



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON**

**City Council MEETING MINUTES**

**September 22, 2022**

**Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM**

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

**1. 2023 Budget - Personnel, Initiatives and Capital Projects**

**GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

| Attendee Name | Title     | Status  | Arrived |
|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Ron Onslow    | Councilor | Present |         |
| Lee Wells     | Councilor | Present |         |
| Jen Lindsay   | Mayor     | Present |         |
| Rob Aichele   | Councilor | Present |         |
| Judy Chipman  | Councilor | Present |         |
| Rachel Coker  | Councilor | Absent  |         |
| Matt Cole     | Councilor | Present |         |

MOTION: COUNCIL MEMBER AICHELE MOVED TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER COKER FROM THE MEETING.

SECOND: COUCNIL MEMBER ONSLOW.

MOTION PASSED.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

City Manager Steve Stuart - Yes, remove Proclamation off agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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## CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Ron Onslow, Councilor                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rob Aichele, Councilor                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Cole |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Coker                                          |

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll
2. Approval of Minutes from the September 8, 2022 Meeting

### PRESENTATION

Washington State Legislative Update - Mike Burgess

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Motion - Selection of Vendor for Roundabout Grapes

After multiple discussions between City Council and City staff from late 2014 to the present, City Council formally memorialized the purpose of grapes planted in the 56<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> roundabouts along SR501/Pioneer Street as follows: The Roundabout Grapes were planted as - and will continue to be - a reminder of and testament to the vibrant winemaking community in and around Ridgefield. The City Council also memorialized a process for determining the use of the roundabout grapes each year. The first step in that process is to research possible vendors who would be willing to work with the City on creating a product from the grapes which will remain as public property for non-pecuniary uses. In 2022, City staff reached out to winemakers around Clark County to determine interest in working with the City to store, process, and ultimately bottle wine from the marechal foch roundabout grapes. Direct outreach was also undertaken by Councilors, leading to contact and interest by 14 Acres Winery owner David Regan. No other wineries replied to the requests. If City Council chooses to proceed with selection of 14 Acres as the 2022 roundabout grapes vendor, City staff will begin work with the vendor immediately to finalize a vendor agreement which will come before City Council.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE 14 ACRES WINERY AS THE VENDOR FOR 2022 RIDGEFIELD ROUNDABOUT GRAPES.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Ron Onslow, Councilor                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rob Aichele, Councilor                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Cole |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Coker                                          |

#### 2. Motion - Approval of Ridgefield Heights Phase 1 & 2 Final Plat

The Ridgefield Heights project area is south of Pioneer Street/SR 501 and north of S 10th Way. Phases 1 and 2 are in the southeast portion of the project. The applicant proposes to subdivide Phases 1 and 2 (Assessor's # 213745000, 28.6 acres, RLD-4) into 100 single-family detached residential lots. The lots range from 5,512 square feet (Lot 31) to 9,953 square feet (Lot 48). The average lot area is 6,753 square feet, in compliance with the minimum average lot area of 6,000 square feet established through the post-decision review. Public streets or private drives provide direct access to each of the lots in Phases 1 & 2. Staff finds that the applicant has addressed all other applicable planning conditions of approval from the preliminary plat and post-decision review and all other land use comments.

City Council discussion.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE RIDGEFIELD HEIGHTS PHASE 1 & 2 FINAL PLAT WITH A CONDITION OF COMPLETION OF SOUTH 35<sup>TH</sup> PLACE AS DETAILED IN SECTION 5B OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO OBTAINING MYLAR SIGNATURES.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jen Lindsay, Mayor                             |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lee Wells, Councilor                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Cole |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Coker                                          |

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#### COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

##### Council

Council Member Cole - Attended Ridgefield arts association meeting and provided an update.

Council Member Chipman - Attended Clark Regional Wastewater District meeting, Octoberfest event, City Manager briefing.

Council Member Wells - Attended 2 pre-application conferences, Alliance meeting.

Council Member Aichele - Attended 2 pre-application conferences, helped with the set up for Octoberfest event, Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Onslow - Attended Octoberfest event, CDBG meeting, C-Tran meeting, RTC meeting, City Manager briefing, Alliance meeting.

##### Mayor

Attended WA State Transportation commission meeting.

Congratulations to Council Member Onslow on First Citizen award.

Thank you to Chief Brooks for his service to the Ridgefield Police Department.

##### City Manager

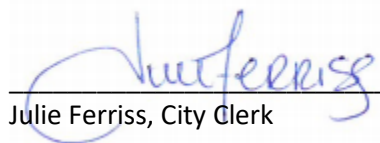
Chief Brooks - Thanked the City Council and City staff for the support.

City Manager Steve Stuart - Provided an update on WA Transportation Commission meeting. Thanked Chief Brooks for his service to the City.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson - State Auditor exit interview is scheduled for Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - First Saturday event update provided.

**ADJOURN** - [7:50 PM](#)

  
Julie Ferriss, City Clerk  
Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor