



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
City Council MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

STUDY SESSION - 5:30 PM

1. Presentation on Eligible Use of ARPA Funding

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	
Don Stose	Mayor	Present	
Jen Lindsay	Councilor	Present	
Rob Aichele	Councilor	Present	
Judy Chipman	Councilor	Present	
Rachel Coker	Councilor	Present	

NOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER CHIPMAN AND COKER SEATED AT THE DIAS AFTER APPOINTMENT SELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF POSITION NO.7

Oath of Office - City Council Position No. 7, Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

City Council deliberated and appointed Judy Chipman to Position No. 7 by paper ballot vote.

Oath of Office administered by City Clerk, Julie Ferriss.

DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF POSITION NO. 2

Oath of Office - City Council Position No. 2, Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

City Council deliberated and appointed Rachel Coker to Position No. 2 by paper ballot vote.

Oath of Office administered by City Clerk, Julie Ferriss.

Council Member Onslow made a statement into the record regarding City Council appointment process

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments received during public testimony can be heard on the City's website under <https://ridgefieldwa.us/government/city-council-meeting-audio-files/>

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Onslow, Councilor
SECONDER:	Lee Wells, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

- 1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2021 Meeting**

BUSINESS

1. Motion - Approval of the Crossing Phase 3 Final Plat

The Ridgefield Hearing Examiner approved the Ridgefield Crossing mixed use master plan and preliminary subdivision plat on July 27, 2018. Ridgefield Crossing includes three residential phases with a total of 133 single-family attached lots. The subject final plat, The Crossing Phase 3, was formerly known as Ridgefield Crossing Phase A. The applicant proposes to subdivide the 4.4-acre site into 45 single-family attached (townhouse) residential lots. The lots range from 1,759 square feet (Lot 22) to 4,259 square feet (Lot 13), consistent with the lot sizes approved through the Ridgefield Crossing mixed use master plan and preliminary subdivision plat. The average lot size is 2,414 square feet. The townhouses will be grouped in sets of two, three, or four units.

MOTION - MOVED TO APPROVE CROSSING PHASE 3 FINAL PLAT AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

2. Resolution No. 597 - Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) for Ridgefield Roundabout Grapes - Steve Stuart, City Manager

In early 2016, after over a year of planning and preparation with council and public input, the City Council authorized the planting of grapes within the City roundabouts at 56th and 65th, discussing the unique opportunity to promote economic development, civic identity, and the local wine and agricultural uses of the region in and around Ridgefield; and in Spring and Fall of 2016, grapes were planted within the 56th and 65th roundabouts; and though informal direction was given to City staff regarding planting, maintenance, and use of the roundabout grapes, there was no formal action taken regarding the purpose of the project, or any requirement for maintenance and use agreements to come back before Council. In 2018, the first harvest of grapes from the roundabouts was ready and after obtaining chemical analysis of the grapes, which showed no adverse impact from chemicals, Council gave approval to move forward with harvest of the grapes for wine which would be produced by local winemaker, Gouger; and on September 10, 2020, City staff presented the vendor agreement with Gouger for the 2018 Ridgefield Roundabout Red, as well as information on the status of 2020 grapes (due to excessive smoke in the area, testing was conducted which showed some smoke damage to the grapes); and at the September meeting, Council discussed the future uses of the grapes, the need for contracts before transfer of grapes to any entity, and the original purpose for the project, and on March

11, 2021, Council formally directed City staff to return to Council for clear, specific Council direction on the purpose and processes associated with any further use of the roundabout grapes; and the City Council wishes to provide clarification to City staff for the purposes and processes associated with future use of the roundabout grapes. SLI to also include statement/process for artwork on the labeling.

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 597 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Onslow, Councilor
SECONDER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

3. Resolution No. 596 - Authorization to Submit a Ballot Measure for a 0.2% Sales Tax to the Voters - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

The Ridgefield TBD was formed in 2008 to provide funding for the city match for the I-5 interchange project. The project was completed and closed out in 2012 and the funding source expired as of the close-out of the project. In December 2018, the City Council assumed the rights, powers, functions and obligations of the Ridgefield TBD and expanded the TBD jurisdiction to include the full city limits. In December 2018 Council adopted a new funding source of a \$20.00 vehicle licensing fee on all eligible vehicles within the Ridgefield jurisdiction. Funding for the Ridgefield TBD is used for the pavement preservation program to maintain and preserve the cities roadways. Council has directed city staff to review and bring funding options to increase funding for the pavement preservation program, to ensure roadways are maintained, deferred maintenance of the roadways is reduced, and that the average pavement condition of the street network remains steady. Council chose two options to be determined by separate actions. The first option is to increase the vehicle licensing fee to \$30.00 which can be adopted by a vote of a majority of the council. The vehicle licensing fee increase would be implemented 180 days (February 8, 2022) after a majority vote to adopt. The second option is to take a request to the Ridgefield voters to adopt a two tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales tax. In the event the sales tax is adopted by the voters in November 2021, the Council intends to repeal the vehicle licensing fee, when the sales tax option is implemented 180 days after certification of the election (June 2022). An Ordinance to increase the vehicle licensing fee to \$30.00 was considered by separate action.

City Council discussion.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 596 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Onslow, Councilor
SECONDER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

4. Motion - Appoint "For" and "Against" Committee for Ballot Measure

For each measure from a jurisdiction that is to be placed on the ballot, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall formally appoint committees "for" and "against" the measure. This must be done by the statutory deadline. The statutory deadline for the November 2, 2021 general election is August 3, 2021. The jurisdiction shall appoint people known to favor the measure to serve on the "for" committee and shall appoint people known to oppose the measure to serve on the "against" committee. Committee members must be residents of the district they are writing statements "for" or "against." If such people are not immediately known, the jurisdiction is encouraged to formally notify the public that members of the "for" and "against" committees are being sought. Each committee shall not have more than three

members; however, a committee may seek the advice of other people. Once the “for” and “against” committees for the measure are appointed, the voters’ pamphlet coordinator for the Elections Office will email the members of the committees with deadlines, a link to this guide, the full text of the resolution, explanatory statements and final ballot titles.

Members of the “FOR” committee are Clyde Burkle, Gene McCann and Mike McCamish.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPOINT CLYDE BURKLE, GENE MCCANN AND MIKE MCCAMISH TO THE "FOR" COMMITTEE.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

5. 2378 : Motion to Appoint "For" and "Against" Committee for Ballot Measure

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Members of the “AGAINST” committee are Mike Lowrey, Cathy Hughes and Doug Wakefield.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPOINT MIKE LOWREY, CATHY HUGHES AND DOUG WAKEFIELD TO THE "AGAINST" COMMITTEE.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Rachel Coker, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1346 – Increase the Vehicle Licensing Fee to Fund the Construction, Preservation, and Maintenance of Transportation Improvements in the City of Ridgefield - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

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preservation program to maintain and preserve the cities roadways. Council has directed city staff to review and bring funding options to increase funding for the pavement preservation program, to ensure roadways are maintained, deferred maintenance of the roadways is reduced, and that the average pavement condition of the street network remains steady. Council chose two options to be determined by separate actions. The first option is to increase the vehicle licensing fee to \$30.00 which can be adopted by a vote of a majority of the council. The vehicle licensing fee increase would be implemented 180 days (February 8, 2022) after a majority vote to adopt. The second option is to take a request to the Ridgefield voters to adopt a two tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales tax. In the event the sales tax is adopted by the voters in November 2021, the Council intends to repeal the vehicle licensing fee, when the sales tax option is implemented 180 days after certification of the election (June 2022).

City Council discussion.

Mayor Opened the Public Hearing: 7:33PM

Sandy Schill

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Mayor Closed the Public Hearing: 7:35PM

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Onslow - Thanked Bambi Heup for participating in Council selection process, attended Abrams Park Nature Play area volunteer event.

Council Member Coker - Thanked Council for appointment, attended Abrams Park Nature Play area volunteer event.

Council Member Wells - Attended City Manager briefing, CRWWD meeting.

Council Member Aichele - Attended grand opening for library, Gee Creek trail improvement meeting, Main Street meeting, Chamber of Commerce meeting, Abrams Park Nature Play area volunteer event, musicians at the park.

Council Member Lindsay - Attended grand opening for library, AWC committee meeting.

Council Member Chipman - Attended grand opening for library, Main Street meeting.

Mayor

Attended grand opening for library, Raptors game the proceeds from that game went to Pink Lemonade project to help those that are battling from breast cancer.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Welcomed Council Member Coker and Chipman, Sugars BBQ is open, Gee Creek

trail improvement meeting, Farm to Table event update, musicians at the park event.

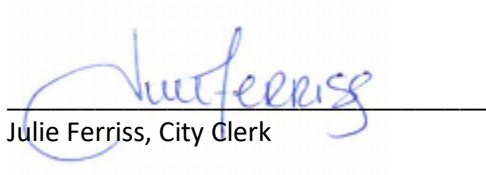
Finance Director Kirk Johnson - GFOA award.

Community Development Director Claire Lust - County vacant building land model update.

Public Works Director Bryan Kast - Pavement preservation update.

Police Chief John Brooks - National Night Out event, lateral police officer hiring update.

ADJOURN - [7:51 PM](#)



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Don Stose, Mayor