

**September 19, 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.

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Aaron Christopherson

**Also Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
City Attorney Bill Eling  
Fire Chief Mike Jackson  
Community Development Planner Carolyn Johnson  
Interim Public Works Director Ken Alexander  
Police Sergeant Brad Gillaspie

**Resignation Aaron Christopherson, Council Position No. 4**

Mayor Blum read a letter into the record from Councilmember Aaron Christopherson dated September 19, 2011.

Councilmember Humbyrd moved to accept the resignation of Aaron Christopherson. Discussion followed. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (6-0)  
M/S/C

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

**Noel Johnson**, PO Box 1955, Woodland – spoke on the location of a new high school and the formation of a new Ad Hoc Committee for the new high school campus at Dike Access Road. Noel has been asked to serve on the committee and has accepted.

**Nick Massie**, PO Box 1527, Woodland - spoke on the special meeting notice he read about in the Columbian about the roundabouts and asked if it is tonight or when it was. Staff and Council replied that it was on 9/12/11.

**Darlene Johnson**, PO Box 1808, Woodland - spoke on the roundabout and the ride-along they gave to Ken Alexander, Interim Public Works Director. Stated the pictures taken were not in the area they were concerned about and also the size of the trucks were not the correct ones either. The industrial area and businesses should be considered. She still thinks the sidewalks and divisions in the road need to be removed or modified.

**Ken Alexander, Interim Public Works Director**, replied that he did participate in a ride-along with Woodland Truck Lines and is still looking into the concerns and suggestions. Darlene Johnson mentioned the consequences of the narrowing of Schurman Way to American Paper Converting, Peri Form Works, etc.

**PRESENTATION-Recognition of Flood Awareness Public Information Program committee volunteers**

Councilmember McCall spoke on the program and explained the make-up of the committee.

Certificates were presented to:

Carolyn Johnson, Community Development Planner  
Grover Laseke, Cowlitz County Dept. of Emergency Management  
Noel Johnson  
June Jones, Realtor  
John Karabelnikoff  
Pat Rychel, Woodland Insurance

Tegan Steen, Woodland School District  
Becca Croft, National Flood Insurance Program Consultant

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (6-0)  
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## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- Mayor
- Attended the Grand Opening of City of Vancouver City Hall Saturday September 17, 2011
  - Seeking projects for 2012 CDBG
- Clerk/Treasurer
- Special meeting/workshop on September 26, 2011 7:00 p.m. to discuss gambling / card rooms and zoning
  - Gambling license – Wal-Mart & Safeway (amusement games)
  - Seeking applicants for “The Big Idea” Committee – applications due by 9/26/2011
  - Proposed L&I rate increase for 2012 4.5% to 8%
  - 2012 Budget calendar
  - Council discussion on the Special meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> & seeking information on the legal opinion on zoning and restrictions
- Police
- Chief Stephenson is still out on medical leave
- Fire
- WFD hosted a 9/11 remembrance event on 9/11/11 and had a good showing and received many words of thanks and recognition from our citizens. WFD assisted with a regional event with public safety displays and antique fire apparatus at Horseshoe Lake Park. As part of the event and volunteer efforts that day, approx. 150 bicycle helmets were distributed to children in need, in coordination with St. John’s Hospital / the Regional Safe Kids Association. On the same day the WFD received community support in raising approximately \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Many recent incidents have kept our crews busy during the last couple of weeks, many of them significant. Called Life Flight for 2 different incidents, Several fatalities including I-5 crash, electrocution today, CPR save in District 1’s response area.
  - Continuing efforts to improve response and mutual aid with our partners at Clark County Fire and Rescue, Cowlitz FD #1, and Cowlitz FD #5 with some changes and modifications to current responses.
  - Training in future at city owned property at 1706 Lewis River Road
- Public Works
- Meeting tomorrow with Pacland for design issues for Schurman Way
  - Weekend paving and work occurred over the weekend
  - Sidewalk and ADA ramps have standing water and was reported to WSDOT
  - Water leaks discovered at E. Scott and Gun Club Road; repairs will begin tomorrow
- Planning
- Report from Ad Hoc Committee met re: Downtown Design Standards
- Attorney
- Attorney Eling is on vacation this week

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/  
Government
- Susan Humbyrd
  - Next meeting 9/29, 5:30 p.m.; next website meeting TBD
- Finance
- Benjamin Fredricks
  - Next meeting 9/21 5:30 p.m.
- Public Safety
- Marilee McCall
  - Met 9/19 5:30 pm; discussed 2012 budget, direction on contracting with Clark District 2 (more info to follow)
- Public Utilities
- Al Swindell
  - Next meeting 9/20 5:30 p.m.; sidewalk project
- Facilities
  - Horseshoe Lake Mgmt
- Marilee McCall
  - Scott Perry
  - Facilities Presentation schedule; 9/10 had a revised handout for Facilities
  - Met 9/8; Next meeting 10/13; gave a comprehensive report of the committee

Parks/Recreation - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting 9/21 at 5pm; Report re: Ad Hoc Park Committee on 9/12/2011 Special meeting/ workshop

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Comprehensive Plan Review Marilee McCall - No Report  
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Susan Humbyrd - Meeting for 9/22 is cancelled; Next date TBD  
Governments AWC/Legislative - AWC Regional meeting 10/11/11 in Vancouver  
Chamber of Commerce Tammie Howard - 9/20 For & Against Committee will be presented re: Public Safety Sales Tax After Hours 9/22 at VFW 5-7pm  
Woodland Farmer’s Market ended last Friday; Walmart has contacted them to possibly move there for 2012; Scott Reineke, deceased La Center Police Officer and procession with the Blue Knights and Police and Fire Departments from around the State  
Downtown Revitalization -  
Woodland Quality Community Marilee McCall - Next joint meeting 10/19 6:00 p.m. Coalition hosted by the Port (place TBD)  
Recessed at 8:04 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**Steve Harvey, CWCOG**, Executive Director- re: asking for a letter of support requested for the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant application.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Claims Voucher warrants 42146 through 42200 for the first half of the month of September 2011 in the amount of \$250,482.44.
- B. Approval of September 6 and 12, 2011 minutes as presented.
- C. Authorize CWCOG letter of support for HUD Sustainable Communities Grant application.
- D. Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens for 2011 Hotel Motel Tax funding (\$4,000).

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda with typo correction in item D (On Agreement it says “three thousand” and it should be “four thousand”.) Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Rounds No: None Abstain: None. (6-0)  
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The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: October 17, 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