

February 19, 2013

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 Grover Laseke at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Scott Perry

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
City Attorney Bill Eling
Fire Chief Mike Jackson
Public Works Director Bart Stepp

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Noel Johnson, PO 1955, Woodland – stated that the North Clark Historical Museum in Amboy had an auction and raised thousands of dollars; The Father Daughter Ball is this Saturday at the Grace Community Church in Woodland.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – Mayor Grover Laseke

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Swindell moved to approve the agenda with the exception of item C which was removed. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was noted that item C was removed prior to the meeting.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS (Limited)

- Mayor
 - Special Joint meeting with Planning Commission Feb 21, 2013 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 782 Park Street (see motion following)
 - Park Board vacancy
 - Mayor, Public Works Director, Port and School representatives will be meeting with Rep. Orcutt this week relating to Transportation issues
 - Councilmember McCall thanked the mayor for the united front along with the school and the port
 - Councilmember McCall stated she will not be able to attend the Joint Planning Commission meeting and requested that it be rescheduled
 - Councilmember Fredricks stated he will also not be able to attend the Joint Planning Commission meeting

Action H) Cancel Joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting on February 21, 2013

Councilmember Burke moved to cancel the Joint meeting on February 21st with the Planning Commission. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Referred back to Planner to set another date.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Allen, Perry No: Swindell Abstain: None. (6-1)

M/S/C

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of claims voucher warrants numbered 44568 through 44627 for the first half of the month of February, 2013 in the amount of \$219,196.52.
- B. Approval of minutes of February 4, 2013.
- C. REMOVED
- D. Confirm re-appointment of Robert Hasbrouck, Jr. to the Civil Service Commission to a six year term expiring February 16, 2019

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

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action Agenda:

Action E) Ordinance No. 1262 – amending Title 19 Development Review Committee (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt Ordinance No 1262- amending Title 19 Development Review Committee (FIRST & FINAL READING). Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action F) Authorize Mayor to sign TIB Grant for design & construction of new intersection at SR503 and East Scott Avenue

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize mayor to sign Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant of \$2,000,000 for design and construction of new intersection at SR 503 and East Scott Avenue. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action G) Authorize Mayor to sign Final Amendment to the Contract for employees/staffing with Clark County Fire Rescue

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize Mayor to sign final amendment to the contract for employees/staffing with Clark County Fire Rescue. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: Burke Abstain: None. (6-1)

M/S/C

Action I) To freeze all hiring for the remainder of the calendar year 2013

Councilmember Burke moved to freeze all hiring for the remainder of the calendar year 2013. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued relating to decrease of estimated revenues for property taxes, gambling taxes and recent business closures. It was stated that the council would not want to hire a person and then to find out they have to lay them off. Other items discussed were the Clerk-Treasurer Department efficiency study, layoffs, having a temporary employee vs. a permanent part-time employee, not filling the vacant permanent part-time position in the Clerk-Treasurer Department. It was also mentioned that there will be upcoming hiring for Community Development Planner, parks seasonal positions in Public Works, and in the Police Department.

Amendment- to limit it to a hiring freeze in the Clerk-Treasurer office:

Councilmember Fredricks moved to amend the motion to limit the hiring freeze to the Clerk-Treasurer office for the remainder of calendar year 2013. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed relating to funding, temporary employees, referring back to Human Resources Committee, the need to get more information and communicate before a decision is made, referring to the Finance Committee, etc.

Vote: Amendment to limit the hiring freeze to the Clerk-Treasurer office

To amend the motion to strike "freeze all hiring" and replace it with "limit the hiring freeze to the Clerk-Treasurer office for the remainder of calendar year 2013." Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Main motion with Amendment:

The motion was restated: To freeze hiring in the Clerk-Treasurer office for the remainder of calendar year 2013.

Mayor Laseke that this item had not been introduced or discussed at the HR Committee and there is no hurry to move it along. He also stated that there is no need to target one department in the city. It should have to go through the committee first. The Council is seeking a solution before there is a problem. More discussion followed relating to which committee to refer it to and the dates.

Action J) Motion to Table and send to the HR Committee

Councilmember Swindell moved to table and to send this item to the HR Committee to obtain better data and have a thought process related to it. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion (no second)

Councilmember McCall moved to add March 11th to the motion for a Council Workshop. Discussion followed. No second was received.

Main Motion and Vote: To table and to send to HR Committee to obtain better data and thought process related to it. Yes: McCall, Humbyrd, Swindell, Allen No: Burke, Fredricks, Perry Abstain: None. (4-3)

M/S/C

Amendment (no second)

Councilmember Fredricks moved to enact a hiring freeze citywide until April 15th. No second was received.

Point of Order – Councilmember Swindell called a Point of Order and stated that a motion can't be made on an action to table and that someone that voted against that motion cannot vote to overturn that motion.

Councilmember McCall clarified that the motion is to have it to a date certain.

Councilmember Fredricks stated he is o.k. to move it to March 15th.

Ruling:

Mayor Laseke ruled in favor of the point of order and if the council wants it on the workshop for March 11th, that would be allowed.

Councilmember Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Discussion followed.

Councilmember McCall removed her motion to set it for March 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Minutes approved: March 4, 2013

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*