

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 CEREMONY**-Pledge of Allegiance

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7 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Trimble, Councilman Chung, Councilwoman King,
8 Councilman Wood, Councilman Cope and Councilman Skaramuca.

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

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12 **Agenda Change:** Mayor Samuel moved the Executive Session regarding potential litigation to the May 9,
13 2017 council agenda.

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15 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills totaling \$142,609.51 for check #'s 52296 -
16 52319.

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18 **Payroll** - \$130,980.72 for check #'s 39959-39963

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20 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills as audited with a second by Councilman
21 Skaramuca. Motion Passed 6-0

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23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 11, 2017 minutes will be on the May 9, 2017 council agenda for
24 approval.

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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

27 **Keisha Jasper** voiced her concerns of safety in Simpson Elementary school zone due to lack of police
28 patrol. The Mayor referred her to Chief Vance.

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30 **Ken Estes, 409 Wilder Lane,** announced that the VFW will have their annual Memorial Day Celebration
31 on May 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. This year's event will include a monument dedication honoring two of
32 our local fallen Vietnam veterans, Johnny Chambers and David Harner.

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34 He announced that a 2013 law suit against the city was concluded by the court last week and was
35 dismissed.

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37 **PRESENTATION:** Scott Boettcher of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority gave a presentation on the
38 changing path of the Wynoochee River endangering the city's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

39 There is an immediate threat of a high flow flood causing the WWTP to become an island or being

40 breached and the focus is to protect existing infrastructure. The most immediate proposed solution is

41 for a temporary fix, until a more permanent solution can be made, is to install a 300' sheet pile wall

42 around the WWTP in the summer/fall of 2017. A 2018/2019 project being discussed as a possible

43 permanent solution is an engineered log jam next to the sheet pile wall to slow the river down and

44 bounce the river flow back to the original channels. The City is fortunate to have regulatory agencies

45 partnering with them on this issue. The Flood Authority has put in a funding requests in the Capital

46 Budget; the WWTP is at the top of their requests. The Capital Budget funding is looking favorable.

47 Discussion held.

48 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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50 **MTO:** Councilman Trimble advised they met on April 18th at 1:00 p.m. Trimble informed the Council the
51 committee continued discussion on determining whether to change one-way section of Marcy between
52 Chehalis & Academy into a two-way and whether 2 hour parking will be instituted on the block
53 bordering Gepettos on River & Marcy and it was determined they would recommend these changes.
54 Council discussion ensued. A motion to allow 2 hour parking between Pioneer and Marcy on River and
55 the South side of Marcy was made by Trimble and seconded by Cope. Motion carried 6-0. Letters will
56 be sent to home owners and will be continued to the May 9, 2017 council meeting.

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58 The committee also discussed Vessey Park parking issues and speed radar signs. The police will increase
59 patrols during events. Police Chief Vance informed the Council he would like to purchase speed radar
60 signs to use as an educational tool for drivers in various locations around town. The signs allow drivers
61 to see the speed they are traveling at. These devices do not have cameras; they collect data only. The
62 units are currently on sale at \$2,750.00 per unit and he will work with CFO Streeter on funding.

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64 **PARKS BOARD:** Mayor Samuel informed the Council that the Parks Board will be meeting at 6:00 p.m.
65 on Wednesday.

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67 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: McBryde Culvert Contract** with Quigg Brothers Construction was discussed. It
68 is a grant funded project. A motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract with Quigg Brothers to
69 replace the McBryde culvert at the cost of \$105,605.68 was made by Trimble and seconded by
70 Skaramuca. Motion carried 6-0.

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72 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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74 **Potential Litigation** – Mayor, for information only, reported the city received notice of potential
75 litigation on April 14, 2017. Keith Klum is claiming injury from a fall into a STEP tank. More information
76 is expected at which time council will meet and move forward. Anticipate the insurance company will
77 contest the claim.

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79 **City Hall Elevator** is 35-40 years old and is broke down. Do to the court office and rental hall being
80 situated upstairs it is mandatory to have a functioning elevator. It will take \$42,000.00 to get it running
81 or a modernization at \$250,000.00 for a long term fix. REET funds are available but there isn't enough to
82 fund the modernization option. CFO Streeter recommends getting it running by the lower cost option
83 and will prepare a budget amendment and proceed with the repairs ASAP with a goal of it being ready
84 for an upcoming rental event on May 20, 2017.

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86 **Planning Commission** -The Commission requested council approval to change their meeting start time
87 of 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month to a 6:00 p.m. start time. A motion was made by Cope
88 to change the Planning Commission meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. and was seconded by Skaramuca.
89 Motion carried 6-0. Notice of change will be posted.

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95 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

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97 **Telecommunications Franchise** – Mashell Telecom, Inc. request for franchise was introduced at last
98 meeting. Motion made by King and seconded by Skaramuca to grant Mashell Telecom, Inc. a
99 Telecommunications Franchise thru Ordinance #1603. Roll call vote was taken, Dan Wood – Yea,
100 Nikki King – Yea, Anthony Chung – Yea, Tyler Trimble – Yea, Ian Cope – Yea, Dave Skaramuca – Yea.
101 Motion carried 6-0.

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103 **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

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105 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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107 **Councilwoman King** - Expressed thanks to Scott Boettcher for the very informative Flood Authority
108 WWTP presentation. Voiced concerns of lack of patrol in school zones.

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110 **Councilman Chung** – No Comments

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112 **Councilman Trimble** – No Comments

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114 **Councilman Wood** – Expressed appreciation for the extensive work by Scott Boettcher, Mayor Samuel
115 and Councilman Skaramuca on the McBryde culvert project and WWTP project.

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117 **Councilman Cope** – Expressed appreciation for work of Scott Boettcher and Councilman Wood on the
118 WWTP project.

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120 **Councilman Skaramuca** – Thank you to Scott Boettcher for the presentation and all his work on the
121 projects. Thank you to Ken Estes for the reminder of the upcoming VFW Memorial Ceremonies.

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123 **Mayor Comments:**
124 Interviews of all applicants for the vacant city council position will be held at the May 9, 2017 council
125 meeting and all council members need to be in attendance. Public Works Director/Community
126 Development Coordinator open position closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017 and the applications will
127 then be reviewed by the Personnel Committee. She hopes to have a name to give the Council at the
128 May 9, 2017 council meeting.

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130 Motion to adjourn was made to Trimble and seconded by King. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. Meeting
131 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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133 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk
134 Recording Available.