

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Severns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council Present:

Mayor Bob Severns
Councilmember Erica Wasinger
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Jim Campbell
Councilmember Beth Munns

Staff Present:

City Administrator/Finance Director Dr. Merriman
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Development Services Director Steve Powers
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Project Engineer Brett Arvidson
Chief of Fire Ray Merrill
Chief of Police Ed Green
Economic Development Coordinator Barbara Spohn
Development Services Director Kathy Gifford

Councilmember Almberg and Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Pastor John Ney of Christ the King Community Church provided the invocation, and then Mayor Severns led the the pledge of allegiance.

EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao and Councilmember Almberg, seconded by Council member Campbell, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Presentations

Fire Department 2015 Annual Report
Fire Chief Ray Merrill presented the Annual Report.

Councilmembers asked about false calls and fire inspections. Councilmembers expressed their appreciation of the Fire Department personnel.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Bob Severns opened the Citizen Comment Period at 6:39 p.m.

Citizens Speaking
Hal Hovey

The comment period was closed at 6:44 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 1, 2016
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable and Check Numbers
- c. Appointment: Melissa Riker to the Parks Board as a Full Member
- d. Re-appointment: Nora Daniel to the Police Community Advisory Board
- e. Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Valley College – HVAC
- f. Tyler Technologies Agreement – Tyler Cashiering Software
- g. Purchase Authorization – Police Department Copier
- h. Janitorial Contract Services Extension
- i. Prothman PSA: HR Director Recruitment

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented, motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon, motion passed by unanimous vote.

STAFF, MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Esparza and City Engineer Joe Stowell spoke to Mr. Hovey's public comment.

City Administrator

Doug spoke about the Washington D.C. and his interaction with the Washington delegation which included conversations about municipal bond interest for the Treatment Plant, block grant opportunities and digital technologies.

Dr. Merriman also announced the City Council Workshop on March 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. and the Investment Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Merriman thanked city staff for their work during the recent storm event.

Clean Water Facility Project Update by City Staff

City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the Council with an update on the Clean Water Facility Project.

Councilmembers asked follow-up questions regarding the Clean Water Facility Project.

Mayor

Mayor Bob Severns spoke about the Washington D.C. trip. He thanked the citizens and Council for giving him that opportunity. He felt there were constructive conversations regarding the changes at NAS Whidbey Island. The trip included a day at the Pentagon and several presentations by the military about their plans and how we can work better together. Mayor Severns also thanked Councilmember Munns for her work on the Board of the Association of Washington Cities.

Councilmembers

Councilmember Campbell spoke about his work on the Sister Cities Committee and the Task Force for the PBY Association.

Councilmember Munns spoke about the Washington D.C. trip and her opportunity to exchange ideas with other Washington State communities. She spoke about discussions about how to get broad band to our community, military connections through National League of Cities and Base Realignment Adjustment.

Councilmember Servatius reported that the Washington D.C. trip was very reassuring regarding the future of NAS Whidbey Island, there were discussions about affordable housing, opioid heroin epidemic and digital connectivity. Mr. Servatius also thanked City staff for their work during the storm event and spoke about erosion. He also commended Angela Braunstein for work on the Fire Department annual report.

Councilmember Hizon acknowledged Mr. Hovey's point about Council doing a better job about explaining decisions once they are made.

Councilmember Wasinger spoke about a meeting she attended between sports organization leaders and the Parks Department. She thanked Hank Nydam and the Parks Department for coordinating with the organization on the many sports events in our community which enhances our quality of life.

Mayor Severns called a five (5) minute recess at 7:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Ordinance No. 1760: 2017-2018 Wastewater Rates

City Administrator Dr. Merriman presented the staff report and recommended approval. Mr. Shawn Koorn, consultant from HDR also made a presentation regarding the sewer utility and the rates.

Councilmembers discussed, Dr. Merriman and Mr. Koorn responded to Council's respective questions.

Mayor Severns opened the item for public comment at 7:44 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:44 p.m.

Ordinance No. 1760: 2017-2018 Wastewater Rates

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1760, seconded by Councilmember Munns, unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1758: SW 3rd Avenue Properties Rezoning Ordinance

Senior Planner Cac Kamak provided the staff report and recommended approval.

Mayor Severns opened the item for public comment at 7:56 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:56 p.m.

Ordinance No. 1758: SW 3rd Avenue Properties Rezoning Ordinance

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1758, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, unanimously approved.

Councilmember Munns commented about a scam phone call that she received and the Police Department's response.

Councilmember Wasinger added that the Ms. Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant is this Saturday and thanked River Powers and Jes Walker-Wyse for their work on the contest.

ADJOURN

Motion: Councilmember Campbell moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Servatius, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Kathy Gifford, Executive Assistant to the
Development Services Director