

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 Chung, Councilwoman King,
7 Councilman Wood, Councilman Cope and Councilman Skaramuca.

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9 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Vance, Fire Chief Rux, Forester Hiner and CFO Streeter.

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11 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills totaling \$87,759.90 for checks #52209 -
12 52232.

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14 **Payroll** - \$203,720.98 for checks #39873-39902

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16 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills as audited with a second by Councilman
17 Chung. Motion Passed 6-0

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19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the minutes of the
20 February 28, 2017 council meeting as written with a second from Councilwoman Cope.
21 Motion Passed 6-0

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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25 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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27 **PUBLIC WORKS – None**

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29 **FINANCE - None**

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31 **PERSONNEL:** Councilman Wood advised they met and started discussions regarding review of
32 bargaining agreements up for negotiation this year. He advised they meet on the second Monday's at
33 6:00 p.m. Their upcoming agenda will be 1) review the 3 bargaining unit contracts and 2) familiarize
34 themselves with personnel structure & job descriptions/duties.

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36 **MTO:** Councilman Trimble advised they met this evening. They discussed determining whether to
37 change one-way section of Marcy between Chehalis & Academy into a two-way and whether 2 hour
38 parking will be instituted on the block bordering Gepettos on River & Marcy. Discussion ensued. Public
39 input will be sought.

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41 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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43 **CITY STREETS DISCUSSION:**

44 The Mayor advised the City Streets will remain on the agenda until resolved. She requested input from
45 the Council on what approach they would like take regarding street repairs, replacement and funding.
46 Discussion ensued. The Council would like numbers regarding costs of street repair vs. replacement.

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48 **VESSEY FIELD:** Public Works crew is moving along with the upgrades/maintenance of the field and all is
49 going well. Two new nets and two new poles are up.

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51 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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53 **CITY COUNCIL VACANCY TIMELINE** – Discussion held. The council will appoint a citizen to fill the
54 vacated position through the end of 2017; position will be up for election on the fall ballot. Citizens
55 interested in being appointed will have until the end of April to submit their letters of interest along with
56 a current resume. Interviews will be held at the May 9, 2017 council meeting. Vacancy will be
57 advertised and posted on the City website.

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59 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** The Council will be receiving a sole source resolution for a defibrillator
60 and council should review it before the March 28th council meeting because action will be taken at that
61 meeting.

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63 **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

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65 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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67 **Councilman Wood** announced the Flood Authority is seeking funding for river bank protection of the
68 City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. There will be a meeting at the WWTP tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. He
69 also announced funds have been raised for a Vietnam Memorial Stone honoring Montesano Citizens
70 Johnny Chambers and David Harner who lost their lives during the war. The dedication will take place
71 during the VFW Memorial Day Service on May 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Fleet Park.

72 **Councilman King** expressed thanks to the public works crew for their work on Vessey Field. Shared that
73 there will be a meeting of residents at the Senior Center regarding the proposed rest stop and round-a-
74 bout on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks to CFO Streeter for the projects he has taken on.

75 **Councilman Chung** gave his thanks to CFO Doug Streeter for his taking on extra duties. Thank you to
76 Public Works crew for their work on Vessey Field. He appreciates the ongoing discussion of streets.

77 **Councilman Trimble** had no comments.

78 **Councilman Cope** hopes that citizens will show interest in being on the council.

79 **Councilman Skaramuca** thanked CFO Streeter and all department heads for taking on extra duties and
80 responsibilities. He thinks it is a good thing to keep the city streets discussion alive and ongoing.

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82 **Mayor Comments:** It is annual report time for all departments. Forester Hiner's report is complete and
83 is in council boxes. Reminded council that it is PDC time. Informed council that Mr. Howard signed the
84 agreement. Pioneer street project is progressing daily. Soccer Club fund raising for field lights is going
85 well and they are hoping to install the lights this summer in time for fall play. Thank you to the Parks
86 Board for their hard work in getting user agreements with all user groups.

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88 Motion made by Councilman Cope to adjourn with a second by Councilman Trimble.

89 Motion Passed 6-0

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91 Meeting adjourned.

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93 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk

94 Recording Available.