

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

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4 **FLAG CERMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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

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9 **STAFF PRESENT:** City Attorney Chris Coker, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Police Chief Brett Vance, Forester  
10 Loren Hiner, CFO Doug Streeter and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom.

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12 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$100,077.18 for check #'s 52377 to  
13 #52415. Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills as audited and was seconded by  
14 Councilman Chung. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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16 Payroll total was \$206,188.63 for Checks #39995-#40019.

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18 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the May 23, 2017  
19 council minutes as written and was seconded by Councilman Chung. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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23 **COMMITTEE REPORT/FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION:**

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25 **Public Works:** Will be meeting soon. Will notify the clerk with the date & time.

26 **Parks Board:** Councilman Cope advised they met last Wednesday. A new Parks Plan is being developed  
27 by the Council of Governments (COG) through a grant. A short draft survey will be conducted by the  
28 Parks Board to receive public input; the survey will be made available online and at city hall. The results  
29 will be used by COG in the development of the new plan.

30 **Flood Authority:** Councilman Wood reported they will be meeting via phone this coming Thursday.  
31 Discussion will refocus on bringing community attention back to flooding issues as we are approaching  
32 the 10 year anniversary of 2007 flood. Small projects have been done to decrease funding and now  
33 moving on to the dam & fishery enhancements. Waste Water Treatment Plant flood protection options  
34 are being discussed including general location, time frame, and projected costs which will include the  
35 cost option if the plant requires relocation. Hope to have a report with options by August 1, 2017.

36 **Public Safety:** Councilman Trimble reported they discussed the 2014 ambulance issues. It is currently  
37 out of service for the 18<sup>th</sup> time. Fire Chief Rux is working with the company and will hopefully have  
38 repair/replacement options to report by the next council meeting.

39 **Finance:** Councilman Trimble reported the general fund balance at end of May 2017 was \$408,004.41.  
40 This is a vast improvement from the low balance at the beginning of 2016. Thank you to CFO Streeter  
41 and his team for working with the Mayor and city council on the goal of a healthy general fund balance.

42 **Forestry:** Councilman Cope reported that Forester Hiner gave a tour of the forest to the council and  
43 that is served to remind him the forest and trails are a very valuable city asset. Thank you to Loren Hiner  
44 for the tour and the work he does.

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46 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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48 **NEW BUSINESS:**

49 **Six Year Street Plan:** Mayor noted that the plan is in the council packets and will be reviewed by the  
50 Public Works Committee. The plan is a list of streets and street priorities and can be changed as  
51 needed; it is important to pass a plan each year so the city remains eligible for grants. Action will take  
52 place at the next council meeting; there is July 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.

53 **Council Assignment Updates:**

54 Councilman Bryson will take over Councilman Hutchings assignments. The Grays Harbor Council of  
55 Governments now meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Chung is on the  
56 Personnel Committee and Councilman Skaramuca is the alternate. Councilman Cope is assigned to the  
57 Parks Board and Councilman Chung is the alternate.

58 **East Pioneer Water Project:**

59 Originally, the City had anticipated including a water line replacement project along with the bid  
60 package for the project; the improvement is 100% funded by the Water Fund. It is advantageous to the  
61 City to break out this project from the road work. The advantage will be timing, not a cost savings,  
62 however the project will be able to meet timelines if we separate out this component. The ground will  
63 then be ready for the road work to hopefully start in mid- August.

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65 The easement process with affected businesses and homes along Pioneer went well with the exception  
66 of a recent issue in negotiations with the hospital district. This section of sidewalk on Pioneer will be  
67 bypassed in order to be compliant with grant deadlines and rules. Re-engineering will be required at a  
68 cost of an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000. If requirements and deadlines had not been met by the City,  
69 not only would the city lose the grant but the whole of Grays Harbor County would lose grant funding in  
70 the amount of the lost grant for ten years. Discussion held. There were concerns and disappointment  
71 expressed with the hospital districts actions and timing. The good news is the City was able to stay in  
72 compliance and keep the grant.

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74 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

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76 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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78 **Robert Hatley, 522 E. Pioneer**

- 79 -Thank you to all who put on such a wonderful Memorial Day event.  
80 -Marcy Street is still in dire need of repair and wants to see it fixed.  
81 -The one way signs (now a two way) are still up on one end of Marcy and needs resolved.  
82 -How did the City end up in this time crunch situation with the hospital district?

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84 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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86 **Councilman Skaramuca**

- 87 -Memorial Day event was great and he enjoyed the speakers.  
88 -Trail Days were fun.

89 **Councilman Bryson**

- 90 -Thank you to the VFW and the many volunteers for putting on a wonderful Memorial Day event. It was  
91 great to see such a large turnout.  
92 -Thank you to the Moose Lodge for the annual fishing derby. They have been doing this over several  
93 years; job well done.

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96 **Councilman Cope**

97 -Memorial Day event was fantastic and emotional; he was very moved by the speakers. Well attended,  
98 great to see so many come together in honor of lives given for our country and our town.

99 -Congratulations to the Class of 2017.

100 **Councilman Trimble**

101 -Concur with the comments on the Memorial Day event; it was very emotional.

102 -Thank you to Loren Hiner for the Forest Tour, always impressive.

103 -Bike Rodeo is this coming Saturday.

104 **Councilman Chung**

105 No Comments

106 **Councilman King**

107 -Sorry she missed out on the Forest Tour.

108 -Very impressed by the Memorial Day event. Members of the VFW relayed to her how impressed they  
109 were with the large attendance.

110 -Moose Fishing Derby is a great event that her son has enjoyed for years.

111 **Councilman Wood**

112 -The general fund balance was the biggest 2016 challenge. Reflecting back on the negative general fund  
113 balance in early 2016 to a May 31, 2017 ending general fund balance of \$408,004.41; we are now seeing  
114 the benefits of budget cuts, including downsizing and tighter money management, that were made.

115 This is very remarkable; thank you to everyone involved in this turn around.

116 -Memorial Day event was remarkable. Many volunteers made this happen. Approximately 400 people  
117 were in attendance and all were deeply touched by the ceremony and speakers. We as citizens should  
118 continue to play a bigger role in honoring our veterans year round.

119 -In answer to Mr. Hatley's question during public comment; outreach to the hospital district on this  
120 matter started back in February.

121 **Mayor Samuel**

122 -Announced that Sam Martin is retiring after 42 years of service. He was recently honored by his fellow  
123 employees with a retirement pot luck.

124 -The City has received two thoughtful thank you cards (one from the mother of Tim Davis) regarding the  
125 Memorial Day event and encouraged the council to read them.

126 -The city's Forestry Department is hosting interpretive hikes and mountain bike rides on the City Forest  
127 Trails this summer. Everyone should try to make one or two of the events.

128 -Advised Mr. Hatley that she has spoken with Public Works/Community Development Director Olden  
129 regarding street problems and Marcy is on the list.

130 -Hospital District has worked in its interest for business but fail short as a good neighbor. The rest of  
131 local business are good about in Grays Harbor and go out of their way to take down barriers for  
132 cooperation. The positive is this is a very rare occurrence; we usually have excellent relationships with  
133 all other various government agencies we work with.

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135 **Adjournment** - Councilman Cope made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Councilman  
136 Chung. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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138 Debbie Wisdom

139 Deputy City Clerk

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141 Recording Available.