

Oak Harbor City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2013

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott Dudley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Motion:** Councilmember Campbell moved to excuse Councilmember Tara Hizon from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Stoneham of Word of Everlasting Life & Faith Church gave the invocation and Mayor Dudley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort  
Finance Director Doug Merriman  
Development Service Director Steve Powers  
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen  
City Attorney Grant Weed  
City Engineer Joe Stowell  
City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler  
Chief of Police Ed Green  
Fire Chief Ray Merrill

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Councilmember Severns announced that former Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Milat was in the hospital in grave condition following bypass surgery. Mayor Dudley asked for a moment of silence.

Proclamation for Help Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day

Councilmember Servatius was joined at the podium by VFW Post Commander Pierce as he proclaimed July 27, 2013, as Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day in the City of Oak Harbor and encouraged all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers.

Police and Fire Departments Life Saving Awards

Officer Jon Valenzuela was recognized for his dedication and professionalism of the highest level for saving the life of a man during a suicide attempt.

Officers Mike Clements and Mel Lolmaugh were recognized for saving a young lady experiencing a life-threatening situation. Their quick response and medical aid until paramedics arrived had a direct effect on her life.

### Employee Recognition

Officers Tony Slowik and Ron Esparza were recognized for 10 years of service to the City of Oak Harbor. Chief Green presented both officers with fleece jackets with the City logo.

At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Dudley announced a five-minute recess to congratulate the officers for their dedication and commitment to duty.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Councilmember AlMBERG moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of consent Agenda Item 3.q. Excused Absence for Jim Campbell. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Garret Newkirk, referring to the sign “Jets = Jobs” in the Council Chambers, stated the jets were putting his family farm out of business. He is unemployed and wants to know where the jobs are.

Wendy Campbell DeWinter also spoke in opposition to jet noise.

Larry Rebich discussed needed improvements at StaySail RV Park. He provided several suggestions and encouraged Council to spend a minimal amount of money and consider raising the rental fee.

Arts Commissioner William “Skip” Potilla provided information about Driftwood Days scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at WindJammer Park.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held July 2, 2013
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher Nos. 154753 through 154761 in the amount of \$607.84; 154762 in the amount of \$2,610.00; 154763 through 154896 in the amount of \$17,652.01; and 154897 through 154909 in the amount of \$1,628.36
- c. Motion to excuse Councilmember Danny Paggao from the workshop meeting of August 28, 2013, and the regular meeting of September 3, 2013
- d. Introduction of Ordinance 1664: Amending OHMC 1.04.020 and Adding Sections 1.04.035, .040 and .050 Relating to Introduction, Enactment and Effective Date of Ordinances (September 3, 2013)
- e. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the NASWI Modification of Contract N44255-85-C-6905 Relating to Wastewater Treatment Rates
- f. Motion to appoint Dana Beckman to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- g. Motion to refer potential changes in the use of 2% funds to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for review and comment
- h. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Enterprise Services Master Contracts Usage Agreement
- i. Motion to authorize staff to proceed with advertisement to bid for automated refuse trucks
- j. Motion to authorize staff to proceed with advertisement to bid for a 5-yard swap loader
- k. Motion to authorize staff to proceed with advertisement to bid for a truck scale
- l. Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Labor Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 231, Public Works Employees effective through December 31, 2016

- m. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Tamra Sipes for the 2014 Whidbey Island Marathon
- n. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Amendment for a 5-year extension to the Agreement to Utilize Island Thrift Modular Facility
- o. Motion to eliminate the HR Analyst position (Grade 42; .45 FTE), authorize the HR Administrative Assistant position (Grade 37; 1.0 FTE), and reclassify Accountant (Grade 43) to Accounting Technician (Grade 34)
- p. Resolution 13-19: Declaring Certain Obsolete Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing Disposal
- q. Motion to excuse Councilmember Jim Campbell from the workshop meeting of August 28, 2013, and the regular meeting of September 3, 2013 (added to agenda)

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember AlMBERG and carried unanimously.

### STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort reminded Council of upcoming meetings and provided details for the Public Works Tour scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Cort reported that one of the three pumps failed at the diversion station, requiring emergency replacement in the amount of \$22,799.00. Council will approve the procurement retroactively according to emergency procedures.

Mayor Scott Dudley reported on the weekend activities that make Oak Harbor special and unique. He discussed National Night Out, the Fidalgo Pig Roast, the Car Show and Driftwood Days.

Councilmember Campbell stated movie makers were on the island and the producer is a home town boy. If you know of any mansions on the island, they're looking for locations to film. Please contact the Island County Tourism Board.

Councilmember AlMBERG reported on the seven squadrons coming to Oak Harbor. He stated the City of Anacortes is going after these squadrons.

**Motion:** Councilmember AlMBERG moved to add a discussion item to the August 28, 2013, workshop agenda, to formulate a joint marketing strategy with the Oak Harbor School District, Chamber of Commerce, Island County, local Realtors, and the City to attract the new NASWI squadron personnel to locate in the Oak Harbor area. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns.

Councilmember Munns moved to insert "builders." The motion to amend was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Councilmembers Paggao and Servatius spoke in support.

**Motion:** Councilmember AlMBERG moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, to add the contract renewal with the Chamber of Commerce to the regular meeting agenda of September 17, 2013.

Councilmember Servatius spoke in support

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Munns thanked the community for providing assistance to the Help House. She encouraged citizens to think about donating money or food.

Councilmember Severns reported he attended the Economic Development Council luncheon on July 17<sup>th</sup> and the Cascade Loop Road Show on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Oak Harbor is part of the Cascade Loop and they'll have a new brochure coming out this year.

Councilmember Severns also invited everyone to the Fidalgo Block Party and the Oak Harbor Music Festival.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 1662: Relating to the Oak Harbor Youth Commission  
City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort provided the staff report.

**Ordinance 1662**     **An Ordinance of the City of Oak Harbor Amending Section 2.250.030, "Organization" of the Oak Harbor Municipal Code Adding Attendance Requirements for Youth Commission Membership**

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Ordinance 1662. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-17: Accepting the 20-Year Population Projection for Island County  
Senior Planner Cac Kamac provided the staff report.

**Resolution 13-17:**     **A Resolution Accepting the 20 Year Population Projection for Island County as a Basis for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update and the County Wide Planning Policies**

Garrett Newkirk spoke in opposition stating the numbers in the Resolution weren't accurate.

Wendy Campbell DeWinter spoke in opposition.

Councilmembers Servatius and Munns spoke in support.

**Motion:** Councilmember Severns moved to adopt Resolution 13-17. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

At 7:29 p.m. the Mayor announced a 5-minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Resolution 13-20: Supporting Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and its Training Activities and Facilities

City Administrator Dr. Cort introduced the resolution and Councilmember Beth Munns read Resolution 13-20 in its entirety.

Speaking in opposition:  
Garrett Newkirk  
Wendy Campbell DeWinter

Speaking in support:  
Dr. Baker  
Wayne Locke  
Shane Hoffmire  
Lucas Yonkman

All Councilmembers provided words of support for the Navy and the Resolution.

**Resolution 13-20: A Resolution of the City of Oak Harbor, Washington, Supporting Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and its Training Activities and Facilities**

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Resolution 13-20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severns and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS**

Resolution 13-18 Declaring Certain Personal Property of City Utilities Surplus  
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen provided the staff report.

Mayor Dudley opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. No testimony was provided and the hearing was closed.

**Resolution 13-18: A Resolution of the City of Oak Harbor, Washington, Declaring Certain Property of the Water, Solid Waste, Storm Drain and Sewer Utilities Surplus and Authorizing Disposal**

**Motion:** Councilmember Severns moved, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, to adopt Resolution 13-18. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Professional Services Agreement for Value Engineering Services  
City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the staff report.

Councilmembers asked Mr. Stowell about the necessity of value engineering.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional service agreement with Robinson, Stafford & Rude, Inc. for Value Engineering Services related to the new Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$128,304. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

Animal Control Holding Facility Services Contract  
Police Chief Ed Green provided the staff report.

Shane Hoffmire spoke in support and asked if there would be a holding pen for chickens.

Barbara Moran encouraged the City to do an animal licensing program and stated she had plenty of ideas for collaboration.

Chief Green responded to questions from Council about capacity and budget.

**Motion:** Councilmember Almberg moved to authorize the Animal Control Holding Facility Services Contract with Whidbey Animals Improvement Foundation (WAIF). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Scott Dudley announced an executive session of approximately 1½ hours to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition, and two personnel issues.

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

The Executive Session convened at 8:42 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

**Motion:** Councilmember Munns moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement with Catherine Rosen. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg and carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilmember Servatius moved, seconded by Councilmember Almberg, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Valerie J. Loffler, City Clerk