



City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting
August 10, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Putnam, and Mayor Guier

Absent: Council Member Kave

Council Member Jones moved to excused Council Member Kave. Seconded by Council Member Walker.

Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

STAFF PRESENT

Public Safety Director John Calkins, Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk, City Administrator Richard Gould, Assistant City Attorney Jim Kelly, and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness.

ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The amended agenda was approved unanimously by Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Solid Waste Contract

Mayor Guier opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Gould stated the numbers provided from Murray's/DM Disposal are not reliable and presented information to substantiate his statements.

Speaking before Council:

Don Thomson, 416 2 nd Ave S	Comparisons are done well but he has an issue with a 10-year contract. He also has an issue with third party recycling. Inquired if a citizen can opt out of recycling/
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	composting. Stated the City's franchise fee doesn't include profits made by the contractor from compost or recyclable sales and inquired why the city isn't receiving 3% on that. He stated the contract is bad for the city, customers, citizens and businesses and it's only good for the contractor. He urged council to vote against the contract. He said a 10-year obligation should go before citizens for a vote.
Laura Moser, Waste Management, 701 2 nd St. NW	Stated she is in attendance hoping for positive council vote on the contract.

City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness read a letter from Steven Gordon, President, Gordon Trucking, Inc. and Valley Freightliner, Inc.

Mayor Guier closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Speaking before Council:

Barbara Lourdes, Auburn, WA	Expressed that she still has Issues with the Pacific Police Department
Lloyd Rector, 221 x Blvd South	Read a letter written to the Public Safety Committee regarding Lt. Massey working on the day shift.
Jeanne Fancher, 37248 55 th Ave S, West Hill	Requested that Council please use microphones. Discussed the marking of police cars and asked why the Police Department has more than the law allows. Request city either enforces provision or repeal it. Mayor Guier referred the issue to the Public Safety Committee.

REPORTS

A. Mayor

Mayor Guier reported:

- Attended the SCA networking breakfast on August 10. Senator Patty Murray attended. Stated it was a nice, intimate scenario. Discussed was transportation, veteran homelessness, and education.
- Staff has begun working on the next quarterly newsletter. The goal is to have it in mailboxes in time for the Police Department Open House on September 18.
- Invited everyone to the Terry Home Car Show on August 15 in City Park. Free to spectators.

B. Finance/City Administrator

City Administrator Gould reported:

- The next executive session to discuss the collective bargaining agreements will be on August 17.
- Next negotiations with Public Works/Clerical will be held on August 20.
- The wireless network has been stabilized. The city is still waiting for equipment to extend and provide more stability.
- Budget preparations are in full swing. A preliminary draft will be presented on at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 31.
- Draft second quarter report will be brought to Council at the next workshop. The city's position increased by approximately \$750,000.
- Presenting Website and Audio RFPs for consideration at the workshop on August 17 and 24.

C. Court

July reports are provided with the packet.

D. Community/Senior/Youth/Services

- July reports are provided with the packet.

E. Public Works Department

Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk reported:

- Follow up from earlier meeting: Council Member Kave had requested information about hydrant maintenance in Cobble Court. The hydrants are private hydrants and the property management needs to make repairs.
- BNSF Rail submitted a petition for Right of way vacation. He will be scheduling an upcoming hearing and is in the process of making make sure materials submitted are deemed complete. The vacation process is light on procedures and need to make sure they are in complete compliance with state statute;
- Pavement Management Study: The firm will be out next week to do the road network/analysis. The exact date and time of demonstration and objectives on how they're rating pavement is not yet known.
- Stewart Rd project: The final lift of the asphalt paving is completed. The next step is to wrap up the sidewalk and striping. They are looking at a September date to have the project wrapped up.

F. Community Development Department

- No report

G. Public Safety Department

Public Safety Director Calkins reported:

- Reviewed monthly report. Residential and commercial burglaries are up. In an incident over the weekend, the victim claims loss close to \$400K. The department is looking for a reason in the upswing.
- The new vehicles are not on the road yet. The vendor that equips the vehicles hadn't started so the department changed vendors to a place in Oregon that can have them equipped and on the road in mid-October. There is nothing in the contract with the original vendor that will provide damages for the delay but the new place will cost \$3,000 less for installation.

H. City Council Members

- Council Member Jones announced he will be leaving office due to health issues. August 24 will be his last City Council meeting. He stated he will miss participating in civic duties and City Council and thanked everyone for the support that has been given to him.

COUNCIL MEMBER PUTNAM MOVED to suspend the rules to add recognition of Council Member Jones. Seconded by Council Member Walker.
Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

Council Member Putnam stated it has been a pleasure to work with Council Member Jones and thanked him for his service.

Council Member Steiger thanked Council Member Jones for his work on the Valentine project. When someone needed to make themselves available for multiple meetings and travelling to numerous places, he stepped up. He was a tremendous help in saving the project.

Mayor Guier stated she started with Council Member Jones on the Planning Commission and worked together quite a bit, including the Manufacturing Industrial Center. City and citizens should be grateful to Council Members Jones and Steiger for saving the Valentine project. She stated when Council Member Jones makes a decision, you can always count on it being what's best for the city.

Speaking before Council:

Don Thomson, 416 7 th Avenue	Cannot say enough good things about John Jones. You will be missed. You've been a driving force in this town and wish you the best.
Jeanne Fancher	Good job, John!

I. Boards and Committees

i. Finance Committee

Mr. Gould said they will be meeting on August 26, 2015.

ii. Governance Committee

Council Member Oliveira stated the next meeting will be held on September 1, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. The attorney was unable to attend the meeting by phone. Employee leave policies were discussed as well as the issue of alcohol in the parks.

iii. Human Services Committee

Council Member Oliveira reported they met on July 28, 2015, at 6:30. The committee discussed community involvement and how to get the public involved. They also discussed holding a monthly bingo/taco night. They are currently looking into pricing food. The committee is seeking bingo prize donations new/unused in box.

iv. Public Safety Committee

Council Member Garberding reported the meeting will be held on August 12 at 6:30 p.m.

v. Public Works Committee

Council Member Steiger reported a meeting was held on August 3, 2015. Items discussed are being researched before coming to Council.

vi. Technology Committee

Council Member Walker reported the committee will meet on August 26, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

vii. Park Board

No report

viii. Planning Commission

No report

ix. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

Mr. Newkirk stated there is nothing new to report and the next meeting will be held on September 10, 2015.

x. Sound Cities Association (SCA)

Mayor Guier stated there is nothing to report as there is no August meeting.

xi. South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd)

Mr. Newkirk stated there is nothing to report

xii. Valley Regional Fire Association (VRFA)

Council Member Walker reported the meeting will be on August 10, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2015-270: Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Waste Management, Inc. for solid waste and recycling collection services.

Mr. Gould reviewed the process taken to reach the final contract.

COUNCIL MEMBER PUTNAM MOVED to authorize the execution of an agreement with Waste Management, Inc. for solid waste and recycling collection services. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Speaking before Council:

Laura Moser, Waste Management	Provided clarification regarding rates.
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Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent: Kave

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Resolution No. 2015-278: Authorizing the submittal of the Transportation Improvement Board Grant application for the 3rd Avenue South Preservation.

Mr. Newkirk stated this item was discussed at the workshop. He explained the agenda bill information presented and stated this is part of the arterial preservation program for smaller cities. The program would complete two segments on 3rd Avenue from the trail to the park to allow asphalt preservation on 3rd Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER PUTNAM MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2015-278 authorizing the submittal of the Transportation Improvement Board Grant application for the 3rd Avenue South Preservation. Seconded by Council Member Walker.

Roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent: Kave

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Resolution No. 2015-279: Authorizing the submittal of the Transportation Improvement Board Grant application for the Milwaukee Boulevard Improvements.

Mr. Newkirk advised this is for the urban arterial program. Because this is in a different category, there shouldn't be a penalty for two grant submittals in the same category. This will not complete the entire Milwaukee corridor to Ellingson but will get the ball rolling.

COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2015-279 authorizing the submittal of the Transportation Improvement Board Grant application for the Milwaukee Boulevard Improvements. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira

.Jeanne Fancher– striping, paving, leveling would be appreciated

Roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent: Kave

The motion carried 6-0.

D. Resolution No. 2015-277: Authorizing the surplus of the listed equipment and removing it from the Police Department as the equipment has outlived its useful life and been replaced.

Mr. Calkins stated the method of sale for the dump trailer and surplus cars has not been determined. Previously the methods used were a sealed bid auction done by the police department as well as sale of the surplus items at Whitey's Auction. The last estimate to fix the car being surplus was \$8,000. The monitors are being replaced as Auburn IT said it needed to be done.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEIGER MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2015-277 authorizing the surplus of the listed equipment and removing it from the Police

Department as the equipment has outlived its useful life and been replaced Seconded by Council Member Garberding.

Roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent: Kave

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Ordinance No. 2015-1903: Accepting a donation of \$500 from Don Kuzmer, Metals Express, to be used for community events such as the Bike Rodeo and Police Department Open House.

Mr. Calkins stated the donation was given by Mr. Kuzmer for community events.

COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-1903 Accepting a donation of \$500 from Don Kuzmer, Metals Express, to be used for community events such as the Bike Rodeo and Police Department Open House. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent: Kave

The motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER MOVED to suspend the rules to add an item regarding the refund of IAFF fees for use of City Park under new business. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion: Refund of IAFF Fees for the use of City Park

COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER MOVED to provide a refund of park fees to IAFF. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Payroll and Voucher Approval

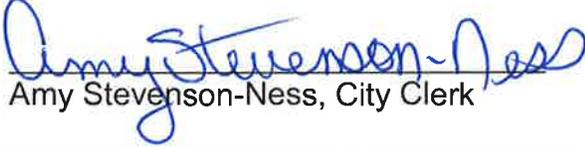
B. Minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER PUTNAM MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Council Member Walker.

Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, Mayor Guier adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.


Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk
