

Oak Harbor City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2014

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort  
Finance Director Doug Merriman  
City Attorney Nikki Esparza  
Chief of Police Ed Green  
Chief of Fire Ray Merrill  
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen  
Development Serv. Director Steve Powers  
City Engineer Joe Stowell  
Human Resources Director Sara Piccone  
Senior Planner Cac Kamak  
Exec. Assist. to the Mayor Kellye Mazzoli  
City Clerk Anna Thompson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Councilmember Jim Campbell gave the invocation, and Mayor Scott Dudley lead the pledge of allegiance.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Councilmember Jim Campbell read the Proclamation in Recognition of Veteran's Day, and presented to Proclamation to Terry Lacey. Mr. Lacey announced the Veteran's Day Parade event in the City on November 11, 2014.

Skip Pohtilla announced upcoming City events in honor of Veteran's Day.

**PRESENTATION**

Lisa Clark, Director of the Island County Opportunity Council, addressed the City Council about the programs and services offered by the Opportunity Council.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Councilmember Hizon moved approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Servatius, unanimously approved.

## CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the citizen comment period at 6:23 p.m.

### Citizen Comments

Skip Pohtilla  
Christine Cribb

Mayor Dudley closed the comment period at 6:26 p.m.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular City Council meeting held on October 21, 2014; Workshop held on October 22, 2014, and Parliamentary Workshop held on October 30, 2014.
- b. Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable.
- c. Authorize the Mayor to sign the 2016 Water Quality Financial Assistance loan application.
- d. Authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Forest City Agreement for Animal Control Services.
- e. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Washington State Department of Corrections Contract.
- f. Ordinance 1706: Ordinance Repealing OHMC 2.04 entitled 'Salary of the Mayor and Councilmen'.

Councilmember Servatius pulled Consent Agenda Item 6.a.

**Motion:** Councilmember Severns moved to approve Consent Agenda items 6.b through 6.f as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

Mr. Servatius asked to amend Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2014, page 8, to correct the spelling of Mr. Merickel's name and to reflect that he spoke in support of the Whidbey Avenue Crosswalk project.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6.a as amended. Councilmember Almberg seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

## MAYOR, STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

### City Administrator

Melissa Riker will provide an update on the 2015 Whidbey Island Marathon at the November 18, 2014 Council Meeting.

### Mayor

Mayor Dudley announced the success of the Halloween event at Downtown Pioneer on October 31, 2014.

The new art displayed in City Council Chambers was created by Oak Harbor resident and professional photographer Erik Lawrenz.

### Councilmembers

Councilmember Campbell recognized the efforts and success of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting held on November 3, 2014.

Councilmember Almberg recognized the Oak Harbor High School staff administration and player's decision to forfeit the championship to Marysville Pilchuck High School due to the shooting crisis on October 24, 2014.

Councilmember Munns thanked the Downtown Safe Treats event for children on Halloween and monetary donations for candy from Island Thrift. Mike McCarty, CEO of AWC, is retiring and proposed that we present a small momentum to him to show the Council's appreciation for his service to Washington Cities.

The Council agreed to provide a card for Mr. McCarty.

Councilmember Severns announced new programs sponsored by the Economic Development Council.

Councilmember Hizon announced arts pieces dedicated to the Oak Harbor High School. M s. Hizon then announced upcoming community events including a community conversation regarding homelessness, hosted by the Spin Café on November 12, and the Youth Commission event "*What Everyone Needs to Know about Teems and Drug Use*" by Dr. Joseph Lee on November 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Harbor High School. Councilmember Hizon spoke in favor of Congressman Rick Larson's election for District 2 of Washington in the House of Representatives.

Councilmember Servatius commented on the value of the Parliamentary Training held on October 30, 2014. He spoke in support of the electronic program to create the City Council Agenda Packets.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to instruct staff to prepare an Agenda Bill for November, 18, 2014 City Council Meeting to consider removing the restriction on the Pioneer Plaza Project funds. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon.

The Councilmembers discussed the use of the Lodging Tax (LTAC) Hotel/Motel 2% funds and their recommendations.

Finance Director Doug Merriman explained the history of the funding strategy for the clock tower project.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 14-38: Affirming the Support of the City of Oak Harbor during the EIS Scoping Period for the new Growler Squadrons

Dr. Cort, City Administrator, provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the meeting for public comments at 7:01 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:01 p.m.

Councilmembers AlMBERG, Munns, Severns, Hizon, and Mayor Pro Tem Paggao spoke in support of Resolution 14-38.

**Resolution 14-38: Affirming the Support of the City of Oak Harbor during the EIS Scoping Period for the new Growler Squadrons**

**Motion:** Councilmember Munns moved to adopt Resolution 14-38. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Resolution 14-37: Adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
City Engineer Joe Stowell presented the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:11 p.m.

**Resolution 14-37: Adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Resolution 14-37: Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion seconded by Councilmember Munns, carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1703: 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Development Director Steve Powers introduced Senior Planner Cac Kamac, who presented the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:29 p.m.

**Ordinance 1703: 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

**Motion:** Councilmember Hizon moved to adopt Ordinance 1703 adopting 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Severns, carried unanimously.

Mayor Dudley called a five-minute recess at 7:33 pm, and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ordinance 1702: Property Tax Levy

Finance Director Doug Merriman provided to staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:52 p.m.

Councilmember Severns made inquiries about the report and voiced concerned about rate increases to our citizens.

Councilmember Alberg asked questions about the presentation. Mr. Alberg stated that he will not support Ordinance 1702.

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao spoke in support of this property tax levy in order to help the deficit.

Councilmember Campbell added that he will support this tax, but may not support this Levy next year.

Councilmember Munns thanked Mr. Merriman for the presentation.

Councilmember Servatius asked Mr. Merriman to repeat some figures from the presentation. He spoke in support of this Tax in order to provide adequate services to the community.

Councilmember Alberg repeat Councilmember Servatius' position and made the decision to support the tax.

### **Ordinance 1702: Property Tax Levy**

**Motion:** Councilmember Alberg moved to adopt Ordinance 1702. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Servatius, carried by majority vote.

Councilmember Severns opposed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Discussion on Waste Water Treatment Plant Bonding Options.

Finance Director Doug Merriman provided a framework for the upcoming discussion and introduced the City's Financial Advisor on the Waste Water treatment Plant, Susan Musselman of Public Financial Management.

Susan Musselman presented the Council with financial options and information for the Waste Water Treatment Project.

Mayor Dudley opened the meeting for public comment at 8:50 p.m., no comments, closed at 8:50 p.m.

The Councilmembers asked about financial options to Susan Musselman.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to extend the council meeting to 10:00 p.m. Councilmember Alberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on the 2015-16 allocation of utility tax to the Art Acquisition and Maintenance Fund

Finance Director Doug Merriman presented the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the meeting for public comments at 9:15 p.m.

## Citizen Comments

Skip Pohtilla, Chair of the Arts Commission, spoke in support of the current allocation of utility tax to the Art Commission.

Mayor Dudley closed the public comments at 9:17 p.m.

### **Discussion and action on the 2015-16 allocation of utility tax to the Art Acquisition and Maintenance Fund**

Councilmembers asked questions to the Finance Director regarding the Art fund. The Council discussed changing the present allocation of the utility tax funds.

Councilmember Campbell explained that the he would like to know what projects the Arts Commission has proposed in the future to help with the decision-making process.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to extend the Council meeting to 10:30 p.m. Motion seconded on Mayor Pro Tem Paggao, unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Councilmember Almberg moved to leave the utility tax dollars that are currently allocated to the Arts Commission of a quarter percent utility tax – continue that as is, but with a cap of \$50,000.00 a year making that the maximum amount per year. Motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell, passed by majority vote.

Councilmembers Munns, Hizon, and Servatius opposed the Motion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hizon moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk