



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Motion to excuse Council Member Onslow from the meeting - passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATION

Ridgefield Youth Arts Month

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

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

- 1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2022 Meeting**

PRESENTATION

- 1. 4Th Quarter 2021 Financial Report**
- 2. Refuge Park Masterplan Alternatives**

BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 607 – Amendment to Financial Policy #03: Credit Card Usage - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

Online reconciliation platform implemented 2021. Proposing changes to increase flexibility and to be consistent with best practice: have individual name and City of Ridgefield on each card for security, create form for management to request that an employee obtain card for operational need, document temporary increase/decrease in credit limit.

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

2. Resolution No. 608 – Terminating the Declaration of Civil Public Health Emergency and Related Emergency Plans - Steve Stuart, City Manager

Proposal to end emergency order for COVID-19. Emergency powers no longer necessary.

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

3. Motion - Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Ending Community Homelessness Organization

Conversation ongoing between City of Vancouver and Clark County: What measures may be taken to address underlying causes of homelessness and to assist those who are experiencing homelessness? Proposal to expand conversation to include smaller cities in Clark County, including Ridgefield. Memorandum of Agreement includes a charter to create a holistic approach to ending homelessness in Clark County and creates an organizational structure for ending community homelessness to include: 2 representatives from Vancouver, 2 from Clark County, 1 from each small city, 2 people who have experienced homelessness.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Chipman - Attended ribbon cutting ceremony, art association meeting, City Manager briefing, meeting with Randy Mueller.

Council Member Aichele - Attended CREDC annual event, ribbon cutting ceremony, Port of Ridgefield meeting, Lions club meeting, Friends of the Library update.

Council Member Coker - Attended School Board meeting, Chamber of Commerce update.

Council Member Wells - Attended CRWWD workshop, CREDC Annual event, City of Battle Ground council meeting, Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Mayor

Attended ribbon cutting ceremony, CREDC Annual event.

City Manager

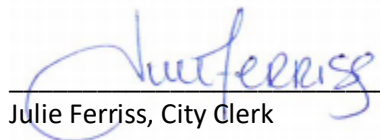
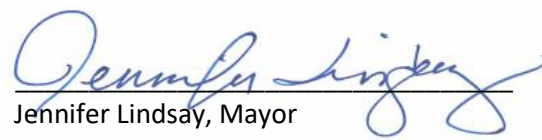
City Manager Steve Stuart - Provided an update on City Council appointment process, attended West Coast City Managers conference.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson - ARPA update - treasury is now allowing governments the option to use a standard allowance or the revenue loss calculation. Recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount for government services. An example of government services would be public safety. In 2021 the city expenditures related to public safety was \$2,063,594 which exceeded the remaining grant funds which total \$1,121,278.56.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - First Saturday event updates, recruitment update.

Police Chief John Brooks - Officer recruitment update.

ADJOURN - [8:20 PM](#)


Julie Ferriss, City Clerk
Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor