

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Paggao
Councilmember Beth Munns
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Erica Wasinger
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Jim Campbell

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dr. Merriman
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Finance Director Patricia Soule
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Project Engineer Brett Arvidson
Chief of Fire Ray Merrill
Chief of Police Ed Green
Economic Development Director Barbara Spohn
Senior Planner Cac Kamak
Assistant Planner Ray Lindenburg
Assistant to the Mayor Deanna Emery
City Clerk Anna Thompson

Mayor Severns was absent.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jim Cutter of Church on the Rock provided the invocation, and then Mayor Pro Tem Paggao led the pledge of allegiance.

EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to excuse Councilmember Hizon, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and the motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Almberg moved to approve the Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation in Honor of Earth Day – April 22, 2016

Councilmember Servatius read the Proclamation for Earth Day and presented the proclamation to Broadview Elementary School After-School Enrichment Marine Biology Class. Mary

Williford introduced the class. Volunteer Kerri Totten, educator of the class, shared some of the children's marine biology experiences with the Council.

Proclamation in Honor of Arbor Day – April 29, 2016

Councilmember Almberg read the Proclamation for Arbor Day and presented the proclamation to Parks Manager Hank Nydam.

Mr. Nydam shared the work the City has done this past year planting trees, and announced a tree-planting event on April 23, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Proclamation in Recognition of Parliamentary Law Month – April

Councilmember Munns read the Proclamation for Parliamentary Law Month and provided the proclamation to Parliamentarian Aaron Taggert. Mr. Taggert shared a few words regarding the importance of Parliamentarian Law.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao opened the Citizen Comment Period at 6:15 p.m.

Citizens Speaking

Laura Renninger, Garry Oak Society President

Mayor Pro Tem asked whether the Council would consent to suspend the Council rules to allow the speaker Ms. Renninger additional time. The Council agreed.

The comment period was closed at 6:21 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 5, 2016
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable and Check Numbers
- c. Appointment: Lisbeth Cort to the Arts Commission
- d. Employment Agreement for Assistant to the Mayor – Deanna Emery

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao: If there is no objection, the Consent Agenda will be adopted.

STAFF, MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator

City Administrator Dr. Merriman announced that the Whidbey Island Marathon, held April 16, 2016, was a success. He then announced our new Finance Director Patricia Soule began work this week and welcomed her to the City. The next Council Meetings will be the Workshop Meeting on April 27th and the Regular Meeting on May 3rd.

Clean Water Facility Project Update by City Staff

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

Public Works plans to set a Special Council Workshop Meeting on May 5th 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. to discuss architectural designs, renderings, and selected material palettes.

Dr. Merriman updated the Council regarding the bond sale awarded today through a competitive sale. A competitive bid sale is where bonds are advertised for sale. Any broker dealer or dealer bank may bid on the bonds at a designated date and time. The bonds are awarded to the bidder offering the lowest interest cost.

Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. offered 3.43% on our bond, the low bidder, and we accepted the offer. The interest savings over a thirty-year period on our bond will save the City millions of dollars on the Clean Water Facility expenses.

Dr. Merriman explained that he shared these new rate figures with our Rate Study Engineer Shawn Koorn.

Councilmembers asked follow-up questions regarding the Clean Water Facility Project. Councilmembers thanked Dr. Merriman and all involved for such positive results.

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao had no comments.

Councilmembers

Councilmember Munns had no comments.

Councilmember Campbell commented that he attended the Special Housing Forum Meeting held at the School Board on April 18, 2016 and the meeting was very informative and helpful.

Councilmember Servatius had no comments.

Councilmember Almberg commented that Former Captain of NASWI Michael Nortier signed the contract as new Executive Director of the Island Transit Board. Beginning on June 20th, \$2.00 fares will be charged for bus transportation from Stanwood to Everett.

Councilmember Wasinger remarked that the Whidbey Island Marathon was very well managed and all had a wonderful time running the race. She thanked Deanna Emery and the volunteers for their work on the Marathon. Ms. Wasinger also commented on other events that took place this past weekend.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

Resolution 16-14: Island Place Division 2 Final Plat Alteration
Associate Planner Ray Lindenburg provided the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m., no public comments, closed at 6:57 p.m.

Resolution 16-14: Island Place Division 2 Final Plat Alteration

Motion: Councilmember Alberg moved to approve Resolution 16-14 authorizing the alteration to the Final Plat of Island Place PRD Division 2, seconded by Councilmember Munns, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk