

1 **Mayor Vini Samuel presiding.**

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

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5 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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7 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Wood, Councilman Hatley, Councilwoman Cristobal,  
8 Councilman Cope, Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca

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10 **STAFF PRESENT:** CFO/City Clerk Doug Streeter, Public Works Director/Community Development  
11 Director Mike Olden, Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Forester Loren Hiner, City Attorney  
12 Coker, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom.

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14 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Hatley presented the bills in the amount of \$19,475.30 for checks  
15 53013 to 53029. Motion to approve the bills as audited was made by Councilman Hatley and seconded  
16 by Councilman Wood. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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18 **PAYROLL:** Checks 40424-40458 - \$187,913.13

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Cope made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 minutes as  
21 written and was seconded by Councilman Bryson. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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23 **Motion to excuse Councilman Trimble** was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman  
24 Bryson. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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28 **PRESENTATION: Public Works Director Mike Olden Annual Report**

29 Olden presented his report which included a list of Water, Storm, Parks, Streets, Sewer, Personnel and  
30 Other activities and projects completed by the Public Works Department in 2017; reorganized crew  
31 structure, updated job descriptions and replaced two crew members. He stated the Public Works Crew  
32 displays great professionalism and skill in performing work on a wide variety of projects in addition to  
33 routine maintenance work; the City is fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented work force and  
34 he appreciates them. Discussion ensued. It was recognized, since employing Olden, the City has saved  
35 significantly by the use of his engineering, grant writing, project management, design, planning and  
36 leadership skills on various projects. The City received grant funding from TIB, .09 Tax, Federal and  
37 Flood Authority.

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39 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

40 **PUBLIC WORKS** – Councilman Skaramuca reported they met on May 2, 2018 and discussed the  
41 following:

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▪ Traffic Revision Layout

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▪ Nuisance Properties Abatement Status – Council discussion ensued regarding costs, funding, and  
44 taking to the Superior Court level. The Council is committed to seeing the process through.

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▪ City owned billboards for advertisement of events; 5 potential locations. Council discussion  
45 ensued. City Attorney Coker advised to be mindful of Federal Code regarding billboards. This  
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47 will be an information only item on the May 22, 2018 agenda and as an action item on the June  
48 12, 2018 agenda.

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50 **PARKS BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION –**

51 Mayor announced a vacant position on the Planning Commission and Parks Board. The positions will be  
52 advertised and filled soon; a quick turnaround is expected.

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54 Mayor is reviewing the lack of infrastructure/continuity of the trail system between the forest trails and  
55 trails within the City; Mayor's ad hoc committee has been formed consisting of users (Randy Bachtell,  
56 Tiffany Schweppe, Tim Mallory, Amy Oswald and Amy Iverson) to pursue grant funding and develop an  
57 infrastructure and plan to meet our trail needs.

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59 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

60 **Update on Traffic Revision and East Pioneer Project – Mike Olden**

61 He reported East Pioneer is on pace and completion is expected in mid-June; City is doing its best to  
62 make traffic flow as quick, easy and usable as possible during the construction phase. Traffic revision  
63 plan on DOT off ramp on Main Street is a right only left through project. It is in final approval stage with  
64 DOT and expecting approval soon. The design expected to be complete in July, out to bid in August,  
65 begin construction in September and end construction in October. Council discussion ensued. This is a  
66 DOT intersection but a City project to build. The off ramp is wide which should limit impact on traffic.

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68 City Attorney Coker advised a decision has been made by the City's insurance company regarding an  
69 ongoing sewer back up claim. The decision found the City with zero responsibility/negligence.

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71 **NEW BUSINESS:**

72 **Poppy Days Proclamation –** Mayor Samuel read the Poppy Days Proclamation into the record. Poppy  
73 Days are on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and she encourages all to contact the VFW to donate.

74 **Use Agreement 2018/Montesano Summer Baseball –** Mayor Samuel introduced the use agreement;  
75 the agreement has the same terms as last year. Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Use  
76 Agreement with the Montesano Summer Baseball was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by  
77 Councilman Skaramuca. Discussion held. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

78 **Weyerhaeuser Hold Harmless Agreement for EVOC Driving Training/Authorize Mayor to Sign –**

79 Mayor/Chief Vance introduced the hold harmless agreement; the same as the previous year's  
80 agreement. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement for EVOC Driver  
81 Training with the Weyerhaeuser Company was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman  
82 Cope. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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84 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

85 **Resolution Adopting The Comprehensive Forest Management Plan – action:**

86 Motion to adopt Resolution 937 Comprehensive Forest Management Plan was made by Council Cope  
87 and seconded by Councilman Wood. Forester Hiner was thanked for his work on the plan. Motion  
88 Passed 6-0 Vote

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90 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

91 **Ken Estes - 409 Wilder Hill –**

- 92     ▪ Complimented Mayor Samuel for a traffic revision that does not include a roundabout and for  
93     no longer pursuing a rest stop.

- 94       ▪ Encourages all to buy poppies on May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; VFW volunteers raise between \$1,000 to  
95       1,500 from the sale per year to help our local disabled veterans.  
96       ▪ Thank you for the attention being given to the nuisance properties and making it a priority.

97 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

98 **Councilman Wood**

- 99       - Chuck Caldwell is retiring as long term Port Commissioner. Job well done; he will be missed.  
100      - Thank you to Director Olden for his work and budget savings on the many projects; your work is  
101      appreciated.  
102      - He accompanied Councilman Hatley while he was using his drone to film during low tide to  
103      document conditions at the treatment plant. This documentation will be very useful when  
104      requesting funding for redirecting the river away from the treatment plant.

105 **Councilman Hatley**

- 106      - Thank you to Director Olden for his hard work and great leadership.

107 **Councilwoman Cristobal**

- 108      - Thank you to Forester Loren Hiner for his work on the Comprehensive Forest Management Plan.  
109      She appreciates the extensiveness and history.  
110      - Thank you to Director Olden; appreciates all the extensive work he has done.  
111      - Thank you to Ken Estes for his years of service to our country and all his work at the VFW.

112 **Councilman Cope**

- 113      - Congratulations to Director Olden and the crew for all they have accomplished.  
114      - Thank you to Forester Hiner for all you do.  
115      - Thank you to the Mayor for her work on the summer baseball use agreement.

116 **Councilman Bryson**

- 117      - Appreciates the project list in the Public Works Annual Report; it puts things into perspective.  
118      - Appreciated tonight's abatement process debate.

119 **Councilman Skaramuca**

- 120      - Thank you to all department heads for their help in making this a great place to live.  
121      - Stated the Poppy Days dates back to World War I.

122 **MAYORS COMMENTS:**

- 123      - Echo's Councilman Wood's thanks to Chuck Caldwell for his time as Port Commissioner. He  
124      represented East County diligently and deserves to be acknowledged and honored in his  
125      retirement.  
126      - Rueben Fleet is getting a stamp in his honor; a celebration is to be held in Olympia.  
127      - Agrees we have phenomenal department heads and this is why the City is running so well.  
128      - City received a records grant which will allow city records to be converted to electronic format  
129      allowing easier searching and access.  
130      - Expecting a presentation from G.H. Community Hospital at the next council meeting.  
131      - Fiscal and ending fund balance is important to her.  
132      - Happy Mother's Day to all mothers including her own.

133 **ADJOURNMENT:**

- 134 Councilman Cope made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Cristobal.  
135 Motion Passed 6-0 Vote  
136 Meeting Adjourned  
137 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk  
138 Recording Available.