

Oak Harbor City Council
Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Severns called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council Present:

Mayor Bob Severns
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Erica Wasinger
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Jim Woessner
Councilmember Tara Hizon
Councilmember Bill Larsen

Others Present:

Scott Thompson, Managing Member of
Wrights Crossing
Carl Halson
Chris Skinner, Attorney

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dr. Douglas Merriman
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Development Services Director Steve Powers
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Fire Chief Ray Merrill
Assistant to the Mayor Deanna Emery
Executive Assistant to the City Administrator/Deputy
Clerk Nicole Tesch

1. UPDATE DISCUSSION REGARDING WRIGHTS CROSSING DEVELOPMENT

Scott Thompson and Carl Halson provided the background for updates regarding the Wrights Crossing Development and the appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board for Island County Case No. 17-2-0011. Wright's Crossing has requested:

“Review of: (1) Island County’s refusal to docket for further consideration a proposed site-specific Comprehensive Plan amendment; (2) its outright rejection of a request for it to review its flawed buildable lands analysis (“BLA”); and (3) its failure to consider the City of Oak Harbor’s request to change a Joint Planning Area (“JPA”). The County contends “setting” over the JPA and docketing is somehow “a decision” that is unreviewable, even though it prejudices timely implementation of Growth Management Act directives.”

Councilmember Almberg, Councilmember Hizon, Councilmember Servatius, and Councilmember Wasinger provided their respective questions and comments.

Attorney Chris Skinner requested that the City of Oak Harbor intervene on the appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board.

2. PUGET SOUND ENERGY OVERHEAD LINES

Public Works Director Cathy Rosen and City Engineer Joe Stowell provided the background for the commercial line extension agreement with Puget Sound Energy and proposed a new alignment that will use existing spare conduits in Pioneer Way. Staff was requested to review options for underground and pavement efforts.

3. CLEAN WATER FACILITY BUDGET UPDATE

Councilmember Wasinger, Councilmember Woessner, Councilmember Servatius, Councilmember Hizon, and Councilmember Almberg provided their respective questions regarding the clean water facility budget. City Engineer Joe Stowell, Public works Director Cathy Rosen, and City Administrator Dr. Douglas Merriman responded. Staff indicated that a full presentation would be shared at the next workshop with full details to fully describe.

Motion: Councilmember Wasinger moved to extend the meeting time to 3:20 pm, second was made by Councilmember Almberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to add an additional topic to the executive session regarding litigation or potential litigation, second by Councilmember Almberg. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION- RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c)- REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION
EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)- LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

At 2:53 p.m., Mayor Severns announced that the City Council would go into executive session as authorized under RCW 42.30.110(1)(C) for real estate acquisition as well as an executive session as authorized under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) litigation or potential litigation. The Executive Sessions occurred in City Hall, Mayor’s Conference, and are expected to last approximately 30 minutes with no announcement anticipated.

At 3:20 p.m. Mayor Severns announced that an additional 15 minutes would be needed.

City Council left the executive sessions at 3:35 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion: Councilmember Almberg moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Larsen. Motion passed unanimously.

Certified by:
Nicole Tesch
Deputy City Clerk