

1 **Mayor Vini Samuel presiding.**

2 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Samuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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5 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Wood, Councilman Hatley, Councilwoman Cristobal,
6 Councilman Trimble, Councilman Cope, Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca

7 **STAFF PRESENT:** CFO/City Clerk Doug Streeter, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Police Lieutenant Bob Wilson,
8 Forester Loren Hiner, City Attorney Chris Coker, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom.

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10 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills in the amount of \$700,660.60 for checks
11 53398 to 53437. Motion to approve the bills as audited was made by Councilman Hatley and seconded
12 by Councilman Trimble. Motion Passed/7-0 Vote

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14 **PAYROLL:** Checks 40653-40685 - \$178,868.73

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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the October 23, 2018 minutes
17 as amended and was seconded by Councilman Hatley. Motion Passed/7-0 Vote

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19 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

20 **First Public Hearing on 2019 Budget & Ad Valorem Tax Levy – Mayor Samuel opened the public**
21 **hearing for comments.**

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23 **Merilyn/Montesano Citizen** – She has concerns of raising car tab fees; this would cause hardship for
24 those on fixed/low income.

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26 **Mary Ellen Martin – 607 N. Adams** – Raised concerns of proposed increase in car tab fees as lots of
27 seniors can't afford the increase.

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29 **Sandy Hare – 627 E. Spruce** – Concerned about the proposed car tab fee increase as she has a limited
30 income.

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32 **Margaret Tichi – 606 N. Adams** – Concerns about the proposed car tab fee increase would cause a
33 hardship for seniors.

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35 **Mayor Samuel closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.**

36 The Mayor gave a brief overview of the proposed car tab fee explaining it would go to a dedicated street
37 fund.

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39 **PRESENTATION**

40 **Summit Pacific Medical Center** – Presentation on the new wellness center that is coming in 2019 was
41 given by the CEO Josh Martin. Their goal is to build a healthier community by providing additional
42 physicians, increased services, programs, equipment and support for Grays Harbor. A residency
43 program is in an exploratory stage. The Summit Pacific Medical Foundation has launched a Campaign
44 for Community Wellness; the goal is to raise funds over the next three years to fund innovative facilities,
45 programs and amenities that make the new wellness center a destination – a hub for activities that help
46 families and individuals live longer, healthier and happier lives. Council questions and comments
47 ensued.

48 **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

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50 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

51 **Public Works Committee:**

52 Councilman Skaramuca advised they met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. He reported an update on
53 nuisance properties. Abatement took place on nuisance property at 512 N. Adams on Monday, October
54 29th; the cost was under \$1,000. There are two additions on this property that are not in compliance
55 that are required to be brought up to code or removed; Public Works Direct Olden is working on this
56 issue. Another nuisance property in process located at 600 block of East Pioneer had caught fire about 6
57 months ago and is being handled by the attorneys and insurance companies; per City Attorney Coker
58 this matter will resolve itself.

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60 The committee recommends to Council the acceptance of Amendments 1 & 2 proposed by Parametrix
61 regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant & Logoon bank protection and infrastructure relocation
62 projects.

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64 **Finance Committee:**

65 Councilman Trimble reported an update on the budget process. Tonight we will hear from Fire/EMS &
66 Forest Funds; last meeting we heard from General Fund, Enterprise Fund and Capital Fund Projects.
67 Tonight was the first reading of the 2019 Budget Ordinance, the second reading will be on November
68 27th and the final reading and adoption will be on December 11th. Also, a few of us met with the State
69 Auditor's Office today for the entrance audit for 2016 & 2017 accountability and financial statement
70 audit.

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72 **Parks Board:**

73 Councilman Cope announced their next meeting is scheduled for December 10th. Mayor advised that
74 she is inviting the Little League and Mountain Biking Group to discuss issues they have raised.

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76 **Council of Governments** will meet on Thursday, November 15, 2018 6:30 p.m. Councilman Wood will
77 be her substitute.

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79 **OLD BUSINESS** - None

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81 **NEW BUSINESS:**

82 **Parametrix Amendment #1 & #2 – Authorize the Mayor to sign**

83 Councilman Skaramuca presented Amendments #1-\$195,807.62 & #2-\$351,702.60 for additional WWTP
84 bank protection and relocation of infrastructure. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Parametrix
85 Amendments #1 & #2 as presented was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Council Cope.
86 Discussion ensued. Motion Passed/7-0 Vote

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88 **2019 Budget Introduction (Fire/EMS & Forestry):**

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90 **Fire/EMS** - Fire Chief Rux introduced his 2019 budget stating it is a straight forward proposal for
91 sustainability. Includes new hardware for paperless model and replacement of carpet at fire hall. The
92 Mayor stated she would like to commend the Chief because his budget will come out in the black for the
93 first time in a long time. Budget is set for positive ending fund balance. Chief Rux added that budget
94 does not include revenue funds expected the GEMT program.

95 **Forestry** - Forester Hiner introduced his 2019 budget. 2019 sale was logged this year. Timber market
96 value dropped over \$100 since the first of the year; tariffs are a big problem. West coast pricing
97 depends heavily on exports. No tree planting is scheduled in 2019. Pre-commercial thinning is
98 scheduled at a cost of approximately \$22,000. Commercial thinning is scheduled and will provide a net
99 profit of approximately \$50,000. Next scheduled harvesting will be in 2020. The rest of the budget is
100 status quo. Mayor stated her goal is to have one year in the bank so a bad year can be skipped.

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102 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

103 **Ordinance relating to the establishment of the regular tax levy for 2019 – Informational**

104 Mayor introduced as informational and it needs passed before the end of the year. CFO Streeter stated
105 he expects it to Passat the next meeting. Requested council to please review and come back next
106 meeting prepared to take action.

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108 **Resolution relating to Public Services for Waste Disposal - Informational**

109 Mayor introduced as informational and stated they had met with Lemay's in September working
110 towards resolutions on issues raised by council to improve and expand services to our citizens. This
111 includes providing recycling of glass and yard waste which would require additional infrastructure.
112 Lemay's has members present tonight. She will pass the information along as soon as they can gather it.
113 The proposed resolution relating to public services establishing 2019 rates for solid waste disposal
114 services and updating contract to reflect 30-gallon carts in place of 65-gallon carts with inserts was
115 introduced. Discussion ensued. CFO Streeter informed council that some small changes have been
116 made and will be red lined in an updated copy. This will be on the next meeting agenda for action.

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118 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

119 **Chuck Caldwell-Kelsey Foundation**

120 Chuck presented a \$2,500 check to the city for maintenance and care of Kelsey Park. The park is used
121 way more than I could have imagined when it was built. I appreciate the work SPMC is doing; this
122 hospital thing is a big, big thing. Mayor thanked Chuck and the Kelsey Foundation for their continued
123 support of parks.

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125 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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127 **Councilman Wood**

- 128 - Appreciates Kelsey Foundation; Mr. Kelsey was a great man and his generosity it a gift that
129 keeps on giving. Thank you for very good management of his money and legacy.
- 130 - Glad to have this presentation by SPMC. Amazing to see what they have going and to be a part
131 of that and how it benefits all of Grays Harbor.
- 132 - I see the city crew has been working hard on setting up the Jingle Lights display in Fleet Park.
133 Three additional volunteers are needed as announcers along the tour routes. Volunteer public
134 officials are needed as hosts on the tour buses in order for G.H. Transit to accommodate us
135 using the buses.
- 136 - Premier Realty is having a sock and coat drive. Socks need to be new/unused; coats can be new
137 or gently used. They can be dropped at their office; they will pick them up if you are unable to
138 come in.

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142 **Councilman Hatley**

- 143 - Appreciates Summit Pacific's presentation; it is amazing what they are doing and I hope we are a
144 part of this.
145 - Heard what was said by public regarding the proposed \$20 car tab fee. This is a sensitive subject
146 and we will definitely take this into consideration.
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148 **Councilwoman Cristobal**

- 149 - Appreciates Summit Pacific's presentation; it was well rounded and exciting. Hopefully we can
150 be partners with them.
151 - Thank you to the citizens for their comments on the proposed \$20 car tab fee; these will be
152 taken under consideration.
153 - Looking forward to the Festival of Lights.
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155 **Councilman Trimble**

- 156 - Thank you to Summit Pacific for coming to present tonight, very informative.
157 - Festival of Lights - if you haven't yet, check out the Jingle Lights at Fleet Park during the day; it's
158 quite a feat.
159 - Thank you very much Chuck Caldwell and the Kelsey Foundation Board for all the years of
160 donations and gracious times. For my family, along with many other families, it's the most
161 gracious thing we could ever have. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
162 - We hear you regarding the proposed \$20 car tab fee and will keep your comments in mind as
163 we work on funding solutions.
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165 **Councilman Cope**

- 166 - Thank you to Summit Pacific for their presentation and what they are trying to do. Welcome
167 their public outreach.
168 - Hears and appreciates the concerns regarding the proposed \$20 car tab fee but something
169 needs to be done.
170 - First time attending the Veteran's Day Assembly at the high school and it was a fantastic
171 ceremony. Will continue to attend and encourages others to attend.
172 - Volunteered to be a Festival of Lights tour announcer.
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174 **Councilman Bryson**

- 175 - Thank you to Chuck Caldwell and the Kelsey Foundation; their continued support is much
176 appreciated.
177 - Appreciates the Summit Pacific project and believes it is long overdue. Their taking the lead
178 hopefully will establish an invaluable trend to live better and longer.
179 - Helen Hepp requested I announce that Schaffer Park has been selected by the Parks Board to
180 receive and investment. Attendance at the Schaffer Park meeting scheduled for Wednesday,
181 December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at city hall to help plan the redo of the park is encouraged.
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183 **Councilman Skaramuca**

- 184 - Thank you and appreciation to the Kelsey Foundation for all they do.
185 - Hears the concerns regarding the proposed \$20 car tab fee. It is has not yet been decided and if
186 it is passed the funds will be dedicate to streets only.
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189 **MAYORS COMMENTS:**

- 190 - Echoes the thank you to Kelsey Foundation and their continued support of projects like
191 restrooms in Fleet Park and faithful in maintenance of city parks.
192 - \$20 car tab fee was proposed after much research of options. I am in favor of the proposal.
193 Maintenance has been continually put off and this cannot continue. A dedicated funding stream
194 is needed to regularly pay for streets. Encourages citizens and council to bring viable and
195 attainable ideas forward; you have three weeks to do so.
196 - Last year we had a Council Workshop that was helpful, informative and interesting. I would like
197 to have another workshop on the first Saturday of January which I believe is the 5th. Please let
198 me know if this is viable for you within the next two meetings and we will get this together.
199 - Sent a letter to G.H. Community Hospital in response to their e-mail and have not received a
200 response to date. Hope we proceed with the de-annexation; wants Summit Pacific's wellness
201 project and residency program concept to succeed.
202 - Jingle Lights display to start on the Friday after Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. and encourage you to
203 show up.
204 - Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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206 **ADJOURNMENT:**

207 Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman Cristobal.

208 Motion Passed/7-0 Vote

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210 Meeting Adjourned – 8:56 p.m.

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212 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk

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214 Partial Recording Available.