

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

City Council Present:

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

Staff Present:

Acting City Administrator/ Finance Director
Dr. Merriman
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Development Services Director Steve Powers
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Chief of Fire Ray Merrill
Chief of Police Ed Green
Project Engineer Brett Arvidson
City Clerk Anna Thompson

Councilmember Hizon was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Joel Servatius led the invocation, and Mayor Dudley led the pledge of allegiance.

Excuse Absent Councilmembers

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to excuse Councilmember Hizon, seconded by Councilmember Almberg, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Munns, unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Presentations

The Garage of Blessings – Kristiina Miller, Founder and President was unable to provide the presentation.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Dudley opened the Citizen Comment Period at 6:05 p.m.

Citizens Speaking

Shane Hoffmire
Matt Plush
Nicole Tesch

Citizen Comment period closed at 6:22 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular and Special City Council meetings held on September 1, 2015
- b. Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers
- c. Authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to sign the 2017 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) funding application

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell, unanimously approved.

STAFF, MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator

Acting City Administrator/ Finance Director Dr. Merriman announced that the State Auditors will be arriving on Monday, September 21, 2015 for the annual audit. The Regular Workshop is scheduled on September 23, and a Special Workshop meeting has been scheduled for September 30, 2015. Dr. Merriman announced the retirement of former City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort, and thanked him for his service to the community.

Clean Water Facility Project Update by City Staff (WWTP)

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

Councilmember Servatius asked the City Engineer a follow-up question to the presentation and Mr. Stowell responded.

Mayor

Mayor Scott Dudley thanked Dr. Cort for his service to the Mayor's office and the community. Mayor Dudley remarked that Dr. Merriman has many gifts and attributes to offer to the Office of City Administrator. A contract will be brought forward at the next City Council meeting on October 6, 2015 to appoint Dr. Merriman as City Administrator.

Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao thanked Larry Cort for his service to the Council and wished him well.

Councilmember Campbell thanked Dr. Cort for his professionalism and service to the citizens.

Councilmember Alberg sent well-wishes to Dr. Cort and announced his support to Dr. Merriman as City Administrator. Mr. Alberg spoke in support of those individuals involved with the Oak Harbor Music Festival.

Councilmember Munns thanked the volunteers and citizens who attended the Military Picnic last weekend. Ms. Munns then announced that one of our Oak Harbor Patrol Officers, Tony Slowik, was selected as the 2014 Coast Guard Reserve Warrant Officer of the Year Award. This award placed him in the running for the Chief Officer Warrant Michael J. Novosel Award – a National Award among all military branches. On July 26, 2015, Officer Slowik received the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Award.

A standing ovation was given in honor of Officer Slowik.

Councilmember Severns announced the next Economic Development Committee (EDC) luncheon will be held tomorrow. He shared that the Oak Harbor Music Festival was a great success. Mr. Severns then thanked Dr. Cort for his service to the City.

Councilmember Servatius thanked Ms. Tesch for her comments regarding the Splash Park Petition. Mr. Servatius thanked Dr. Cort for his ethics and service to the City of Oak Harbor.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Annual Review of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Membership per OHMC 2.66.030

Acting City Administrator/ Finance Director Dr. Merriman provided the staff report.

Mayor Dudley opened the meeting for public comment at 6:48 p.m., no comments, closed at 6:49 p.m.

Councilmember Severns inquired about voting rights of the LTAC Chairman and Dr. Merriman explained the voting rules given under State Law.

Annual Review of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Membership per OHMC 2.66.030

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as presented [*Proposed LTAC Membership Listing attached in Agenda Bill No. 9.a*], seconded by Councilmember Munns, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk