

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Ray, Humanist, 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 Bob Severns
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Beth Munns

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort
Finance Director Doug Merriman
Development Service Director Steve Powers
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Fire Chief Ray Merrill
Police Chief Ed Green
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
City Clerk Anna Thompson

Councilmember Tara Hizon was excused.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognizing Shore Sailor and Marine of the Year

Mayor Dudley recognized Shore Sailor of the Year Petty Officer Rosman Shaw and Marine of the Year Sergeant Louis Rodriguez.

Mayor Dudley proclaimed Sea Hawks Day on February 5.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held January 21, 2014
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher Nos. 156965 through 156973 in the amount of \$799.99; and Voucher Nos. 156974 through 157122 in the amount of \$732,471.99
- c. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with John Galt to serve as a hearings officer
- d. Motion to Appoint Melissa Riker to the Park Board as the alternate member

- e. Motion to Reject the contracts to furnish two Booster Pumps due to bid errors
- f. Motion to Purchase 490 Roll Carts for the Solid Waste Utility
- g. Motion to Re-appoint Councilmember Campbell to the Island Transit Board of Directors

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Dudley opened the citizen comment period at 6:11 p.m.

Terry Ludesky, historic preservation commissioner spoke. He was concerned about the Benjamin house in its decaying state. Mr. Ludesky asked Council to enact an ordinance to preserve the historic sites and provide tax incentives for historic districts in the City of Oak Harbor.

The Citizen comment period was closed at 6:14 p.m.

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Councilmember Munns asked to poll Consent Agenda item 4.d regarding the appointment of Melissa Riker.

Motion: Councilmember Campbell moved to adopt the consent agenda items 4.a-c and 4.e-g. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servatius and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Munns introduced Melissa Riker to the council and congratulated her for serving the parks of Oak Harbor.

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to adopt the consent agenda item 4.d. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servatius and carried unanimously.

STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator

Dr. Cort introduced significant discussion topics for tonight. He reminded the Council that the campground will be closed in for a month beginning in February for cleaning and maintenance.

Dr. Cort informed the Council that the Human Resources Director position interviews will be taking place next week. Police Chief Green was then recognized by Dr. Cort, as he was recently selected into the FBI National Academy and will be attending the academy in January of 2015.

Mayor Dudley

Mayor Dudley relayed that he and several City Councilmembers attended the AWC conference in Olympia and met with legislative officials to discuss City of Oak Harbor priorities and overall goals of the State. The team also toured the waste water treatment facility in Olympia. The Olympia treatment facility is significant because it not only treats waste but also has an educational aspect for the community.

Councilmembers

Councilmember Paggao stated that the results of mediation in Seattle will be provided to Council in Executive session

Councilmember Campbell commented on the visit to Olympia last week and was impressed by our legislatures and their work ethic in Olympia.

Councilmember Almberg spoke in supported waste water treatment plant in Olympia.

Councilmember Munns spoke in support of the Oak Harbor Chamber and businesses in town and the local raffle, including help house charities. She provided an update on AWC's vision for the cities in Washington State.

Councilmember Severns informed Councilmembers he has been away on family matters and may be unavailable in the near future due to continuing health concerns.

Councilmember Servatius was pleased with the AWC conference and impressed with the cleanliness of their treatment plant.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 14-07: Recognizing the Sister City Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao announced the Resolution for Sister City Committee with the City of Anacortes and read the resolution aloud.

A member of the Sister City Committee provided background information on the purposes of Sister City Committee for the Council.

Mayor Dudley opened public comment period at 6:37 p.m., no public comment, closed at 6:37 p.m.

Councilmember Severns was concerned whether this will add to our budget; Mayor Dudley responded that this will not increase the City's expenses.

Councilmembers Almberg, Paggao, Campbell, and Munns spoke in support of the Sister City Committee.

Resolution 14-07: Recognizing the Sister City Committee

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Resolution 14-07. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Ordinance 1685: Relating to Recreational Marijuana

Development Director Steve Powers presented the staff report

Mayor Dudley opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m., no public comment, closed at 6:49 p.m.

Councilmember Servatius, Campbell, Almberg, and Severns questioned Staff regarding the report on Ordinance 1685.

Ordinance 1685: Relating to Recreational Marijuana and to Extend the Moratorium

Motion: Councilmember Severns moved to approve Ordinance 1685 relating to Recreational Marijuana. The Mayor reintroduced the motion on the floor following additional commentary regarding the Ordinance after Councilmember Severns made the initial motion, and motion carried by majority.

Councilmember Campbell opposed.

Ordinance 1686: Extending a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

Development Director Steve Powers presented the staff report

Mayor Dudley opened the public meeting at 7:26 p.m., no public comment, closed at 7:26 p.m.

Councilmembers Severns, Almberg, and Campbell spoke in support of Ordinance 1686.

Ordinance 1686: Extending a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve Ordinance 1686 to extend a moratorium on Medical Marijuana. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1684: Amending the Utilities Rate Ordinance 1587

Finance Director Doug Merriman presented the staff report

Mayor Dudley opened the public meeting at 7:31 p.m., no public comment, closed at 7:31 p.m.

Councilmember Servatius asked staff questions on the overall increase of the utilities rate as Proposed in Ordinance 1684 and whether the City's financial goals concerning the specific utilities issue would be met.

Councilmember Munns inquired whether this rate increase would help our ability to qualify for bonds.

Councilmember Campbell spoke in support of this Ordinance.

Councilmember Severns asked whether we could cover these costs with the City's reserve funds instead of passing the tax off onto the public.

Ordinance 1684: Amending the Utilities Rate Ordinance 1587

Motion: Councilmember Severns moved to approve Ordinance 1684 Amending the Utilities Rate Ordinance 1587. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servatius and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dudley adjourned meeting for Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation, Pending Litigation and Property Acquisition for one (1) hour.

Mayor Dudley reconvened the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk