



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

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

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Mayor Ron Onslow
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Cole
Council Member Lee Wells
Council Member Judy Chipman
Council Member Clyde Burkle
Council Member Katie Favela
Council Member Rian Davis

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PROCLAMATION

- 1. Lights Out For Birds**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Clyde Burkle

SECONDER:	Council Member Judy Chipman
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis

1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the October 10, 2024 Meeting**

V. PRESENTATION

1. **Third Quarter Budget to Actual Presentation - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

The Finance Director presented the third quarter budget to actual results for the first half of 2024.

2. **2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

The Finance Director presented the proposed budget impacts for 2025 and requested final direction on development of the 2025 budget.

VI. BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1433 - Golden Acres Petition to Annex - Claire Lust, Community Development Director**

The Petition to Annex includes one parcel owned by Anthony Golden and adjacent Carty Road right-of-way. The subject parcel is within the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area (UGA) and is contiguous with the Ridgefield city limits to the east (Marrett Hills properties), west (Cosgrove property), and south (Sanderling Park). Therefore, the parcel #216700000 is eligible for annexation. The direct petition method of annexation (RCW 35A.14.120-150) requires that owners of 60% or more of the land value of the proposed annexation area must sign the Petition to Annex. Road values are not included in this calculation. Anthony Golden signed the Petition to Annex. Mr. Golden owns 100 percent of the land value of the property proposed for annexation, exceeding the 60% threshold of the Petition to Annex.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1433 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Katie Favela
SECONDER:	Council Member Clyde Burkle
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis

2. **Motion - Approval of Waterfront Park Master Plan - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

The City and Port of Ridgefield have long-range plans for creating a community waterfront park. The Waterfront Park Master Plan is a partnership between the Port of Ridgefield and the City of Ridgefield. Staff contracted with Walker Macy, a landscape, architecture, planning, and urban design firm, to organize and draft a Master Plan for review and potential adoption by the City Council and Port of Commissioners. Walker Macy has conducted numerous community engagement activities and field surveys over the past few months. This included three open-house events, stakeholder meetings, and field visits with port and city staff. Initial concepts were provided to the public, and with feedback from all parties involved, including the public, a proposed master plan has been drafted for the City Council's consideration. The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed amenities as part of the staff report.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE WATERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN WITH PRESENTED AMENITIES TO BE INCLUDED.

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

3. Motion - Award of contract for Project P22004 I-5 Overpass Protective Safety Screen Project - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

In 2017, the City began planning for enhancing the experience and safety of the Pioneer Street overpass over I-5 including seeking potential federal grants for the project. This concept evolved into building a protective safety fence and screen attached to the overpass, similar to the fence built with the Port of Ridgefield's Pioneer Street overpass over the BNSF railroad into the waterfront. The enhancement component became installing a series of colorful steel sandhill cranes in different stages of flight on screening along the I-5 overpass as well as the Port's railroad overpass that will serve to visually connect downtown Ridgefield with the growing Ridgefield junction area along the interstate. The project will serve as a unique landmark for those traveling past Ridgefield by car on I-5, or by train under the rail overpass. In 2021, the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation donated \$50,000 to help fund the addition of artwork to the screens on the Pioneer Street Rail Overpass and the I-5 overpass. The project also received a Department of Commerce grant for \$328,300 for the I-5 safety screen. In 2019, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provided \$20,000 to launch the overpass safety screen design, with the City contributing additional funds to pay for design work. The City issued an invitation to bid on September 19, 2024. An optional pre-bid meeting was held on October 2, 2024. The bidding process closed and bids were opened October 17, 2024. The invitation to bid included Supplemental Responsible Bidder Criteria and with forms required by regulation and by law, including the Subcontractor List.

Eleven submittals were received at the time of bid opening: Nine bids, one no-bid, and one non-responsive bid. During the bid review, it was determined that JR Construction and Legacy Contracting were both determined to be non-responsive and their bids disallowed for failure to identify the subcontractor performing structural steel work and for failure to identify if they were to self-perform. Tapani's bid package was reviewed and determined to be compliant. Additionally, Tapani's response to the Supplemental Bidder Responsibility Criteria was received on time, but the responses from JR Construction and Legacy Contracting were received after the 48 business hour window of the request. A review of Tapani's Supplemental Responsible Bidder Criteria response indicates they have experience directly applicable to this project with three projects, two of which had complex traffic control coordination with WSDOT and one from the Port of Ridgefield overpass and protective screen/fence project. The protective screen/fence was installed with that project which was opened in 2021. All three projects that were submitted received excellent reviews from the project sponsors for their work. Tapani has been determined to be qualified to do the work on this project.

MOTION: MOVED TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE I-5 OVERPASS PROTECTIVE SAFETY SCREEN PROJECT TO TAPANI, INC. BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$378,821.20 PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 FOR CONTINGENCIES.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Lee Wells

SECONDER:	Council Member Clyde Burkle
AYES:	Mayor Onslow, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Chipman, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1430 - Changes to Posted and Unposted Speed Limits for Portions of Pioneer Street, S. 15th Street, S 35th Place, S. 10th Way, S 25th Place, S. 4th Way, S. Wells Drive, S 11th Street, Union Ridge Parkway and S Hillhurst Road - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

At the October 10, 2024 meeting, Council postponed action on this item to the October 24, 2024 meeting. This is the second reading and request for action of proposed permanent speed limit changes on various roadways within the City. These were presented to Council during presentations as part of the Horizontal Curves Safety Project on September 12, and the public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 1430 at the September 26 Council meeting.

To summarize, these proposals are the outcome of a comprehensive safety study of city collectors and arterial, with particular emphasis on horizontal curves, as well as safety for all users. The engineering study conducted by the City Engineer considered prevailing speed, land use context and roadway conditions, including:

- Roadway environment, including roadside development, number and frequency of driveways and access points, and land use);
- Functional classification (principal or minor arterial, collector, etc.);
- Presence of on-street parking;
- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and activity;
- Roadway characteristics such as lane widths, shoulder condition, grade, alignment, median type, and sight distance;
- Geographic context such as an urban district, rural town center, non-urbanized rural area, suburban area, and scenic corridors;
- Reported crash experience for at least a 12-month period (including from both the 2022 and 2024 Ridgefield City Safety Plans); and
- A review of past speed studies to identify any trends in operating speeds.

The results of the engineering study include proposed speed limit changes for the following locations:

- Pioneer Street, east of 9th Avenue/Hillhurst to 65th Avenue, reduce from 40 mph to 35 mph;
- S. 15th Street/S 35th Place/S. 10th Way/S 25th Place, west of S Royle Road, establish a 25 mph speed limit for the entire scenic collector (Gee Creek Plateau)
- S. 4th Way, S 21st Place to S 25th Place, establish a 20 mph speed limit
- S. Wells Drive, Royle Rd. to future Discovery Drive (approximately 5500 block), reduce from 35 mph to 30 mph;
- Union Ridge Parkway, S 5th Street to Pioneer Street, establish a 35 mph speed limit;
- Union Ridge Parkway, north of Pioneer Street along Clark College building to a future extension to N 10th Street, establish a 25 mph speed limit for the current and future corridor
- S Hillhurst Road, Great Blue to south of Carty Road, reduce from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Following the staff report, the City Council discussed proposed changes to speed limits and presented the

following motion.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1430 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO SPEED LIMITS OF THE FOLLOWING CITY STREETS:

- **Gee Creek Plateau Corridor** from Royle Road west to S. 25th Place: **25 MPH**
- **S 4th Way**: **20 MPH**
- **Union Ridge Parkway**, from S 5th Street to Pioneer Street: **35 MPH**
- **Union Ridge Parkway**, from Pioneer Street to S. 10th Street: **25 MPH**
- **S Hillhurst Road**, from S. Great Blue Road to NW 229th Street: **35 MPH** *(no change from current speed)*
- **S Wells Drive**, from Royle Road to the future Discovery Drive: **35 MPH** *(no change from current speed)*
- **Pioneer Street**, east of 9th/Hillhurst Road to 65th Avenue: **35 MPH**

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and Action on Resolution 656 - Adoption of Water System Plan Update and Water Use Efficiency Goals - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

State regulations require municipal water suppliers to maintain a Department of Health-approved Water System Plan (WSP), with the City’s last approval in 2013. The updated 2024 WSP, prepared in collaboration with partners including Clark Public Utilities, Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue, and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, addresses a 20-year planning strategy for water system capacity, efficiency, and capital facilities needs. Water Use Efficiency (WUE) goals for the next 6 years have also been updated and reviewed by the community. A public hearing is required for Council to take action on the WSP and WUE goals, both mandated by the Washington State DOH.

Mayor Onslow Opened the Hearing: 9:10PM

No testimony was received.

Mayor Onslow Closed the Hearing: 9:11PM

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 656 TO ADOPT THE WATER SYSTEM PLAN 2024 UPDATE AND WATER USE EFFICIENCY GOALS AS PRESENTED.

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

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IX. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Wells: Attended the AIG open house, City Manager briefing, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Council Member Burkle: Attended the AIG open house, ribbon-cutting ceremony, volunteered for the Green Bag Project, participated in the budget advisory meeting, and attended the City Manager briefing.

Council Member Favela: Reminded the Council that the last high school football game is on Friday, October 25.

Council Member Chipman: Provided an update on Neighbors Helping Neighbors, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and participated in the City Manager briefing.

Council Member Davis: Attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the WSU Identity Clark County event.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole: Attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and gave an update on the school board vacancy appointment.

2. Mayor

Mayor Onslow: Attended the City Manager briefing, ribbon-cutting ceremony, YMCA meeting, meetings with the County Council, AIG open house, and ICC meeting.

3. City Manager

Public Works Director Chuck Green: Provided an update on the Pioneer Street closure.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus: Provided an update on the First Saturday event.

X. ADJOURN

9:32PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Ron Onslow, Mayor