

Oak Harbor City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Dudley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Scott Dudley
Mayor Pro Tempore Danny Paggao
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Jim Campbell
Councilmember Beth Munns
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Tara Hizon
Councilmember Bob Severns

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort
Development Service Director Steve Powers
City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler
Executive Assistant Renee Recker
Chief of Police Ed Green
Finance Director Doug Merriman
Fire Chief Ray Merrill
Interim City Attorney Grant Weed
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
Cac Kamak, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to add an Executive Session following Mayor's Comments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to remove items c. through g. and j. from the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servatius and carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to remove item i. from the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Campbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severns and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Mayor Dudley led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Don Jacques from Christ the King Community Church gave the invocation.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 19, 2013, were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

St. Patrick's Day Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Paggao was joined at the podium by members of the Irish Wildlife Society as he read the Proclamation in recognition of St. Patrick's Day in the City of Oak Harbor.

Recognition of Sgt. Larry Ferguson

Captain Sterkel recognized Sgt. Larry Ferguson for 15 years of service and presented him with a fleece jacket.

Island County Tourism

Sherrye Wyatt, Marketeer for Island County Tourism Board, provided a report on tourism's economic impact to the State and Island County. Ms. Wyatt also discussed the Board's strategic approach to marketing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS PERIOD

Larry Eden related to Council about the services provided by the volunteers at the Whidbey Animal Improvement Facility.

Tim Geist provided a letter expressing his opinion concerning opening prayers offered at City Council meetings.

Richard Everett expressed his opposition to the non-City residents who attended and provided comments to Council during discussion of 2nd Amendment rights.

Gary Newkirk stated he wanted the issue brought back before Council.

Helen Chatfield-Weeks declared she also wanted to know who the non-residents who spoke to Council were. She wants Oak Harbor stand up and demand that we are protected being in this room from people with guns and real bullets.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler read the Consent Agenda, as amended.

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher Nos. 153228 through 153235 in the amount of \$332.68
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher Nos. 153236 through 153375 in the amount of \$426,892.57
- c. Motion to reappoint Bob Nelson to the Marina Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire January 2016
- d. Motion to appoint Jeffrey Campbell to the Community Police Advisory Board for a four-year term to expire March 2017
- e. Motion to appoint Lucas Yonkman to fill an unexpired term on the Community Police Advisory Board expiring March 2015
- f. Motion to appoint Robert Young to fill an unexpired term on the Community Police Advisory Board expiring April 2015
- g. Motion to appoint J.J. Jones to fill an unexpired term on the Marina Advisory Committee expiring December 2013

- h. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Plat of Fairway Point, Phase 3, and Division 1
- i. Motion to adopt the Password Management Policy (FIN #13-02)
- j. Motion to appoint Sandi Peterson to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission to expire September 2013

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to approve consent agenda items a., b., and h. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments - Items c. through g. and j.

Councilmember Hizon asked for an explanation concerning the number of appointments. Mayor Dudley clarified each appointment and reminded Council that he can remove a committee member at any time.

Councilmember Almberg asked how the City treats those members when removed or replaced. Mayor Dudley stated each member receives a letter thanking them for their service and offered to share the letter with Mr. Almberg.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to approve consent agenda items c. through g. and j. The motion was seconded by Council Campbell and carried unanimously.

Board and Commission members in the audience were recognized by Council.

Password Policy – Item 1.i.

Councilmember Servatius asked if staff would be provided some assistance, and Finance Director Doug Merriman responded that a generator would be in place to provide that help.

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve the Password Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servers and carried unanimously.

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Dudley announced a five minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Public Hearing: Resolution 13-08: Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Senior Planner Cac Kamack reviewed the process for amendments to the comprehensive plan and reported on each amendment.

Mayor Scott Dudley opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. No testimony was provided and the hearing was closed.

Councilmember Paggao and Mr. Kamack discussed compatibility with other uses in the surrounding areas.

Resolution 13-08 A Resolution Adopting the Docket for the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to approve Resolution 13-08. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almberg and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1652: Relating to the Keeping of Chicken Hens (First Reading)
Development Services Director Steve Powers provided the staff report.

Shane Hoffmire spoke in support.

Sandy Peterson discussed “sister cities” and suggested we look at Kaapahu, Hawaii, where there is a huge population of chickens.

Councilmembers asked questions regarding health and sanitation issues, the sale of eggs, and enforcement concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Hizon moved to continue Ordinance 1652 to March 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munns and carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-02: Supporting Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Spending and Campaign Financing
City Administrator Dr. Larry Cort introduced the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Severns spoke in support indicating Oak Harbor would join 13 other jurisdictions by adopting the resolution.

Speaking in support was:

- Marshall Goldberg, representing Citizens Ignited
- Betty Cook
- Sandy Peterson
- Shane Hoffmire
- Richard Everett
- Martha Young
- Helen Chatfield-Weeks

All Councilmembers expressed support for the resolution.

In response to questions from Council concerning jurisdiction, Interim City Attorney Grant Weed explained the resolution is simply a policy statement indicating Council is willing to take a position urging such action at the federal level.

Resolution 13-02 A Resolution of the City of Oak Harbor, Island County, Washington, Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Political Spending and Corporate Campaign Financing

Motion: Councilmember Servatius moved to adopt Resolution 13-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severns and carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Dr. Cort reminded Councilmembers of the open house and workshop presentation by Corolla Engineers on the WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) scheduled for March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Court also received Council authorization to schedule a Special Workshop Meeting to discuss employee health benefits on March 19, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers announced their Standing Committee meetings for the month of March.

Councilmembers also expressed their gratitude to the outgoing board and commission members who volunteer their time.

Councilmember Servatius complimented City Clerk Valerie J. Loffler on the council packet preparation.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Dudley reported he attended the promotion ceremony for five members of the City's Fire-fighter Paid on Call program who were awarded the rank of POC Lieutenant. Congratulations to Chris Garden, Rich Rodgers, Jeff Heiserman, Tom Cross, and Paul Schroer.

Further, Mayor Dudley stated the new art work in the Council Chambers was provided by Paul Lischeid.

Executive Session: Potential Litigation

At 8:09 p.m. Mayor Dudley announced an executive session to last approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Dudley reported the executive session would last another 10 minutes.

Mayor Dudley reconvened the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and reported that no action was taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved, seconded by Councilmember Almberg, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Valerie J. Loffler, City Clerk