

1 Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding

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3 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel at 7:00 pm

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5 **FLAG CERMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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7 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wood, Councilwoman King, Councilman Chung, Councilman Cope and
8 Councilman Skaramuca were all present. Absent were Councilman Trimble and Councilman Bryson.

9 Councilman Wood made a motion to excuse Councilman Trimble for both November meetings as he had
10 advised the mayor at the last meeting that he would not be present. A second to the motion was made
11 Councilman Chung.

12 *Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*

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14 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** CFO Streater presented the bills totaling \$215,966.83 for checks #52667-52708
15 with the largest bills being from Rognlins for approximately \$152,000 and Schindler to finish off the
16 elevator upgrade for \$21,069.00 and payroll totaling \$218,243.91 for checks #40152-40180. Councilman
17 Wood made a motion to approve the bills as audited which was seconded by Councilman Skaramuca.

18 *Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Cope made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24,
21 2017 meeting with a second made by Councilman Wood. There were no corrections or changes.

22 *Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*

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24 **PRESENTATION:** Dru Garson from Greater Grays Harbor gave a presentation to the council and
25 audience regarding what has been going on with them this year, what they are planning for in the future
26 and where the harbor is headed. The presentation ended with a question and answer period.

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28 **PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Samuel advised the public hearing for the Downtown Development Plan that
29 was scheduled for tonight will be changed to the November 28th meeting due to time restraints. The
30 November 28th meeting will be informational with action being taken the first meeting in December.

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32 Mayor Samuel explained the placement of public comment times so everyone understood the where
33 and why.

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35 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

36 **Robert Hatley** of 102 S. Chehalis Street thanked public works for getting the one way signage taken care
37 of however reported the condition of the alleyway is less than desirable.

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39 **John McCann** of 419 S. Third Street commented on leadership, the Marine Corps, how leaders don't
40 make excuses and how the current mayor took on problems when she took office and has addressed
41 those problems without excuses or complaints. Mr. McCann advised he did not understand why people
42 who have held position of leadership are undercutting those that are in a leadership role currently.

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44 **John Wright** of 610 E. Pioneer Avenue and has lived here for about 15 years. Mr. Wright advised he is a
45 military veteran and has seen traffic circles all around the world. He advised he has never seen one do
46 what it was supposed to do. Mr. Wright is concerned a traffic circle so close to a shopping center and
47 the railroad tracks would be a mistake; he asked the council and mayor to reconsider.

48 **COMMITTEE REPORTS / FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION:**

49 **PUBLIC WORKS**

50 Councilman Skaramuca reported the committee met on October 1st with a full house which was mostly
51 informational. He reported that public works has established a new fill site as the cemetery site was
52 full. This is a city owned parcel north of the city considered a low impact area which has the ability to
53 accept 7,500 cubic yards of debris. Councilman Skaramuca reported Mike Olden presented to the
54 committee about his vision of Pioneer Avenue and how the different phases might look.

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56 The Mayor added a comment regarding the phase of Pioneer Avenue of Church to Academy is
57 dependent on the council approving the funds but also on some structure of scheduling. The calendar is
58 being looked at carefully.

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60 **FINANCE**

61 No further report.

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63 **C.O.G.**

64 Nothing to report.

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66 **FLOOD AUTHORITY**

67 Did not meet.

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69 **FORESTRY**

70 Councilman Cope advised they did not meet however Forester Hiner has presented the council with a
71 draft Forest Plan which will be presented to the council on Nov 28th for review and action at the
72 December meeting.

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74 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

75 **2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION: FIRE, FOREST AND PW (OPERATIONS ONLY).**

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77 **FIRE:** Fire Chief Rux reported the budget is focused on core services. There are a few projects such as
78 electronic reporting and paperless patient care reporting which should save some labor hours but also
79 make for better data recovery. Also looking at online training solutions to help maintain certifications
80 with fire and EMS. They are looking at increasing volunteer incentives in order to improve and maintain
81 the volunteers.

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83 **FORESTRY:**

84 Forester Hiner advised as far as revenue goes we have the 2018 strategically planned timber sale is
85 proposed which will be a volume of approximately 3 million board feet. We are also proposing to log
86 the 2019 sale in 2018. The log market report shows we are in rare air as far as the log market goes so
87 we would like to capture that market while we have it. Between the two we would see at least \$2
88 million maybe \$2.25 Million net revenue. Other activity will be planting, tree farming and other normal
89 activities. We did budget a bit higher for trails for the new trail plan that will be presented to the council
90 later.

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92 Councilman King had questions regarding the logging of the 2019 area is being earmarked for 2019 even
93 though it is being logged in 2019. Forester Hiner advised this was the plan. Mayor Samuel also advised
94 this money would not be spent until 2019.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

CFO Streeter advised the operational budget staff and salary increases are based off the collective bargaining agreement that is currently being considered. The biggest changes are on the capital side which will be talked about at the next meeting. The union notified the city they wanted to cancel the MOU for the cemetery and not contract out the maintenance of that area which is about \$18,000 of the budget.

Mayor Samuel asked the council to please forward any questions or concerns about the budget items to her so they could be addressed as soon as possible.

STRUCTURE OF NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING:

Mayor Samuel advised that the November 27th public meeting for where do we want to go what do we want to do is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and she would like to discuss the structure of this meeting. Much discussion ensued with a tentative structure of starting at 7:00 p.m. with each committee/department making a 3 minute presentation, then questions from the public (possibly having a sign up list to do this) with a final time of 8:30 bleeding into 9:00. Publicizing this well was a request from the council.

SURPLUS RESOLUTION (informational):

No questions or comments

NEW BUSINESS:

RV PARK ORDINANCE (informational):

Please review for action to be taken next meeting.

PROPERTY TAX RESOLUTION (informational):

Please review for action to be taken next meeting.

LEMAY RATE INCREASE (informational):

Please review for action at the next meeting. Councilman Wood requested the current contract be emailed to the council for review.

TIP UPDATE (informational):

Please review this for action at the next meeting. This is an ever changing document.

ANNEXATIONS: Bagnell Property and Heiner Property:

Mike Olden reported there were two petitions for annexation presented to the city. One for the property on the corner of Beacon Avenue/Monte Elma Road/Roup Road (Bagnell property) and one for the property located on Grandpa's Lane (Heiner property). Action to be taken was to move forward on the annexation process or not. The next step if passed would be to the Boundary Review Board.

Councilman Chung made a motion to proceed to the next step for annexation on both properties which was seconded by Councilman Wood.

Motion passed 5-0.

EAST PIONEER CHANGE ORDER-authorize the Mayor to sign:

This was a request for the Mayor be given authority to sign the change order for Roglin's demobilization on the East Pioneer Avenue Improvement Project in the amount of \$3903.40.

142 Councilman Cope asked for an update on what we have completed and what is left to complete. Mike
143 Olden gave the updates. Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the
144 change order which was seconded by Councilman Cope.

145 *Motion passed 5-0.*

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147 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

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149 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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151 Ken Estes commented on the LeMay rate increase and asked that it be looked into whether this increase
152 was legitimate and competitive.

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154 Patrick Wadsworth updated the council on the Legacy Project at Lake Sylvia, indicating they had
155 \$190,000 raised and were just looking for \$10,000 more to get their match. They need the Capital
156 Budget to pass. Congrats to the new councilmen.

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158 Robert Hatley commented on the roundabout and his feelings that it is too close to the railroad tracks
159 and the decision being made without any impact study being done; emanate domain concerns and
160 thinks we should consider a less impactful solution.

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162 Ron Malizia thanked the council and public works for the storm drain on S. 9th and 7th Street on Marcy
163 Avenue. He is in favor of the roundabout. Had questions about Wynooche and Main for a traffic circle?
164 He does not think the proximity to the railroad is an issue, there is already an intersection there.

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166 **PUBLIC COMMENT-TRAFFIC REVISION:**

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168 Patrick Wadsworth had a question about a 15-20" right of way into Chung's property and was
169 wondering who that belonged to.

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171 Ken Estes had a prepared written document that was presented to the council in writing that he read
172 from during comment period. He was not happy with the format of the public meeting on the traffic
173 revision and feels the public was misled. Mr. Estes is not in favor of the roundabout.

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175 Doug Iverson was curious about the money obtained for the traffic revision and what else is attached to
176 it. Mr. Iverson was not happy about the meeting on the 30th of October and felt it was misrepresented
177 by the city and was wondering why the public was misled about who was running the meeting.

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179 Dick Stone felt the process used for the meeting on the 30th was efficient and excellent. He was happy
180 about the information he obtained and that had been shared by others.

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182 Tammy Wetherall was wondering if the traffic revision was something DOT says has to be done or did
183 the city go to the DOT to get grant money; she is puzzled as to where the real need to do this revision is
184 coming from.

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186 Robert Hatley didn't like the format as he would have liked to hear everyone's questions and responses.
187 He didn't hear good answers from the DOT and when he tried to get them to explore other aspects it
188 always went back to the roundabout. He was not happy with what was presented.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

WOOD

Councilman Wood thanked Dru Garson and GGH; Thanks to Pat Wadsworth; Thanks you to Loren Hiner for looking ahead to harvest. Councilman Wood feels the RR crossing issue needs to be addressed; commercial traffic needs to be maintained, the south and north bound traffic needs to keep moving and he does not want to see the state exercise emanate domain based on want not need.

KING

Councilman King thanked Dru Garson and GGH. She agrees with comments made by Mr. Estes regarding the LeMay's rate increase. Thanked Pat Wadsworth for his work at Lake Sylvia; October 30th meeting was not how she thought it would be but found it nice to ask questions about the roundabout; advised she does not want a traffic light at intersection; maybe painting directional arrows.

CHUNG

Councilman Chung thanked Pat Wadsworth for the efforts on raising funds for the Lake Sylvia project. Expressed his concerns over the Downtown Development plan and how it is already hard for small businesses to be successful and feels that more restrictions on development are not needed. Councilman Chung then advised this was his last meeting as he is resigning his position due to moving out of Montesano. He thanked the citizen for giving him the opportunity to serve them.

COPE

Councilman Cope thanked Councilman Chung for his service to the city; thanked Dru Garson and Greater Grays Harbor. Councilman Cope commented on the intersection questions and what we should do; it can be made to look and work better, but maybe not a roundabout. He felt the meeting format was familiar and worked by asking the right people the right questions. Thanked those who chose to complete comments cards.

SKARAMUCA

Councilman Skaramuca thanked Councilman Chung for his service and wished him luck in the future; thank you to Greater Grays Harbor; Thank you to Pat Wadsworth. Councilman Skaramuca said doing nothing at this intersection made no sense. He is not sure what we should do but knows we need to do something.

MAYOR

Mayor Samuel thanked Councilman Chung for his service and wished him luck in the future; thanked Dru Garson and Greater Grays Harbor. Concerning the LeMay rate increase and the contract, in June of 2016 she could not give the 6 month notice to change the contract but will be looking into this. Reminded everyone of the Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning and encouraged all to attend. Mayor Samuel made lengthy comments on the October 30th meeting along with advising everyone this grant request went to the Capital Budget and then was transferred to the transportation budget. Mayor Samuel thanked all those who ran for city council position.

Councilman Cope asked about the plans to sit a new council member and when that might happen. Councilman Wood made comments to what the law allows concerning this. Councilman Wood also asked how they collectively express their priorities regarding the traffic revision and getting this to DOT. Mayor Samuel instructed them to all send their priorities to her so she can then discuss the list.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The council went to executive session to discuss labor negotiations under RCW 42.56 for five minutes with no action expected. Council went into executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Council came back into session with no action taken at 9:28 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman King to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Motion passed 3-2.

Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk
Recording available.

Approved