



## City Council Minutes

**Regular Meeting**  
**March 9, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Guier called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Garberding, Jones, Oliveira, Steiger, Council President Walker, and Mayor Guier

Absent: Council Member Kave and Mayor Pro Tem Putnam (Putnam arrived at 6:32 p.m.; Kave arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Public Safety Director John Calkins, Community Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach, Community Development Manager Jack Dodge, Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk, City Administrator Richard Gould, and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness

### **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The amended agenda was approved unanimously by Council.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Speaking before Council:

Mark Bowns, West Hill	Safety on West Valley due to slow speed limits
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### **PRESENTATION- Valentine Avenue Update**

Ted Hill, Associate City Engineer, City of Sumner, provided an update on construction along Valentine. The project is still on track. Utilities need to be moved out of the way then will start working their way up. Icon will start work on the sewer and should be wrapping up the project near the first part of the year.

There will be more impacts once the project moves north of Stewart. They are doing their best to keep impacts and complaints to a minimum.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Guier opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk stated the sewer rate increase is due to an increase in rates for the city. It is a pass-through increase so it doesn't negatively impact funding of the City of Pacific. The rate increase is 5.63% or \$2.24/month for base rate.

Speaking before Council:

Tommy Chen, owner of 6 units in Pacific	Said the issue is not directly related to sewer. Stated one unit's usage is twice the amount of another's usage.  Mayor Guier requested that he speak to her after the meeting to address this issue as this time is for a public hearing on sewer rates.
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Mayor Guier closed the hearing at 6:42 p.m.

**REPORTS**

**A. Mayor**

Mayor Guier reported:

- King County is opening City Park on March 9 at no charge to the City of Pacific.
- Reminder Citizen of the Year Dinner will be held on March 28.
- There will be City Hall meetings with Senator Miloscia, Rep. Linda Kochmar & Rep. Carol Gregory in Federal Way and Milton on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder that there will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting on March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Finance/City Administrator**

City Administrator Gould reported:

- Uniformed union negotiations have yet to be scheduled; Council will be meeting in executive session to update this evening
- The Public Work/Clerical negotiations will begin in April
- Finance staff analyzing year to date financial status to bring further information to council.
- Had a meeting with Ron Tiedeman; Currently Mr. Tiedeman has an interlocal agreement with Milton for IT services. He is interested in possibly contracting with Pacific.

**C. Court**

February's reports are in the packet.

**D. Community/Senior/Youth/Services**

Community Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach reported:

- A diabetic blood screening was held on March 2. 33 people participated, 12 of which are employees. The numbers were twice as many as last year.
- Free blood pressure check at the senior center on Friday, March 13. It is held at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The Citizens Appreciation Dinner will be held on March 28. Doors will open at 4:30 with dinner from 5:00-7:00. Presale tickets are already available.
- Nominations for citizen of the year are being accepted until March 16.
- American Heart Association is having a national 30 minute walk on April 1. If you would like to participate, please contact Darcie.
- The Youth gym is looking for more young children to participate in the Tiny Tot

program Monday through Friday 10 – 11am, and on Wednesday there is the Bounce House; and Fridays they have a Wiggles & Giggles.

- Taco Tuesday of course is on Tuesday 11:30- 1:00 \$1.50 a taco. The proceeds go to support the Youth Program.
- Zumba class is offered in the Thursday night 6:30 – 7:30.
- Fridays at the gym is Popcorn Friday's

#### E. Public Works Department

Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk reported:

- Progress parallel to Valentine – Stewart Rd progress will be very visible; paving Tuesday and Wednesday
- City Park is being opened by King County crews; Honey Buckets are slated to go in at the end of week.
- Kudos for the crew's work on pocket parks from citizens.

#### F. Community Development Department

Community Development Manager Jack Dodge reported:

- Update on Morgan property; attended a meeting on Mercer Island. The CFT grant has been extended. Lane Morgan has been contacted and ball is rolling to purchase property
- Special Planning Commission meeting will be held to discuss the Comp Plan amendments for Chapter 3 and 8 and a public hearing on March 24 regarding the comp plan amendments

#### G. Public Safety Department

Public Safety Director John Calkins reported

- Attended a conference in Oregon, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference. The Chief coalition picks up the tab. There were 5 speakers, all military leaders with 20 hours of classes by leaders.

#### H. City Council Members

NONE

#### I. Boards and Committees

##### i. Finance Committee

Council Member Kave stated the committee will meet on March 16 at 6:30.

##### ii. Governance Committee

Council Member Oliveira stated a meeting was held on March 3, 2015, and reviewed notes of the meeting.

Two residential property owner positions will be added for Park Board and will be presented at the workshop next week.

Leave policies will be changed so the manual will reflect city code.

Council Policies and Procedures moved to next meeting so they can be discussed further.

Surveillance Policies camera policies will be addressed as soon as cameras are in the budget process.

##### iii. Human Services Committee

Council Member Garberding stated a meeting was held on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Partnerships will be taking over fund raising. There was a presentation regarding a Wellness Program. She discussed what had occurred at previous meeting and requested that her statement be added to the minutes (ATTACHMENT A.) Mayor will attend meetings to avoid future disturbances between management and committee.

iv. Public Safety Committee

Council Member Garberding reported a meeting needs to be rescheduled.

v. Public Works Committee

Council Member Jones reported a meeting was held on March 4, 2015. They talked about Valentine road improvements and reviewed West Valley Highway design as well as waste water conveyance improvements on Frontage Road, a gravel road maintenance policy, Public Works vehicles purchase. The next meeting will be held on April 8.

vi. Technology Committee

The Technology Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 in Mayor Guier's office at City Hall.

vii. Park Board

Gary Nitschke encouraged everyone to visit the park. There have been eagles Visiting.

viii. Planning Commission

NONE

ix. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

Mr. Newkirk stated met with the Transportation Coordinating committee. There Have been rule changes at the Federal level so time was spent going over the rule changes for federal grant eligibility and reporting.

x. Sound Cities Association (SCA)

Mayor Guier said a meeting will be held on March 18.

xi. South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd)

NONE

xii. Valley Regional Fire Association (VRFA)

Council Member Jones reported VRFA is meeting on March 10.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 2015-236:** Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Theresa Dusek, Wetlands Consultant, in the amount of \$8,000, for wetland mapping in the City of Pacific.

Community Development Manager Dodge stated a wetland mapping update needs to be completed in accordance with the GMA grant Scope of Work timeline, by March 31. Ms. Dusek is a wetlands consultant who can provide the required service. There in money allocated for professional services in the grant budget.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2015-236 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Teresa Dusek, in the amount of \$8,000 to complete the City's update of its wetlands mapping. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: none

The motion passed 7-0.

**B. Ordinance No. 2015-1894:** Amending the Pacific Municipal Code regarding accessory dwelling units.

Mr. Dodge explained that the ADU regulations contain inconsistencies that need to be changed.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED** to approve Ordinance No. 2015-1894 approving revisions to the accessory dwelling unit regulations. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion passed 7-0.

**C. Resolution No. 2015-235:** Amending the City of Pacific Purchasing Policy.

Public Works Manager Newkirk advised state law has changed since the adoption of the procurement policy. This resolution brings Pacific's policies into compliance with State law.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2015-1894 adopting the new City of Pacific Purchasing Policy. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion passed 7-0.

**D. Ordinance No. 2015-1893:** Setting rates for sewer service in the City of Pacific.

Mr. Newkirk stated King County Wastewater Division has informed the City of an increase in the rate to the cost of wastewater treatment. The city needs to increase the sewer rates to cover the increased charges from King County.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve Ordinance No. 2015-1893 establishing new sewer utility rates. Seconded by Council Member Kave.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays:

The motion passed 7-0.

**E. Resolution No. 2015-234:** Approving the 2015 Planning Commission Work Plan

Mr. Dodge stated the Planning Commission developed their slate of activities and is recommending approval by the Council of the work plan.

**COUNCIL MEMBER STEIGER MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2015-234 approving the 2015 Planning Commission Work Plan. Seconded by Council Member Jones.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion passed 7-0.

**ITEM 8A –**

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED** to suspend the rules to move item 8a to this point in the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Voice vote was taken and carried 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2015-237:** Authorizing the drafting and issuance of a RFP for solid waste disposal services in the City of Pacific.

City Attorney Carol Morris introduced the item and advised the RFP will be drafted and can be sent to Council for approval.

Speaking before Council:

Mark Gingrich, Murrey's Disposal	Advised that if an RFP is issued, Murrey's Disposal is open to extension to their franchise term through the end of 2015
Laura Moser, Waste Management	Waste Management has been a provider for several years. They would love to provide service for the entire city. They have a good track record in the city. In August 2014, an agreement extended 10 months to allow time to negotiate agreement with City of Pacific.

**COUNCIL MEMBER PUTNAM MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2015-237 authorizing the drafting and issuance of a RFP for solid waste disposal services in the City of Pacific. Seconded by Council Member Walker.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Putnam, Oliveira, Walker

Nays: Kave, Steiger,

The motion passed 5-2.

#### **F. Approval of 2014 Year End Financial Reports**

City Administrator Gould presented the City of Pacific 2014 Year End financial reports for Council approval.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve the 2014 Year End Financial Reports. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion passed 7-0.

#### **G. Approval of AWC Drug & Alcohol Consortium Annual Membership Renewal for 2015**

City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness advised Council that the renewal is for the City's drug testing for CDL licensed drivers. There is no increase for the rate for 2015 over 2014.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve the AWC Drug & Alcohol Consortium Annual Membership Renewal for 2015. Seconded by Council Member Walker.

Roll Call Vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Putnam, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion passed 7-0.

#### **H. Sound Cities Association Discussion**

Mayor Guier advised there are two items being discussed at the Sound Cities Association and at the workshop on March 2, she requested direction from Council on how she should vote to represent the City of Pacific. The two items in question are:

- Bonding against future hotel motel tax, and
- Support of strategic plan of ending homelessness

After Council discussion, Council's direction was to vote no for the bonding against future hotel/motel tax and to vote yes in support strategic plan of ending homelessness.

#### **I. Council Retreat Dates**

Mayor Guier stated advised dates were discussed at the workshop on March 2. The dates in April were not working for Council. May 2 at 9:00 a.m. was decided as the date and time. Lunch will be provided

#### **NEW ITEMS**

**ITEM 8A was heard earlier in the meeting.**

**Resolution No. 2015-237:** Authorizing the drafting and issuance of a RFP for solid waste disposal services in the City of Pacific.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Payroll and Voucher Approval

**B.** Approval of the minutes from meeting of January 26, 2015 and Workshop of February 2, 2015.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira. Voice vote was taken and carried 7-0.

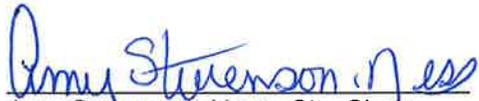
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Guier convened to executive session at 7:54 p.m. for 15 minutes for collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).

The meeting was called back to order at 8:09 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business, Mayor Guier adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

  
Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk

After reading the minutes of the previous human services meeting, February 24th, I'm of the opinion that there are a few missing details.

1. After Darcie went to her supervisor to report the alleged inappropriate behavior on the part of the council members, a report of the incident was given to Mayor Guier that incorrectly named one of the council members, myself, as having committing the alleged offenses. Mayor Guier, assuming that the city employee had been wronged, sent an email to me requesting that I revisit the roles and responsibilities of council members. In my opinion, this incident put me in a position where I no longer felt comfortable working on the human services committee.
2. Darcie reported to her supervisor that she 'got in council member Oliveira's face', due to her frustrations during the discussion. When she was asked why she made this comment, she first denied it, but her supervisor Richard Gould reminded her that she had said those words to him. Darcie then said that it was a figure of speech.
3. Darcie reported to her supervisor that council members Steiger and Oliveira had a 'heated discussion', but when questioned about the validity of this statement, did not explain why she had said it.
4. Darcie told her supervisor that she was upset because council member Oliveira had told her how to do her job. When asked about this, Darcie said that it was because of the tree lighting event. Each time Darcie had mentioned the event as a fundraiser in the upcoming year, council member Oliveira reminded her that she would not be able to use it as a fundraiser, due to it reverting back to Pacific Partnerships.

After being put in this situation, I told all present at this meeting that I was resigning from the human services committee. My main reason was that I will not allow myself to be put into a situation where simple statements can be twisted into exaggerated, inflammatory complaints that I would find myself having to defend in the future.

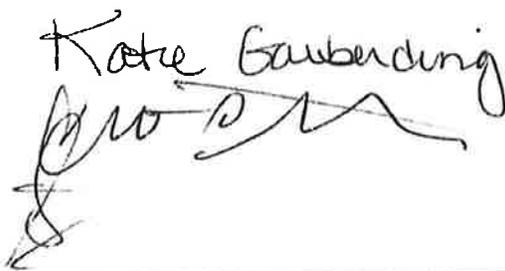
Mayor Guier then offered to attend all future human services meeting, which gave assurance for the integrity of the meetings for all members of this committee.

After consulting with my husband, I decided to continue to work with this committee, and my goal of working to improve Pacific's community services.

Respectfully Submitted by: Katherine Garberding 3/9/15

This information is supported by Council Members of the Human Service Committee:

Katie Garberding, Clint Steiger, Stacy Oliveira

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