

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Danny Paggao
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Jim Campbell
Councilmember Beth Munns
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Tara Hizon
Councilmember Bob Severns

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort
Development Service Director Steve Powers
City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Chief of Police Ed Green
Fire Chief Ray Merrill
Cac Kamak, Senior Planner
Interim City Attorney Scott Thomas

Mayor Scott Dudley was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no objection, the Agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilmember Jim Campbell gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Motion: Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Severns, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 19, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Martha Yount exclaimed spring has come to our fair city, pointing out the tulips and trees are blooming. She reminded Oak Harbor citizens to enjoy it and recognize the beautiful place in which we live.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler read the Consent Agenda.

- a. Motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers in the amount of \$341,858.76, consisting of Nos. 153540 through 153692
- b. Motion to authorize staff to conduct scope and fee negotiations with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the design of the North Booster Station and North Transmission Main Projects
- c. Resolution 13-09 Authorizing Staff to Apply for a Map-21 TAP Grant to Install Informational Kiosks and Construct a Viewing Area along the Waterfront Trail

Councilmember Servatius requested Consent Agenda Item c. to be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Campbell and carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-09: Authorizing a Map-21 TAP Grant

Councilmember Servatius related his recollection during budget discussions of three kiosks at \$25,000 and asked if it was the same monies being referenced in the Water Redevelopment Fund. Mr. Servatius also asked where the kiosks would be purchased.

Mr. Powers responded that even if the City didn't get the grant, the project would proceed on some scale, further adding that the grant is an opportunity to pursue things in addition to the kiosks.

Senior Planner Cac Kamak explained the kiosks would be similar to the one located at the Scenic Heights Trailhead. It was custom made and designed for Oak Harbor and is the basis for the current design and cost estimates.

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to approve Resolution 13-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hizon and carried unanimously.

HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 1654: Relating to Management Positions

City Administrator Dr. Cort provided the staff report.

In response to questions from Council, Dr. Cort clarified the level of responsibility and number of positions affected.

Ordinance 1654 An Ordinance of the City of Oak Harbor Amending Oak Harbor Municipal Code Section 2.34.055, Management Positions, by Amending the Title of said Section to More Accurately Describe the List of Job Titles Designated as "At Will"

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Ordinance 1654. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severns and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao announced a three-minute recess at 6:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

Ordinance 1655: Relating to the Marina Advisory Committee

Development Services Director Steve Powers provided a staff report and explained the proposed ordinance includes the change to the residency requirement in 2.39.030(1) by deleting "Washington State" and inserting "Island County". He added that although there was previous concern about the make-up of the committee, the proposed ordinance doesn't require new members to be marina customers.

Marina Advisory Committee members Ken Hulett and Christon Skinner spoke in support of committee recommendations to keep the number of members at five. They also recommended that if Council increases the number to seven, only one of the two new positions needs to be a customer of the marina. Both expressed concern over the reason behind the Mayor's wish to increase the number of committee members.

Staff responded to Council questions about the expertise of current volunteer members, public input during Marina Advisory Committee meetings, moorage numbers and whether all groups are being represented, including their support or opposition to raising the number of members.

Dr. Cort suggested revisions to the ordinance to reflect Council's preference to require residency in Island County and to keep the membership at five, not seven members.

Several Councilmembers preferred to hear from the Marina Advisory Committee members again before adopting any revisions and further discussed timeframes and options.

Motion: Councilmember Alberg moved to remand Ordinance 1655 back to staff for modification and to allow staff to meet with the Marina Committee to come back with a recommendation (consistent with our conversations) and keep the committee membership at five and residing within Island County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns.

Councilmember Severns spoke in opposition to the motion as stated indicating his preference to remand the ordinance back to staff for discussion with the Marina Advisory Committee, and then let the committee make a final recommendation.

The motion failed 4 to 2; Munns and Alberg voting in support.

Council and staff discussed the path forward expressing the desire to have further input from the committee.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved that staff prepare two versions of the ordinance, both of which contain Island County residents as well as marina customer requirements for 6 out of the 7, or 4 out of the 5, respectively.

Councilmember Munns discussed residency of committee members and stated she wants to listen to further Committee input.

Committee Chairman Christon Skinner stated his personal opinion that limiting membership to Island County residents makes more sense.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1656: Suspending the Regular Meetings of the City Council Standing Committees
City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort provided the staff report.

Ordinance 1656 An Ordinance of the City of Oak Harbor, Washington, Suspending the Regular Meetings of City Council Standing Committees Established under OHMC 1.04.015; Authorizing Special City Council Workshop Meetings; and Providing for Sunset of this Ordinance

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to adopt Ordinance 1656. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servatius and carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to set Wednesday, April 24, 2013, and Wednesday, May 22, 2013, from 3:00 to 5:30 as Special City Council Workshop Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember AlMBERG and carried unanimously.

Councilmembers discussed possible June dates for the workshop meeting.

Motion: Councilmember AlMBERG moved to schedule the June workshop meeting for June 19, 2013, at 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hizon.

Motion: Councilmember Severns moved to amend the motion to delete "June 19th" and insert "June 18th"; delete "5:30 p.m." and insert "5:00 p.m." The motion to amend was seconded by Councilmember Hizon and carried unanimously.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Employment Contract with Renee Recker
City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort provided the staff report.

Dr. Cort and Councilmember Munns discussed responsibility and duties of the position.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Employment Agreement with Executive Assistant to the Mayor Renee Recker. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort told Council the bid opening for the North Reservoir Construction Project would be April 3rd. He added the seismic survey came back negative so there is no fault line at the selected site. He added that several contracts related to the project will be brought forward for approval.

He discussed future agenda items, including the Hearing Examiner Contract renewal, and an extension to the contract with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc. LLC.

He also informed council about upcoming community events.

Dr. Cort also asked Council to bring forward items for the workshop meetings, which should include emerging issues, and information on current and future projects.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Munns relayed a message of appreciation to the community from the Commander at NAS Whidbey Island for the thoughts, prayers and caring expressed for the crew members lost in the crash.

Councilmember Severns shared information from several Economic Development Council meetings. He encouraged Council and citizens to read the Economic Profile and Needs Assessment prepared by Senior Planner Ethan Spoo.

Councilmember Hizon informed Council about the benefit concert for the victims of the landslide in Coupeville.

Councilmember Hizon moved to schedule a special meeting or workshop to evaluate the council meeting agenda and discuss and possibility take action to streamline and make regular meetings more efficient. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg.

Motion: Ms. Hizon moved to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to consider revising the Park's Code to allow for event based alcohol permits, as well as busker licenses, craft/trinket/food vendors, equipment rentals, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg.

Motion: Ms. Hizon moved to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to consider evaluating Council travel budget both in and out of state. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg.

Motion: Ms. Hizon moved to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to evaluate and possibly consider raising various city fees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao shared information on community events where he represented the Mayor.

Executive Session:

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao announced an executive session to last approximately one hour to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition. No action would be taken.

The meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Munns, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Valerie J. Loffler, City Clerk