

1 Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding
2 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel at 7 pm

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY-** Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Dan Wood, Councilwoman Nikki King, Councilman Tony
7 Chung, Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilman Ian Cope and Councilman Dave Skaramuca.
8 Councilman Tyler Trimble was not present. Councilman Cope made a motion to excuse Councilman
9 Trimble with a second by Councilman Hutchings. *Motion passed 6-0 vote.*

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11 **STAFF PRESENT:** CFO Doug Streeter, Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux and Public Works
12 Director Rocky Howard.

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14 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** In the absence of Councilman Trimble, CFO Streeter presented the bills totaling
15 \$119,959.86 for checks #52103 to 52136. Of that was a PUD bill for about \$16,000; police radios are
16 about \$24,000 and insurance payment of about \$12,000 Payroll was presented at \$98,675.68 for checks
17 #39836 to 39840. Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was
18 seconded by Councilman Skaramuca.
19 *Motion passed 6-0 vote.*

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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to approve the minutes of the January
22 10th meeting. Councilman Cope seconded the motion. *Motion passed with no corrections with a 6-0*
23 *vote.*

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

26 **Sonja Pratt:** Does not think a roundabout will help this town. She is concerned about the utility and
27 maintenance costs of a rest stop and thinks it would be better to spend the money on our roads.

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29 **Mike Lunceford:** Agreed with Mrs. Pratt; a roundabout is not what the city needs and the Main Street
30 businesses have already suffered greatly due to the tearing up of Main Street during that project. Mr.
31 Lunceford reiterated what an investment the Chung Family has added to this town.

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33 **Ray Meyers:** Announced that Gene's Stop and Go would not be reopening in the spring. Meyers would
34 like to see a cost benefit analysis available to the public concerning the roundabout; near term and long
35 term numbers.

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37 **Bill Pratt:** Not happy with no response from the city regarding variance issues he has had concerning his
38 daughter's residence. Not happy with how our streets are maintained. Not happy with tax payer's
39 money to pay for workers to maintain rest stop.

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41 **Terry Troy:** Questions concerning the fire department levy lid lift as he is on a fixed income and taxes
42 always seem to go to things involving kids. Questioned as to why taxes go to other things besides the
43 roads and such. Would like to see the tax dollars divided up more equally. Mr. Troy also had questions
44 regarding variances concerning other people's "rubbish" that he has to take care of as it is encroaching
45 on his property.

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47 **Susan Swartz:** Commented on having taken the time to look at the area where the roundabout and rest
48 stop would be and thinks that a beautiful center at the entrance would bring people into the city. She is
49 hopeful for the city and hopes things can be figured out.

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51 **Doug Iverson:** Would like exact figures on how much the city gets on sales tax in additional revenue to
52 break even on maintenance if the fee to maintain that was quoted in newsletter of \$50,000 is correct.
53 Questioned if there was a city or town example that would show how much revenue is generated by
54 getting people into town.

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56 **Mike McHatton:** Upset about the Vessey Field netting and how he is paying the price for the shape it is
57 in. Questioned the city as to what we are doing about it.

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59 **Bob Bellamy:** Wished to know what the Mayor was protesting in Olympia as he had seen it on
60 Facebook.

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62 **PUBLIC HEARING FEMA Flood Plain:** No comments made.

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64 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

65 **PUBLIC WORKS:** Met on the 18th with new committee which consisted of Councilman Hutchings,
66 Councilman Wood, Councilman Skaramuca and PW Director Rocky Howard. RV Ordinance was
67 discussed and is recommending 180 days maximum stay in a calendar year.

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69 **FINANCE:** CFO Doug Streeter advised there was nothing to report.

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71 **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Cope reported the committee consisting of Councilman Chung, Fire Chief
72 Rux and Police Chief Vance met. A Fire Cadet Program was discussed at length. This would happen at
73 the high school with an application process and agreement to be drawn up with the school. Chief Rux
74 advised this would cost the city \$240 out of the fire department budget for his salary and the school
75 would incur a cost of approximately \$15,000, some of which would be used to replace equipment that
76 was used during the program. Also discussed was the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the police
77 department along with a School Resource Officer. Facilities for fire and police were also discussed. A
78 couple of town hall meetings will be held regarding the EMS Levy.

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80 **FLOOD AUTHORITY:** Councilman Wood advised the flood authority committee did meet and discussed
81 the culvert replacement project with a May start and completed by June 30th for \$135,000 which is the
82 cost of materials. They have put together a 12 million dollar total for projects, 5 million for the place
83 marker for the WWTP which is being threatened by the river.

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85 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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87 **Montesano Hearing Examiner Ordinance #1601**

88 Was voted on last meeting and the council has a copy of this ordinance in its official form. Mayor
89 Samuel asked for any remaining questions that council might have. There were no questions.

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91 **RV Ordinance/Campground Definition Ordinance Change:** *Councilman Chung excused himself at this*
92 *point prior to any discussion happening. Attorney Chris Coker explained to the audience why Councilman*
93 *Chung was recusing himself.*

94 Discussion on the ordinance is in a presentation format to be looked at and the Mayor asked for the
95 council's direction on this. Councilman Wood reported the Public Works Committee would like to act
96 on the language in ordinance 17.08.123 as they believe the RV Ordinance language is not ready. Much
97 discussion ensued. Motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept ordinance 17.08.123 with a
98 language change of 365 days instead of a calendar year. Motion was seconded by Councilman
99 Hutchings. A Roll Call Vote was taken; Councilman Wood-Yes, Councilwoman King-No, Councilman
100 Cope-Yes, Councilman Hutchings-Yes and Councilman Skaramuca-No. Motion passed 3-2. Continued
101 research into the RV Ordinance will happen.
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103 *Addendum: After discussion with City Attorney Coker, the mayor was advised the ordinance did not pass*
104 *because it was a 3-2 vote. Under RCW 35A.12.120, in order for an ordinance to pass, it needs at least a*
105 *majority of the whole membership of the council. Councilman Trimble was gone and Councilman Chung*
106 *recused himself. That left 5 members. In order to pass it would have needed to be 4-1.*
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108 **NEW BUSINESS: Ad Hoc Committee for bylaw review**

109 Mayor asked the council who would be interested in being on this committee; both Councilman Wood
110 and Councilman Hutchings have talked about this over the last year. A total review needs to be done
111 from start to finish. Councilman Wood suggested that Attorney Coker join the committee. That
112 decision will be made down the road.
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114 **NEW BUSINESS ADDITION:**

115 Mayor Samuel advised she was approached by Monte Youth Soccer about moving forward at Beacon
116 Park for a grant application which is due January 31st. Mayor Samuel advised she would like to sign a
117 version of what has been approved by the council for Vessey Field that all groups who use the fields
118 would contribute dollars. MYS is applying for a grant for lights, \$60,000, but the grant wants language
119 from the city stating it will be used for youth sports only. Mayor Samuel proposed a letter saying our
120 intent is that but the user agreement is as far as we can go at this time. She was asking for the council's
121 approval to do this as time was of the essence. *Council agreed.*
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123 **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

124 **FEMA Ordinance #1602**

125 Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman King. A
126 roll call vote was taken; Councilman Wood-Yes, Councilwoman King-Yes, Councilman Chung-Yes,
127 Councilman Hutchings-Yes, Councilman Cope-Yes, Councilman Skaramuca-Yes.
128 *Motion passed 6-0.*
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130 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

131 **William Morgan:** Commented on RV amendments and private parking as it pertains to RVs at a person's
132 home.
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134 **Ken Estes:** Concerned about the roundabout pushing into wetlands and large trucks not being able to
135 negotiate the roundabout. Rest area exit and entrance would cause people to have to cross the railroad
136 tracks which are currently designated low volume crossings. Mr. Estes feels the traffic issues that would
137 be caused by the rest area have not been addressed.
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139 **Susan Swartz:** Questioned how the "Beacon thing" got pushed through after a no vote by the public.
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141 **Phil Woody:** Trucker who thinks the trucking industry is prevalent to the harbor; they are here every day
142 and tourists are not. Mr. Woody encouraged the council to think of a way to cater to the trucking
143 industry where revenue would be constant. He also inquired about the long range analysis of
144 roundabout maintenance.

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146 **Dalyn Skaramuca:** Likes the RV park does not like the roundabout.

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148 **Louie Long:** What is to keep someone from renting out trailers if 180 days is the length of stay? He is
149 concerned about this.

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151 **Roger Ashlock:** Thanked Councilman Chung for recusing himself from the RV discussion.

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153 **Mike Lunceford:** Reiterated what he said earlier adding the Chungs have put many dollars into this
154 town.

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156 **Mike McHatton:** Apologized for his vulgarity earlier.

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158 **Bill Pratt:** Comments were the same as the first comment period.

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160 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

161 **Councilman Wood:** Advised the netting at Vessey Field should be done by the end of February.
162 Apologized to Mr. Pratt for not following up on his complaint. Stated his misgivings about the
163 roundabout; its size and large trucks using it.

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165 **Councilwoman King:** Thanked public for their comments; apologized to Mr. Pratt for not following up
166 on his complaint. Thanked Public Safety Committee for their work on the fire cadet program. Expressed
167 concerns about the roundabout and asked if the mayor had met with DOT. Was in favor of user fee for
168 clubs to help maintain fields.

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170 **Councilman Cope:** Thanked Gene's Stop and Go owner for the short time they were open. Thank you
171 to Chief Rux and the Public Safety Committee for their work on the cadet program. Stated economic
172 development is crucial and key to keeping our infrastructure maintained. Answered the question from
173 public comments on the Beacon Park soccer fields.

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175 **Councilman Hutchings:** Thank you to Gene's Stop and Go owners. Reminded everyone we are in the
176 discussion phase only for the roundabout and rest area and requests pros, cons and ideas from the
177 public.

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179 **Councilman Skaramuca:** Commented on the roundabout and rest area.

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181 **Councilman Chung:** Thanked the public for the comments and asked them to continue.

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183 **MAYOR COMMENTS:** The Mayor echoed what all members said; the commentary is very valuable. She
184 reported she has been asking legislatures for money and if this project goes through, we would not be
185 taking money from the city coffers. Mayor Samuel advised she has met with DOT who looked at six
186 options for the intersection. She encouraged everyone to present their ideas; to come up with

187 something to bring in revenue; she is open to anything. Mayor Samuel told the council that the mayor
188 of Ocean Shores was voted SW Regional Transit Board President which is good for the harbor.

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190 Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilwoman King.

191 *Motioned passed 6-0 vote.*

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193 Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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195 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk

196 Recording available.

Approved