

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014

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 Joel Servatius
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Tara Hizon
Councilmember Jim Campbell

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Chief of Police Ed Green
Cathy Rosen, Director of Finance
Exec. Assist. to the Mayor Kellye Mazzoli
City Clerk Anna Thompson
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Mike Buxton, Deputy Chief
Mike McIntyre, Senior Serv. Administrator

Councilmembers Munns and Severns were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Councilmember Tara Hizon read the Proclamation for National Magic Week, and presented the Proclamation to Magician J.R. Russell.

PRESENTATION

Cheryn Weiser, Executive Director of Senior Services of Island County, provided a presentation educating the Council about their services provided to the County.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Agenda as presented, Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the citizen comment period at 6:15 p.m.

Citizen Comments

Vivian Rodgers Decker
Skip Pohtilla

Mayor Dudley closed the comment period at 6:23 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on October 7, 2014
- b. Approval of *Accounts Payable Voucher Nos.*
 - Voucher Numbers 159973 through 160140 in the amount of \$642,582.18.Approval of *Payroll Check Numbers*
 - Direct Deposit Numbers 32499 through 32631.
 - EFT Numbers 653 through 655.
 - Payroll Check Numbers 97547 through 97559.
- c. Orswell Events Contract for Marathon Planning and Production.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to approve Consent Agenda items as presented.
Motion seconded by Councilmember Servatius, carried unanimously.

MAYOR, STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator

City Administrator Dr. Cort reminded the Council of the Workshop scheduled for October 22 at 3:00 p.m., and the Parliamentary Procedure Workshop scheduled set for October 30, 2014.

Dr. Cort announced "Mayor of the Day" contest in City Hall. The individual who submits the winning idea will receive \$50.00.

Mayor

Mayor Scott Dudley announced that the prime suspect in a local murder was arrested today. The Mayor encouraged citizens to get involved with neighborhood watch programs for our safety.

Mayor Dudley informed the citizens that the Washington State Auditors provided a clean financial report for the City of Oak Harbor and thanked the efforts of the Finance Department, Finance Director Doug Merriman, and Accountant Tallie Boyer.

Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao thanked City Administrator Dr. Cort for keeping the Council up to date on the murder investigation.

Councilmember Campbell announced that he is glad to be back in Oak Harbor from his travels. Mr. Campbell stated that he was pleased with the way things have been going at Island Transit.

Mr. Campbell's opinion is that the Island County Board of Directors has been misled by their staff, he called for all of the current Board of Directors of Island Transit to resign and be replaced in order to allow a fresh set of eyes.

Motion: Councilmember Campbell made a motion to that Jim Campbell be taken off of the Island Transit Board of Directors to be replaced by the Mayor, term to expire on December 31, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon. Passed by majority vote.

Motion opposed by Councilmember Servatius.

Mayor Dudley encouraged the Council appoint an alternate to his position on the Board of Island County Transit and suggested appointing Councilmember Servatius in part because of his financial background.

Motion: Councilmember Alberg moved to appoint Councilmember Servatius as the alternate to the Island Transit Board in the Mayor's absence to represent the City of Oak Harbor. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paggao. Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Servatius explained that he would like to wait on decision for an alternate member vote until Councilmembers Munns and Severns are present to weigh in on the decision-making.

Motion opposed by Councilmember Hizon, and Councilmember Servatius abstained.

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to move agenda Item 9.c to precede item number 6.a of the Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon, unanimously approved.

9.c Authorize the Mayor to sign a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT accepting TAP grant funding for the Whidbey Avenue Pedestrian Improvements.
City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Mike Merickel spoke in support to the item.

Motion: Councilmember Alberg moved to provide an additional 5 minutes for Mike Merickel's comment period. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hizon, approved unanimously.

Harold Johnson, Harbor Tower Village Resident

Mayor Scott Dudley closed the public comment period at 7:09 p.m.

Councilmember Servatius spoke against the proposed location of Whidbey Avenue Crosswalk project.

Councilmember Campbell spoke in support of building a crosswalk on Whidbey Avenue but stressed that there is a need take more time to assess the best location for the crosswalk.

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao agreed with Councilmember Campbell and Servatius' comments. His primary concern is public safety for drivers and pedestrians on Whidbey Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao and Councilmember AlMBERG asked Traffic Engineer Ryan Peterson questions regarding the crosswalk report. Mr. Peterson explained that the crosswalk position is a proposal and before the location is finalized, it must be processed through a rigorous design phase of planning.

Councilmember Hizon asked about responsibility of sidewalk repairs. She spoke in support of erecting a crosswalk and wants to ensure a safe location.

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT accepting TAP grant funding for the Whidbey Avenue Pedestrian Improvements.

Motion: Councilmember AlMBERG moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT accepting TAP grant funding for the Whidbey Avenue Pedestrian Improvements. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

Mayor Dudley called a recess for 5 minutes at 7:43 p.m. Mayor Dudley reconvened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 14-34: Increase Senior Center Annual Membership Dues
Mike McIntyre Senior Services Administrator provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m., no comments, closed at 7:51 p.m.

Councilmember AlMBERG asked what local support has ceased to the Center, and then asked whether the dues increase could be offset by increasing County Seniors' membership dues. Mr. McIntyre responded that offsetting fee increase from City to County Seniors was discussed and determined that the decrease in County Senior membership, due to the proposed offset of increased fees, would outweigh any benefit. would decrease membership from County Seniors would dwindle

Resolution 14-34: Increase Senior Center Annual Membership Dues

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to Adopt Resolution No. 14-34. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-38: Storm Drain Fund #404 Interfund Loan
Finance Director Doug Merriman provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m., no comments, closed at 8:03 p.m.

Resolution 14-38: Storm Drain Fund #404 Interfund Loan

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to Adopt Resolution No. 14-38. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Servatius, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Mayor to sign the WSDOT STP-R Grant Application for the Transportation Comprehensive Plan.

City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m., no comments, closed at 8:10 p.m.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the WSDOT STP-R Grant Application for the Transportation Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Surface Transportation Program-Regional Grant Application for the Transportation Comprehensive Plan. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the WSDOT STP-R Grant Application for the Heller Road Resurfacing from W. Whidbey Ave to NW Crosby Ave.

City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m., no comments, closed at 8:15 p.m.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the WSDOT STP-R Grant Application for the Heller Road Resurfacing from W. Whidbey Ave to NW Crosby Ave.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Surface Transportation Program-Regional Grant Application for asphalt overlay of NW Heller Street. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Servatius, carried unanimously.

Authorize the Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 with Gray & Osborne Engineering for services related to the water system improvement projects.

City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the staff report.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 8:26 p.m., no comments, closed at 8:26 p.m.

Authorize the Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 with Gray & Osborne Engineering for services related to the water system improvement projects.

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Consultant Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for Engineering services related to replacing leaking steel water mains in the amount of \$64,800.00 increasing the total contract amount from \$964,100.00 to \$1,028,900.00. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Campbell, carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott Dudley called a recess for Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations for fifteen (15) minutes at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Dudley extended the Executive for an additional five (5) minutes at 8:49 p.m.

The City Council Meeting reconvened from executive session at 8:54 p.m. The Mayor stated

that no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk