

December 21 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 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: Police Chief Rob Stephenson

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz
Interim Fire Chief Joe Tone
City Attorney Bill Eling

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- Mayor - Liquor License renewal-Hi School Pharmacy; Licenses approved: Josiah's 1388 Lewis River Road & Liquidation Center 629A Goerig Street
- Transportation Scott Avenue
- CWCOG Cowlitz Housing First Coalition-need representative
- Clerk/Treasurer - Audit complete for 2007 to 2008 period. This is the 13th year with a clean audit history (no findings or management letters). Commended the staff and department heads for their excellent work.
- AWC Wellness Grant award \$500 for Targeted Health Risks & 2010 Wellness Operating Plan; meeting with CWCOG Medical pool on Jan 21st
- Police - Chief is recovering from shoulder surgery
- Fire - MCI trailer title (item I) ; FEMA 2007 grant closeout, entitled to an additional \$3,709; waterline freeze at Clark Co. Station 2 with \$10,000 in damages; station is uninhabitable; trucks are at various locations for now. Also many frozen and broken sprinkler systems throughout the city from the cold snap; Vacancy on Chamber Board of Directors-Joe Tone appointed to the Board; Received 37 applications for Fire Chief; updated recruitment center; 1st application review on Dec 22nd; Semi-finalists interviews the week of Jan 4th; Final interviews the week of Jan 25th
- Public Works - Restroom project
- Building -
- Planning - Add the CWCOG as a consultant to conduct the planning portion of development reviews
- Attorney - 2010 Legal Services Contract proposals

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/ - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting TBD

Government

- Finance - John Burke - Met Dec 14th discussed budget amendments, HHPR contract for CERB, audit exit conference; Next meeting TBD
- Public Safety - Marilee McCall - Will be meeting in January 2010
- Public Utilities - Darwin Rounds -
- Facilities - Marilee McCall - City Hall 3rd floor modifications for Fire Need 2 new members on the committee
- Horseshoe Lake Mgmt - Tom Golik -
- Parks/Recreation - Aaron Christopherson - Met Dec 16th
- Park Board vacancy; Action J tonight expanding the committee from 3 to 5 members; park land acquisition-hoping to hear back in Jan/Feb

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Susan Humbyrd - December 2009 newsletter
- Met last Thursday at the Cowlitz Museum ; Next meeting Jan 21st
- AWC/Legislative Aaron Christopherson -
- Chamber of Commerce - Christmas party and gift exchange Dec 22nd at the Oak Tree
- Downtown Revitalization Tom Golik - No meeting tomorrow; Next TBD
- Woodland Quality Community Coalition Marilee McCall - Sub-Committee Jan 12th; Next meeting January 20, 2010 6:00 p.m. at School District Community room
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Susan Humbyrd - First meeting to be set in January
- Water Sewer Rate Advisory Committee - John Burke - Contacting the previous committee members to see if they are interested in re-activating their membership; A press release will also be issued

Recessed at 7:48 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

A Soup Kitchen was held by Living Hope Church at Grange held Dec 17th; next is in January

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Walter Hansen Sr., spoke on Consent item B-correction to minutes of December 7, 2009 re: Downtown Revitalization meeting report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item B and E were removed.

- A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 38827 through 38903 for the first half of the month of December, 2009 in the amount of \$98,584.85.
- C) Confirm appointment of Municipal Court Judges Michael H. Evans, David R. Koss, and Ed Putka as provided in RCW 3.50
- D) Authorize renewal of Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection Agreement (per budget)
- E) Authorize renewal of AWC Retrospective Rating Program for 2010 (per budget)
- G) Authorize renewal of Cowlitz Humane Society Agreement for Animal Control for 2010 (per budget)
- H) Authorize renewal of Washington State Purchasing Coop membership (per budget)
- I) Authorize city staff to transfer the title of MCI-92 a homeland security asset to Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue.

Councilmember Christopherson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

Consent B) Approval of December 7, 2009 minutes as amended

Discussion followed.

- 1) Minutes of December 7, 2009 re: Action item O; Clerk Treasurer to review recording of minutes and if needed add the comment from Councilmember Burke to add language relating to contacting the industrial area and the City will work with them re: roundabout.
- 2) Also correction to Report from Downtown Revitalization to read “Dec 8th” vs. Jan 8th.
- 3) Action M) Clerk Treasurer to check language re: “report back to the Council prior to 2011”

Councilmember Burke moved to approve December 7, 2009 minutes as amended. Councilmember Fredricks to approve item B with changes.

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

M/S/C

Action E) Authorize renewal of Vision Municipal Solutions (VMS) software assurance for 2010

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize renewal of Vision Municipal Solutions (VMS) 2010 Software Assurance Agreement (per budget). Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Action J) Ordinance No. 1173 – increasing Park Board from 3 to 5 members (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt FIRST AND FINAL reading of Ordinance No. 1173-amending WMC to increase the Park Board from 3 to 5 members. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

M/S/C

Action K) Authorize hiring of Engineering Aide I position for Public Works

Discussion followed. Councilmember Burke moved to authorize hiring of Engineering Aid I at this time and take to PERC to be resolved and the union dues would be retro-active to the time of hire. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amendment:

Councilmember Rounds moved to be subject to the union to stipulate that PERC be allowed to determine union representation. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Main motion:

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize hiring of Engineering Aid I at this time and take to PERC to be resolved and the union dues would be retro-active to the time of hire and to be subject to the union to stipulate that PERC be allowed to determine union representation.

Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

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

M/S/Failed

Action L) Ordinance No. 1174 – Interfund Loan for 227 CERB-Sewer -- TABLED to after Action M

Councilmember Burke moved to table until Action item M tonight. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action M) Authorize contract with HHPR to Assist with Property Owner Assessment for CERB Water and Sewer loans (Fund 226 and 227)

Councilmember Burke moved to Authorize contract with HHPR to assist with Property Owner Assessment to repay CERB Water and Sewer Interfund loans per 1994 Pre-Annexation Agreement. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The City Attorney stated that the Pre-Annexation Agreement does authorize the City to enact the conditions of the Agreement.

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

M/S/C

Action L) Ordinance No. 1174 – Interfund Loan for 227 CERB-Sewer (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt FIRST AND FINAL reading of Ordinance No. 1174- additional Interfund Loan for Fund 227 CERB Sewer. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Action N) Ordinance No. 1175-2009 Budget Amendments (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt First & Final reading of Ordinance No. 1175- authorizing 2009 Budget Amendments. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Action O) Ordinance No. 1176-Hwy Commercial C-2 Architectural and Site Design Standards (FIRST READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize FIRST reading of Ordinance No. 1176 – Adoption of the Highway Commercial (C-2) Architectural and Site Design Standards, Land Use Application No. 209-90. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Staff will make changes as discussed.

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

M/S/C

Action P) Ordinance No. 1172-Geographically expand Parking Requirement Exemption Area in C-1 zone (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt FIRST & FINAL reading of Ordinance No. 1172-to Geographically expand the Parking Requirement Exemption Area in the Central Business District (C-1 Zoning District). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The council requested this be sent back to the Planning Commission for review.

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

M/S/Failed

Action X) to Refer to the Planning Commission re: expansion of Parking Requirement exemption and hold an Open House prior to Planning Commission meeting

Councilmember Fredricks moved to refer to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amendment:

It was suggested to include notification of the public and hold an open house by staff prior to Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Main motion:

Councilmember Fredricks moved to refer to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations and to include notification of the public and hold an open house by staff prior to Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action Q) Authorize emergency purchase for grip pump impeller for Wastewater Plant

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize emergency purchase for grip pump impeller in the amount of \$4,563.26. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: January 4, 2010

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.