

January 20, 2009

The REGULAR Meeting of the Woodland City Council was held on the above date at the Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chuck Blum and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Darwin Rounds
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Tom Mattison

Absent: None

Also Present: Fire Chief Tony Brentin
Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz
City Attorney Bill Eling

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Robert Christensen – 2090 Statesman Drive - Would like to see a basketball hoop placed near his property at the end of the street near the barricade.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Firefighter Recognition – Recent Flood Event** – presented by Chief Brentin to members of the Woodland Fire Department – On January 7, 2009 in coordination with Cowlitz District No. 5 and the Woodland Boat #92 and crew for the rescue at Camp Kalama of 4 victims and a jet boat. The Medal of Valor was presented to Battalion Chief Bruce Summers, Jr. and Firefighter Kevin Brentin for their efforts in rescuing 4 victims during the extreme high water event on the Kalama River.
2. **Woodland Citizens United Coalition/Cowlitz Drug Free Communities Project**
Presented by Brian McCrady and Spencer Hoff – to prevent and reduce underage alcohol and drug addiction.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of Action M and introduce Budget Amendments after J and before K. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amended motion:

Councilmember Burke moved to amend to delete Action item K Mattison seconded the amendment. Clerk-Treasurer Ripp inquired if the presentation that was requested at the last meeting was still needed or deleted also. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

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Discussion followed. Councilmember Fredricks read a statement into the record relating to the selection of the Chief for the Fire Department. Mayor Blum stated that Action M does not require Council action, but authority is with the Mayor to appoint an interim Chief. Mayor Blum stated that he was asking for council confirmation, but it not required. Attorney Eling responded on the interpretation of the Woodland Municipal Code. He stated that the interim appointment would need confirmation by the council. He stated that there are additional issues with policy. More discussion ensued.

Main motion: Moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of Action M (to confirm interim appointment of Joe Tone to Fire Chief effective February 1, 2009 for approximately 6 to 12 months at Admin Salary step 1 \$5,678 per month plus benefits) and introduce Budget Amendments after J and before K and to delete Action item K (to adopt Ordinance No. 1149 – amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax (from 5% to 6%) (FIRST & FINAL READING)).

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

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Action N) Set Special Meeting January 26, 2009 to discuss Interim Fire Chief Plan

Councilmember Christopherson moved to set a Special Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Action item M- Relating to the appointment, duties and responsibilities of an Interim Fire Chief and plan either permanent or interim appointment. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd No: Burke, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison Abstain: None. (3-4)

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- Mayor -
- Clerk-Treasurer - Special meeting/workshop January 21, 2009 6:00 p.m. re: Joint meeting with Port of Woodland and Woodland School District
- Special meeting/workshop February 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. re: Joint meeting with Planning Commission
- 2009 Council meeting schedule
- Police - Officer Enbody is back to work after his knee surgery

- Fire
 - Potential recipient of a SAFER Grant from FEMA-volunteer recruitment and retention officer position fully funded for 4 years and volunteer benefit package, with no match in the amount of \$548,000
 - Ideas for Economic Stimulus package and presentation to Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC)
 - Commended the Fire Department for their service. Chief Brentin spent last 4 ½ years for Woodland Fire Dept. and thanked the members for their efforts. Urged the council to take care of the department.
- Public Works
 - Columbia Street drainage - Drywell construction repair needed which is not in the 2009 budget
 - Schurman Way Improvements - New consulting engineer Gray & Osborne, Inc.
 - Horseshoe Lake Restroom Project – Comments; Drawings 95% complete; Park Board meets tomorrow to finalize
 - Forklift - Snowplow purchased used Komatsu 5000 (\$10,000)
 - Purchased 9’ plow and mounting kit (\$5,383)
- Building Planning
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 - Planning Commission Public Hearing February 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. re: Industrial Off-Site Improvement Standards Zoning Text Change
 - Received first application of this year for Land Use for expansion of Industrial Development on W. Scott Avenue and Downriver Drive
- Attorney
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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Human Resources/ Government	-	Susan Humbyrd	-	Next meeting February 3 rd 4:30 p.m.; future meeting calendar for 2009 is set
Finance	-	John Burke	-	Meeting calendar is set for 2009
Public Safety	-	Marilee McCall	-	Investigating a consolidation of fire services; met Dec 2 with CCFD 2 discussed challenges and opportunities; then met with Clark Fire & Rescue in Ridgefield and discussed their challenges and opportunities and toured the facilities; ; consideration of Growth Management and Fire Impact Fees; The idea is an entirely new organization, not a take-over or merger; Goal-continue to gather information, make recommendations, and followed by open houses for the community
Public Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities • Horseshoe Lake Mgmt 	-	Darwin Rounds Marilee McCall Tom Golik	-	Next meeting Feb 10 th ; met Jan 13 th Still working on ideas Last meeting was cancelled
Parks/Recreation	-	Aaron Christopherson	-	Next meeting Jan 21 st 5:00 p.m. at the Annex

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Comprehensive Plan Review	-	Marilee McCall	-	
Cowlitz Wahkikum Council of Governments	-	Susan Humbyrd	-	Next meeting is Jan 21 st followed with a Joint meeting with CTED
AWC/Legislative	-	Aaron Christopherson	-	AWC Legislative Action Conference Feb 18 & 19 in Olympia
Chamber of Commerce	-		-	Installation and Annual Banquet at the Oak Tree on Saturday, January 24 th
Downtown Revitalization	-	Walter Hansen Sr.	-	Next meeting Tuesday, Jan 27 th to discuss the art feature and placement; asking cooperation of the City to get it done - Walter Hansen, Sr. selected for the Who's Who in the United States

Recessed at 8:24 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- **Walter Hansen, Sr.** , PO Box 2000, Woodland – Items F & G Chumbley property. Is in favor of growth with common sense. Stated that it is a waste of land in this area to be zoned Industrial. Supports Commercial zoning so near the Highway by Dike Access Road.

CONSENT

- A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 37100 through 37154 for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$172,783.43.
- B) Approve claims voucher warrants number 37155 through 37194 for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$56,369.07.
- C) Approve minutes of December 22, 2008; January 5 and 12, 2009 as presented.
- D) Resolution No. 569-declaring a local emergency; Delegation of Authority, Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington – January 2009 Rain Storm.
- E) Authorize Mayor to sign Request and Agreement for Reimbursable Work by Cowlitz County for street striping in the amount not to exceed \$8,600.

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS RE: Action F, G, H, and I

City Attorney Eling read procedures relating to Action items F, G, H, and I. He stated that the Council will be acting as a Quasi-judicial manner. He asked the council and public if there are any objections to anyone participating in the Chumbley or Gaston land use matters. No objections were received. He then asked if any of the council have any conflicts relating to this matter or anything that requires appearance of fairness. One disclosure was made for an email to councilmember Fredricks. No comments were made, therefore the record shows that disclosures have been made.

Numbered Exhibits #

18-Letter from Jim Chumbley to Planning Commission November 10, 2008

19-Woodland Zoning Map

20-Commercial Realty Advisors Aerial map

21-Planning Commission minutes of October 8, 2008

22-Planning Commission minutes of November 12, 2008

23-Letter from Mr. Housely dated January 16, 2009 to Mayor and Fredricks re: Gaston

2X-Email from to Councilmember Fredricks of 11/24/2008 re: Gaston

Schlecht email to Mayor and Fredricks from Nov 24, 2008 from Assistant Lorna Cole re: Gaston

Action F) Authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance for Comp Plan Amendment-Land Use #208-906 - Chumbley

Kei Zushi, Community Development Planner presented the proposed amendment and Planning Commission recommendation.

Skip Urling, Ecological Land Services spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Jim Chumbley, 11804 Grandview Drive, Edmonds, WA - representing the Chumbley family; addressed traffic concerns and supports the round-about; are in serious negotiations with Les Schwab Tires; clarified history of Walmart site; first contact from Walmart was a year after the zoning for the parcel occurred and no contact was made by either party at the time the zone was changed.

Councilmember Christopherson moved to allow City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to approve 2008 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment – Chumbley (Land Use Application No. 208-906 with the change in designation from Light Industrial to Commercial. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Rounds Abstain: Mattison. (4-2-1)

M/S/C

Action G) Authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance for Zoning Map Amendment – Chumbley – Land Use #208-906

Councilmember Christopherson moved to approve to allow City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for 2008 Zoning Map Amendment – Chumbley (Land Use Application No. 208-906 with the change in designation from Light Industrial (I-1) to Commercial (C-2) per Planning Commission Report of 12-15-2008. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Rounds Abstain: Mattison. (4-2-1)

M/S/C

Action H) Authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance for Comp Plan Amendment-Land Use #208-908 – Gaston

Kei Zushi, Community Development Planner presented the proposed amendment and Planning Commission recommendation.

James Housley, 500 E. Broadway, Suite 400, Vancouver 98660 – Attorney for Applicant Jon Gaston and Schaller – presented information on the proposed amendment and property.

Irene Armstrong, 369 Gun Club Road, Woodland – asked about water service on Green Mountain Road and location. The applicants stated that it would be a developer cost to extend the services to the property.

Councilmember Christopherson moved to approve 2008 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment – Gaston (Land Use Application No. 208-908 with the change in designation from Commercial to High Density Residential per Planning Commission Report of 12-15-2008 and to have City Attorney to prepare an ordinance. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Mattison Abstain: None. (5-2)

M/S/C

Action I) Authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance for Zoning Map Amendment-Land Use #208-908 – Gaston

Councilmember Christopherson moved to approve 2008 Zoning Map Amendment – Gaston (Land Use Application No. 208-908 with the change in designation from Commercial (C-2) to High Density Residential (MDR) per Planning Commission Report of 12-15-2008 and allow City Attorney to prepare an ordinance. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Mattison Abstain: None. (5-2)

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Recessed at 10:04 p.m. to 10:11 p.m.

Action J) Ordinance No. 11XX to amend WMC to allow Volunteer Fire Chief

City Attorney Eling presented the proposed ordinance and memo which was council directed from the January 12th meeting.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11XX to amend WMC to allow volunteer Fire Chief; and related documents (FIRST & FINAL READING). Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Blum read his recommendation for interim appointment for Fire Chief into the record.

Yes: McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Rounds, Christopherson Abstain: Mattison. (3-3-1)

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Action O) 2009 Budget Amendments

Councilmember Fredricks moved to cut two (2) Utility Service Worker I positions for 2009 Budget Amendments effective March 1, 2009 (\$114,585 in savings-multiple funds).

Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Mattison Abstain: None. (5-2)

M/S/C

Councilmember Fredricks moved to cut the Building Official and contract with City of La Center with a maximum contract of \$35,000 per year effective March 1, 2009 (Savings of \$39,470 from 001-General Fund). Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: Burke Abstain: None. (6-1)

M/S/C

Councilmember Fredricks to change funding to Clerk III Receptionist/Webmaster/Wellness to part time 20 hours per week (\$17,000 savings to General Fund). Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Christopherson, Mattison Abstain: None. (4-3)

M/S/C

Councilmember Fredricks moved to fund part time Code Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2009 (cost of \$25k). Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action K) DELETED (Ordinance No. 1149 – Amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax from 5% to 6% (FIRST & FINAL READING))

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Action L) Agreement with Gibbs & Olson for survey work

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Gibbs & Olson, Inc. for survey work in the amount of \$2,700. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: _____

Attest: _____

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.
A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.