

1 Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding
2 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel at 7:00 pm

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY**-Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Trimble, Councilman Wood, Councilwoman King,
7 Councilman Chung, Councilman Hutchings and via teleconference, Councilman Skaramuca. A motion
8 was made by Councilman Trimble to excuse Councilman Cope which was seconded by Councilman
9 Hutchings. Motion passed 6-0.

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11 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Vance, Fire Chief Rux and CFO Streeter.

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13 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills totaling \$119,766.44 for checks #52174 to
14 52208. Councilman Trimble presented the largest of the bills was for \$16,344.00 to Nicholson Associates
15 for our insurance payment #3.

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17 **Payroll** total amount of \$91,317.30 for checks #39869-39872

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19 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills with a second by Councilman Wood.
20 Motion passed 6-0.

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22 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the minutes of the
23 February 14, 2017 council meeting with no corrections or additions. Councilwoman King made a
24 second. Motion passed 6-0.

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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

27 **Pat Herrington** shared concerns about the proposed reworking of the city streets; he would ask the
28 council to strongly just look at the red streets and stay away from the yellow and green streets.

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30 **Robert Hatley** seconded the thoughts of Mr. Herrington. Hatley reported that the section of Marcy
31 Avenue that is behind his house at 408 E. Pioneer is in terrible shape, feeling it is one of the dark red
32 streets. Mr. Hatley also asked how to get that section of Marcy Avenue which is currently a one way
33 made into a two way. The mayor advised him that would be a topic for the Model Traffic Ordinance
34 Committee.

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36 **PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR PRESENTATION:**

37 Kayla Dunlap

38 Alyssa Shay

39 Commissioner Caldwell

40 Power point presentation regarding the Port of Grays Harbor including the Satsop Development Park.

41 Question presented by the audience were accepted.

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

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45 The Mayor asked the Model Traffic Ordinance to reach out to Mr. Hatley concerning the one way area of
46 Marcy Avenue.

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48 **FINANCE:** Nothing additional to report.

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50 **FORESTRY:** Councilman Hutchings reported he, Forester Hiner and Councilman Cope met and discussed
51 the bid that was up tonight for review. The bid came in over the estimate but unfortunately there was
52 only one bid due to several other pieces of forest land that were up for sale. They discussed waiting for
53 some dry weather to begin planting and a bid package was being put together for some pre-commercial
54 thinning.

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56 **PERSONNEL:** Councilman Wood advised they would be meeting March 8th at 7 pm with the item on the
57 agenda to be reviewing the upcoming bargaining agreements.

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59 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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61 **CADET PROGRAM CONTRACT:**

62 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to allow the Mayor to approve the Cadet Program Contract as
63 presented last week with a second by Councilman Chung. Councilman Wood asked that Fire Chief Rux
64 give a brief overview for those in the audience who did not know about it which he did.

65 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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67 **CITY STREETS:**

68 The Mayor advised she had indicated she would leave the City Streets on the agenda until it is resolved
69 however in this meeting there are some other issues so asked that we move over this for tonight.

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71 **PARKS PLAN DISCUSSION:**

72 CFO Streeter advised he met with C.O.G. who told him the parks plan was out of date and in order to go
73 for RCO Grant Funding, we need an up to date parks plan. C.O.G. wanted the city to know there would
74 be a lot of work on their part along with input from the parks board and wanted to make sure the city
75 wished to go forward. CFO Streeter advised this would be funding in the 2018 year for things like
76 grandstands at Nelson or bathroom concession stand at Beacon Park. Is the council interested in them
77 updating this plan at no cost to the city other than the time of the Parks Board? The Mayor stated the
78 Parks Board was interested.

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81 **NEW BUSINESS:**

82 **TIMBER SALE APPROVAL:** Councilman Hutchings made a motion to approve the Timber Sale for G-1100
83 to Sierra Pacific in the amount of \$841,896 dollars and to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract as
84 discussed. Councilwoman King made a second. Some discussion was ensued.

85 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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87 **CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD AUTHORITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:** This is a requirement by the
88 Flood Authority for the signature of someone who is going to be present at the next meeting. Since the
89 designee is the mayor pro tem, the Mayor is asking for him to have authority to sign.

90 Councilman Wood made a motion to allow the mayor pro tem to sign the Flood Authority Interlocal
91 Agreement. Councilman Trimble seconded the motion.

92 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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95 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

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97 Resolution 919- A resolution delegating the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) the authority to bind the City
98 for the sole purpose of requesting federal reimbursement. CFO Streeter reported C.O.G. advised him
99 this is a resolution he needs from the council in order to seek reimbursement of some of the
100 engineering costs to date on the east pioneer project and then going forward. This is a new
101 requirement and C.O.G. adopted this same resolution in December. Councilman Wood made a motion
102 to allow the CFO to bind the City of Montesano for the sole purpose of requesting federal
103 reimbursement; Councilman Hutchings made a second.

104 *Motion passed 6-0*

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106 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
107 Pat Herrington wished to say goodbye to Councilman Hutchings and to thank him for his years of service
108 to the City. Mr. Herrington recapped Councilman Hutchings' time on the council.

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110 No further comments.

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112 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel**

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114 The Mayor announced that the council would be going into executive session for the reason of
115 personnel and she did expect some action. Councilman Hutchings advised that was too broad of a
116 descriptor. The Mayor advised it would be for performance issues and potential litigations issues.
117 Attorney Coker advised this fell under RCW 42.30.110(1)g. The Mayor advised they should be back in
118 session 10 minutes hopefully no more than 15.

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120 The council went into executive session at 7:50 pm. At 8:03 the Mayor came out and stated the
121 executive session would be approximately 10-15 minutes longer.

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123 Council came out of executive session at 8:17 pm.

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125 Mayor called the session back in order and advised the audience that Public Works Director Howard was
126 placed on administrative leave. The Mayor was seeking council approval to enter into an agreement to
127 accept his resignation effective May 15th under terms as described to the council but also he will be
128 remaining on administrative leave until the end of April. From May 1st -15th he will be using his leave and
129 then cash out the remaining leave on May 15th. As part of that agreement he will resign May 15th, he
130 agrees to no disparagement of the city, he agrees to release city of any and all claims or potential claims
131 and he will be available to the city until May 15th for any needs they deem necessary.

132 Councilman Trimble made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement as outlined. Councilman
133 Wood seconded the motion. *Motion passed 6-0.*

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135 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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137 **Councilman King** expressed thanks to the Port of Grays Harbor and to Councilman Hutchings.
138 Councilman King had concerns about kids crossing the street on 3rd Street and Simpson Avenue. She
139 asked Chief Vance if there could be more of a police presence in the area.

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141 **Councilman Chung** thanked Chief Rux for the cadet program. He also hopes that we can come to some
142 sort of plan concerning the city streets. Thanks to Councilman Hutchings for his time and service.

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144 **Councilman Trimble** expressed congratulations to Chief Rux for the cadet program and for the levy lid
145 lift passing. Also thanked to Councilman Hutchings for his openness, candor and service to the city.

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147 **Councilman Skaramuca** thanked CFO Streeter for taking on more duties and responsibilities of late. He
148 also thanked Councilman Hutchings for his years of service to the city.

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150 **Councilman Wood** expressed his thanks to Councilman Hutchings for deciding to serve the city in the
151 capacity that he did. Commended Councilman Hutchings' commitment to open government. Thank you
152 to Chief Rux for the cadet program and the opportunity it presents to our youth and to CFO Streeter for
153 taking on a lot of extra work under very tight deadlines.

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155 **Councilman Hutchings** commented on why he decided to be on the council and encourage other people
156 to get involved. He wished the current council good luck in the future and thanked the staff for their
157 work.

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159 **Mayor Comments:**

160 The Mayor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Councilman Hutchings for his eight years of
161 service. The Mayor wanted to address the personnel shift over the next few months and how things
162 may be out in the public. She appreciates the council's support in the action she has taken and states
163 from the City's perspective we need to be forward looking and not focus on who caused what and did
164 what but how can we go forward from here.

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167 Motion made by Councilman Chung to adjourn with a second by Councilman Trimble.
168 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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170 Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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172 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk
173 Recording Available.

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