



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2024**

Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

I. STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

1. Comprehensive Plan: Accommodating Housing Allocations - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Study session included:

- Recap of longstanding and new GMA requirements for housing.
- Discussion of latest County housing and employment allocations and capacity, including housing allocations by income category.
- Illustration of/feedback on strategies available to increase affordable housing capacity, including regulatory tools (zoning) and financial tools (incentives).
- Outline of next steps in the comprehensive plan update process.

II. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

1. Flag Salute

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Ron Onslow
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Lindsay
Council Member Matt Cole
Council Member Lee Wells
Council Member Judy Chipman
Council Member Clyde Burkle

3. Late changes to the agenda

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(5-0)
MOVER:	Council Member Cole
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay, Council Member Cole, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle
ABSTAIN:	Council Member Lee Wells

1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2024 Meeting**

V. BUSINESS

1. **Motion - Approval of Roundabout Committee's Recommended Design for N 56th Avenue at Pioneer Canyon Drive Roundabout - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**

City Council reviewed and discussed two design options recommended by the Roundabout Committee for N 65th Avenue at Pioneer Canyon Drive.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE ROUNDABOUT OPTION A WITH RECONSIDERATION FOR HIGHT AND DECORATIVE WALL OPTION.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Matt Cole
SECONDER:	Council Member Judy Chipman
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay, Council Member Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle

2. **Motion - Approval of GMA Periodic Update Grant Contract with the Department of Commerce - Claire Lust, Community Development Director**

Beginning on July 1, 2023, the Department of Commerce made available grant funding for cities and counties updating their comprehensive plans under the Growth Management Act (GMA). Cities with a population between 3,000 and 49,999 were eligible to apply for and receive up to \$125,000 under this GMA Periodic Update Grant program. In September 2023 staff submitted a grant application for the full \$125,000 with a scope and budget demonstrating how the funding would be spent on comprehensive planning work completed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025. On March 8, 2024 Commerce provided staff with a final grant contract. The final contract includes the scope and budget. Upon approval, staff will be able to submit some of the early deliverables for reimbursement, including the public participation plan and period update checklist.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERIODIC UPDATE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Lee Wells
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Lindsay
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay, Council Member Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle

VI. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1419 - Food Cart Pod Code - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Under the currently adopted development code, food cart pods in Ridgefield may obtain a temporary use permit for up to three years (two years plus a one-year extension). Subsequently, they would need site plan approval. The existing site planning standards are written for traditional permanent developments. Permanent food cart pods are a development type that does not fit neatly into this framework. Therefore, in 2023 City Council directed staff to research and develop code standards for food cart pods. The draft code proposes updates to the Ridgefield Development Code (RDC) defining and regulating food cart pods. Staff developed the proposed code provisions based on stakeholder feedback and best practice research.

City Council conducted a discussion on the proposed code.

Mayor Onslow Opened the Hearing: 7:27PM

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Mayor Onslow Closed the Hearing: 7:35PM

First reading conducted.

2. Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 644 - Ridgefield School District Proposition No. 10 and Proposition No. 11 General Obligation Bonds - Steve Stuart, City Manager

Ridgefield School District Propositions 10 and 11 general obligation bond is presented by Steve Stuart for the Council's consideration.

Mayor Onslow Opened Public Hearing: 7:44PM

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Mayor Onslow Closed Public Hearing: 7:51PM

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 644 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Matt Cole
SECONDER:	Council Member Judy Chipman
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay, Council Member Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle

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VIII. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Burkle - Attended Ridgefield Main Street Meeting.

Council Member Cole - Expressed Support for the School Bond, State of the City is Scheduled for March 19th.

Council Member - Attended CREDC Meeting, Clark Public Utilities Workshop Meetings.

Council Member Wells - Attended City Manager Briefing, Trip to Olympia to Participate in Signing Bill 2318.

Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay - Attended 4th Grade Career day, CREDC Meeting, ECHO Meeting, Trip to Olympia to Participate in Signing Bill 2318, Clark Cowlitz Fire & Rescue Meeting.

2. Mayor

Attended Ridgefield Main Street Meeting, CDBG Update.

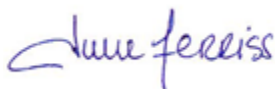
3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Provided Project Updates, Bill 2318 Update.

Public Works Director Chuck Green - CDBG Grant Update, Splash Pad Update, Costco Pre-Con Update.

IX. ADJOURN

8:18PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Ron Onslow, Mayor