

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Severns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Administrator/Finance Director Dr. Merriman
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Development Services Director Steve Powers
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Project Engineer Brett Arvidson
Chief of Fire Ray Merrill
Chief of Police Ed Green
Economic Development Coordinator Barbara Spohn
Executive Assistant to Mayor Kellye Mazzoli
Deputy City Clerk Nicole Tesch

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Mayor Bob Severns provided the invocation, and then led the led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Joel Servatius moved to approve the Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Councilmember Beth Munns, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Honors and Recognition

Police Chief Ed Green presented the Life Saving Award to Police Officer Nordstrand. Officer Nordstrand received a standing ovation.

Mayor Severns requested a recess 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Severns reconvened the meeting back into session at 6:10 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Bob Severns opened the Citizen Comment Period at 6:10 p.m.

Citizens Speaking

Christine Cribb, Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

After all comments were provided, the Citizen Comment period was closed at 6:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 15, 2015, and Workshop Meeting on December 16, 2015
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Check Numbers
- c. Resolution 16-01: OHPD Master Fee Schedule
- d. Whatcom County Mini-Chain Agreement
- e. Perkins Coie Engagement Letter for 2016 Legal Counsel for the Clean Water Facility
- f. Contract Amendment with Guardian Security Alarm Systems

Motion: Councilmember Almberg moved to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented, motion seconded by Councilmember Servatius, motion passed by unanimous vote.

STAFF, MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator

Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

Dr. Merriman presented and discussion among City Council members ensued.

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to appoint Councilmember Paggao to as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year period. Motion seconded by Councilmember Almberg and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2016 City Council Workshop Schedule

Dr. Merriman presented, and discussion among City Council members ensued.

Motion: Councilmember Munns moved to accept the 2016 Council Workshop Schedule as recommended by Staff. *(Fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., and meeting on the Third Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. during the months of January, June, November, and December)* The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hizon, unanimously approved.

Clean Water Facility Project Update by City Staff

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

2016 Whidbey Island Marathon Update by Race Director

Jason Wayne of the Elks Lodge presented updates to Council regarding the 2016 Whidbey Island Marathon.

Mayor

Mayor Bob Severns discussed how he is beginning to renew relationships with local partners and read an article in regards to the Mt. Baker rescue from the NAS Whidbey rescue team.

Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao wished all citizens a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Campbell is unable to attend to attend the Council Member trip in March, reservations have been cancelled and his spot is available for someone else to attend. He also commented on the lack of the homes in the area with the anticipated amount in population due to the

Councilmember Munns didn't have any comments.

Councilmember Almberg commented that Island Transit just completed the 2014 Audit with no findings at the pre-exit conference. Next month, Island Transit will be opening the Executive Director Position.

Councilmember Servatius mentioned that the Windjammer Park Committee is still looking for committee members and the due date for those interested has been extended to January 8, 2016. Councilmember Servatius also participated in an active shooter training and shared his experience.

Councilmember Hizon reminded citizens that the drop box for prescription drugs is located in the lobby of the police department.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16-02: 2016 Legislative Priorities

Dr. Merriman, City Administrator, provided the staff report and presented the Legislative Priorities in 2016.

Marketing Package will be created to be presented to Legislators with more description on the City's top legislative priorities.

Mayor Severns opened the item for public comment at 6:51 p.m., no public comments were given. The period closed at 6:51 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed Legislative Priorities. Councilmember Almberg suggested verbiage in regards to the marina as follows:

Support a legislative effort to extend the DNR and COH Lease for the Marina for another 10 years and zero lease fee. In addition, support a legislative action to treat city owned marinas the same as Port District by DNR.

Resolution 16-02: 2016 Legislative Priorities will be further discussed at the January 12, 2016 workshop and a revised version with recommendations will be available for review.

REPORTS & ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Appoint Councilmember to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to serve as Chair

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Motion: Councilmember Campbell moved to appoint Councilmember Munns to serve as Chair of the Lodging Tax Advisory committee for a three (3) year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Servatius, unanimously approved.

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Motion: Councilmember Paggao moved to appoint Councilmember Almberg to serve on the Board of Island Transit for a one (1) year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Campbell, unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Nicole A. Tesch, Deputy City Clerk