



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
City Council MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

STUDY SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

1. Pavement Preservation Update

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	Present	
Matt Cole	Councilor	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATION

Pride Month

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:	Rachel Coker, Councilor
SECONDER:	Ron Onslow, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker, Cole

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2022 Meeting

BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1366– Budget Amendment - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

The budget amendment totals \$2,334,800 in total appropriations and includes \$388,300 in additional revenue for 2022. Revenue increases include \$338,300 in grant awards and \$50,000 in insurance recoveries for damage to city infrastructure. The amendment also includes \$1,816,000 in interfund transfers to fund the budget amendment requests. Appropriations include \$96,500 in General Fund software, equipment, and consultant costs, \$210,000 for street fund operations and purchase of crossing signals, and \$10,000 for consultant expense in the water operating fund. An additional \$2 million is requested or reappropriated for capital outlay for design, engineering, and construction expense. Overall fund balance impact will be a decrease of \$1,946,500.

MOTION: MOVED TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1366, WITH STAFF TO DETERMINE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE RAILROAD PROJECT.

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

2. Resolution No. 611 – Approval of Designation of Official Newspaper - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

RCW 35A.21.230 provides that “Each code city shall designate an official newspaper by resolution. The newspaper shall be of general circulation in the city and have the qualifications prescribed by chapter 65.16 RCW”. City procurement policy requires services, including selection of the official newspaper, to be obtained using due diligence for both price and quality. Therefore, the city must have one official newspaper that it should contract with based on an annual bid process. The city may, of course, publish notices in newspapers in addition to the official newspaper. A request for bids was published in the Reflector and the Columbian with a deadline for submission no later than 2:00 PM on May 5, 2022. The bid is for publications during the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The city received one bid from the Columbian. The Columbian has been the official newspaper for the city for the past 4 years. There is no change to advertising rates when compared to the previous year. The Columbian has the highest circulation in Southwest Washington for any newspaper and includes online posting for legal notices.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 611 AS PRESENTED.

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

3. Motion - Approval of Kennedy Test Well Project Award

The Kennedy Test Well project is a step in securing those additional water rights. This project will drill a test well. During drilling, soils will be evaluated for suitability for water extraction, fine particles will be removed to optimize performance, a pumping test will be conducted to evaluate the maximum pumping rate possible while maintaining aquifer stability, and water quality testing to inform future treatment requirements will be completed. After testing this information will be submitted to the Department of Ecology and the City will proceed with applying for the additional rights at the Kennedy Farm. After testing and finalizing of all water right acquisition, from the Kennedy family and the additional rights pursued, the test well can be equipped for permanent use and the City can proceed with construction of additional wells at the Kennedy Farm location.

LOWEST BIDDER IS EMPIRE WELL DRILLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$875,300.

MOTION: MOVED TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR KENNEDY TEST WELL TO THE LOWEST BIDDER.

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

4. Motion - Approval of Amendment to City Safety Plan

This is a minor update to the previous safety plan to propose an additional project. The project will replace the existing pedestrian signal at S. Hawk Place and Ridgefield High School with High Intensity Activated Cross Walk pedestrian beacon at the intersection of S. Hawk Place and the secondary access to Ridgefield HS. The installation of this pedestrian beacon, high visibility crosswalk, advance stop bars, and pedestrian crossing signs and markings will provide a safer crossing alternative for students walking or biking across Hillhurst to travel home, the retail center off Royle Road, and to participate in after school events at the RORC and access other school campuses on Hillhurst. Adding this project to the safety plan will help with scoring on the Safe Routes to School Grant application.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT UPDATED LOCAL ROADS SAFETY PLAN AS PRESENTED.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Onslow - Lobbying in Washington DC, retirement party for City employee Fred Crippen, toured Galina Burley around the City.

Council Member Coker - Attended Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, Chamber Coffee Connection event is Friday morning at Lava Java.

Council Member Aichele - Lobbying in Washington DC, Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Wells - Attended Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, IT3 meeting, Port of Ridgefield workshop, City Manager briefing, Port of Ridgefield meeting, retirement party for City employee Fred Crippen.

Council Member Chipman - Attended Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, Chamber Coffee Connection event, County's Proposed Public Safety Sales Tax workshop, City Manager briefing.

Council Member Cole - Attended Ridgefield Arts Association meeting, County's Proposed Public Safety Sales Tax workshop.

Mayor

Lobbying in Washington DC, County's Proposed Public Safety Sales Tax workshop.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Boschma Farms groundbreaking ceremony is next Wednesday, wayfinding signs

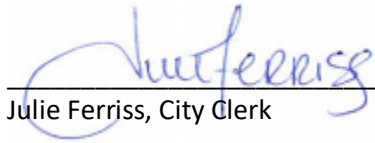
are installed, waterfront redevelopment update, County's Proposed Public Safety Sales Tax workshop update.

Community Development Director Claire Lust - Providing an update on employee recruitment, Michael Curtis is our new building official.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - Provided an update on upcoming city events.

Lieutenant City Doriot - New Police Officer update.

ADJOURN - [7:50 PM](#)



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor