

## March 21, 2011

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

**Present:** Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Marilee McCall  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Al Swindell  
Councilmember Darwin Rounds

**Absent:** Councilmember Aaron Christopherson-unexcused  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd-excused

**Also Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
Police Chief Rob Stephenson  
Public Works Director Steve Branz  
City Attorney Bill Eling  
Community Development Planner Carolyn Johnson

### **Action M) Excuse Councilmember Humbyrd from tonight's meeting**

Councilmember Burke moved to excuse Councilmember Humbyrd from tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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### **CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Noel Johnson**, PO Box 1955, Woodland - announced the Woodland Fire Dept Annual Banquet last weekend. He has a picture of the Chief and his wife to present to him.

**Jeff Sullivan**, 130 S. Pekin Road – wanted to make the council aware of persons that are dismantling vehicles (changing transmissions and other) on the city street on Pekin Road. He did discuss it with the Code Enforcement Officer and was advised there is no code to prohibit it. He referenced a code from Concord CA which has language. He is requesting a code be developed and adopted.

Councilmember Burke referenced WMC 8.12.010. It was referred to the Public Works Committee.

**Walter Hansen, Sr.**, PO Box 2000, re: 208 Buckeye Street has been advanced to the National Historic Register Committee for national recognition as a triplex.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Certificate of Appreciation to the Woodland Grange (Vivian Mosby and John JJ Burke) by Woodland Police Department for a donation in which they purchased 3 specialized tool kits for lockouts of vehicles.
2. James Misner, Cowlitz Co. Commissioner – Hotel/Motel tax – “The Big Idea” He is asking for a letter of support endorsing the restructuring of the County’s Tourism Department under the guidance and direction of a Board of Directors as well as dedicating 10% of your annual Lodging Tax for the next six years as a partner in “The Big Idea” fund allocation program.

### **Action N) Place on the April 4, 2011 Council Agenda a letter of support re: “The Big Idea” relating to Lodging Tax**

Councilmember McCall moved to place on the April 4, 2011 council agenda for a letter of support endorsing the restructuring of the County’s Tourism Department under the guidance and direction of a Board of Directors as well as dedicating 10% of the annual Lodging Tax for the next six years as a partner in “The Big Idea” fund allocation program. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Item H- was removed to a future meeting. Councilmember Swindell moved to approve the agenda without action item H. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- Mayor -
- Clerk/Treasurer - Liquor license renewal 1) AM PM and 2) Quickway
- Open House April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. for Transportation Benefit District presentation by Berk & Associates; regular council meeting following at 7:00 p.m.
- Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer will be attending the WMCA Conference in Vancouver Tuesday - Friday
- Police - Homeland Security Grant funding for portable radios ; Budget amendment will follow
- Also received a grant from Traffic Safety Commission for a handheld radar; Budget amendment will follow.

**Action O) Authorize acceptance of Homeland Security and Traffic Safety Grants and authorize expenditures**

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize acceptance of Homeland Security and Traffic Safety grants and authorize expenditure of \$5,200. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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- Fire -
- Public Works - Cowlitz County Rural Public Facilities grant application for 2011
- Building -
- Planning -
- Attorney - Parkland purchase update
- Reviewed agreements on tonight's agenda

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Human Resources/  
Government - Marilee McCall - Next meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm
- Finance - Benjamin Fredricks - Met March 14<sup>th</sup> discussed Fireworks and WMC-referred to Public Safety Committee, Telephone RFP, Fee resolution and DOL Master Licensing, request for cost analysis for a City Administrator and recommends approval of tonight's agenda items; Next meeting March 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm
- Public Safety - Marilee McCall - Next meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm  
Attended the Firemen's Annual Award dinner
- Public Utilities - Al Swindell - Discussed City hall roof replacement; SR503; roundabout completion; Guild Road; Schurman Way; Parkland; Library appraisal; Arbor Day Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30am at the end of Gun Club Rd.; and tonight's agenda items
- Facilities - Marilee McCall - No report
- Horseshoe Lake Mgmt - Darwin Rounds - Pump on the lake and potential water quality of the lake this summer; Vacancy on HSL Mgmt Committee
- Parks/Recreation - Aaron Christopherson - Met March 16<sup>th</sup>

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- Comprehensive Plan Review Marilee McCall - No action at this time
- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Al Swindell - Next meeting is March 24<sup>th</sup> ; Annual

Governments AWC/Legislative	Aaron Christopherson	- meeting rescheduled TBD
Chamber of Commerce		- Legislative phone call Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - Next week's Luncheon Program: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 James Misner, Cowlitz Co. Commissioner; - After Hours: Fat Moose, Thursday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 7pm - April 19 <sup>th</sup> presentation of Transportation Benefit District by Berk & Associates - Dairy Queen is now open - After Hours April 21 <sup>st</sup> at Holland America Bulb Farm; invited the City to participate
Downtown Revitalization	Walter Hansen, Sr. and Vivian Mosby	- Next meeting March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9am; basket order program underway; Distribution May 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; sending 2 people to the Main Street program in Walla Walla in May ; awards program applications; Hot Summer Nights
Woodland Quality Community Coalition	Marilee McCall	- Next joint meeting April 20 <sup>th</sup> 6pm hosted by City

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

**CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Blum announced that comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

**Edward Barne**, 4009 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver – speaking in support of the Resolution No. 598 and to promote jobs.

**Josephine Wentzel**, 14712 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, Co-chair of No Tolls.com – asking the council to not support this resolution. Stated that jobs would be affected if this project occurs.

**Jim Karlock**, 3311 NE 35<sup>th</sup>, Portland OR-suffers under a city that has light rail. The project has rebuilding of roads and lightrail. Stated that bus service can be affected if this is supported. Said that tolls will be needed towards the local match. It brings the project to \$400 billion and it is a mega project.

**Debbie Peterson**, Garden Park area in Vancouver- recently hired by No Tolls-showed a chart of the project. Light rail is not required of this project. The I-5 bridges can be retro-fitted for \$250million. Good jobs for a bad project is never a good idea. Need to solve it regionally. The plan should have been in place in 1980's. The steel on this bridge is thicker than the original

specifications. Congestion on the new bridge would increase even with a new bridge. Senator Benton is against the project.

**Dick Sohn**, Vancouver- does not support the new bridge project. It will not bring new jobs. Stated that the light rail addition is ridiculous and with little purpose. There will be a temporary boom, but that won't last. People should not have to pay the tolls. Look at long term ramifications and the costs associated with it.

**Chuck Miller**, Camas -& representing Citizens for Responsible Government-with light rail crime will increase. He has spent 29 years at Tri-met. Job creation. The people will be paying for the light rail for years and years. Urges a no vote.

**Sharon Nasutt**, 1113 N Baliast, Portland OR-handed out some papers 1) the Federal register re: on the Columbia River Crossing to add additional crossing through a replacement or new crossing. We have fewer bridges in similar sized cities in the United States. The bridge has about 50 years of life left. The handout shows the ages of bridges and life left. Spoke on bridge capacity and current and future capacity. Said that a larger bridge in the middle will bring more traffic and congestion and also to the neighborhoods.

**Darlene Johnson**, PO Box 1808- stated that we do need to add capacity. Stated it is not acceptable for the Washington residents to pay for this. Most people that cross the bridge are from Washington and also from Woodland. To put a toll on them between fuel, toll and taxes, the people will not make any salary. There needs to be some kind of increased capacity, but the current project supports tolls and light rail too. Urges a no vote.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Item B and C were removed.**

- A. Approve Claims Voucher warrants 41302 through 41355 for the first half of the month of March, 2011 in the amount of \$141,071.43.
- D. Authorize expenditure for unbudgeted items in the amount of \$1,228 for 2007 and 2008 invoices to CIAW and authorize Budget Amendment
- E. Authorize Budget Amendment to allocate the AWC Retro Refund of \$3,894 to pay portion of the CIAW insurance invoice in the amount of \$1,228 and the balance to 001-General Fund Ending Fund Balance.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Action B) Approval of minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup> as corrected and March 14, 2011 as presented**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve the March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with the correction on page 2 to delete "Council" and to add ["Councilmember Christopherson" asked for this to be placed on the next council agenda for March 21<sup>st</sup> and to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes as presented.] Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action C) To table indefinitely to excuse absence of Councilmember Christopherson from March 14, 2011 Special meeting/workshop meeting**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to table indefinitely to excuse absence of Councilmember Christopherson from March 14, 2011 Special meeting/workshop meeting. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Clerk-Treasurer asked for clarification from the City Attorney on the council rules 1.3 Attendance, Excused Absences. The City Attorney reported that special meetings/workshops are not subject to this section and are not part of the definition of regular meetings.

**Call the Question:**

Councilmember Swindell moved to call the question and limit debate. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Main motion:**

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action F) Resolution 598-Supporting the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Columbia River Crossing Project**

Councilmember Swindell moved to adopt Resolution 598-Supporting the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Columbia River Crossing Project. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Swindell No: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Rounds Abstain: None. (1-4)

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**Action G) Ordinance No. 1209 – Authorizing an additional Interfund Loan to Fund 316 SR503 Widening from Fund 301 Capital Project: General Reserve (FIRST AND FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Swindell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1209 – Authorizing an additional Interfund Loan to Fund 316 SR503 Widening from Fund 301 Capital Project: General Reserve (FIRST AND FINAL READING). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action I) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Waste Control re: newly annexed areas pursuant to RCW 35A.14.900**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Waste Control re: newly annexed areas pursuant to RCW 35A.14.900. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action J) Authorize Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement for Joint Negotiation of Cowlitz Co. PUD Franchises**

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement for Joint Negotiation of Cowlitz Co. PUD Franchises. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action K) Authorize Change Order #3 with HDJ for SR503 in the amount of \$95,240 for a total maximum of \$401,000.00**

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize Change Order #3 with HDJ for SR503 in the amount of \$95,240 for a total maximum of \$401,000.00. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action L) Authorize Mayor to sign Inter-governmental Agreement for Grounds Equipment Maintenance (GEM) Services**

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize Mayor to sign Inter-governmental Agreement for Grounds Equipment Maintenance (GEM) Services. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Charles E Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: April 4, 2011

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