

B. Request matching funds for Light the Corridor Project

The Friends of Highland Park received a \$3,000 grant from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. Linda is asking the City to contribute \$1,450.74 in order to purchase 7 snowflake lights for First Street. She stated the lights would on First Street from J street to D street. Councilmember Makos asked if the Parks Committee has discussed this. Councilmember Carlisle stated the committee would need to meet to discuss this. LInda stated that if it isn't approved, the Friends of Highland Park would like to purchase and donate the lights to the city. Mayor Pauley stated that it will still need to go in front of the committee.

C. RV Street Parking Discussion

Councilmember Wenzel stated that the Public Safety Committee has looked at this. Chief Stratton stated our current code is vague. The new proposed language would add language to make it enforceable. This would also apply to other oversize vehicles. Councilmember Wenzel stated the streets near the schools get narrow with the rv slideouts being out. Councilmember Makos asked if this is specifically just for vehicles on the street. Chief Stratton said it was. Attorney Johnson stated the permit fee wasn't listed. He said it would need to be set by resolution by the city council. Permits would be issued by City Hall. Councilmember Ancich said he feels that 72 hours is not long enough. Chief Stratton said the longer it is, the harder it is to police.

D. Confirmation of Volunteer Firefighters - Councilmember Wenzel has two individuals to be confirmed. They have completed all of the requirements to be a volunteer. He would like Nick Falley and Samuel Lichty confirmed as volunteer firefighters.

Motion made by Councilmember Carlisle, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Wenzel, Councilmember Robinson.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ancich asked if the maroon Tahoe will be used. Administrator Raines stated the Fire Department is using it. He asked Chief Stratton how many officers we are down. Chief Stratton stated one with the loss of Officer Tarnowski.

Councilmember Robinson stated that he gets complaints at the end of Stanford and the ones next to it. He says people are still speeding down Stanford.

Councilmember Wenzel stated that he had spoken with the cross country coach. Administrator Raines stated the city was not aware of the meet until a week ago. Councilmember Wenzel said we should encourage carpooling to these events due to the limited parking available.