



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON**

**City Council MEETING MINUTES**

**February 24, 2022**

**Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM**

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**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 |         |

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Blood Donor Month**

**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> | Lee Wells, Councilor                            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker |

**1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**

**2. Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2022 Meeting**

**PRESENTATION**

**Port of Ridgefield Update, Randy Mueller**

**BUSINESS**

**1. Motion - Approval of Interagency Agreement Between the City of Ridgefield and City of La Center Relating to Law Enforcement Services**

Under Washington's Interlocal Cooperation Act, a law enforcement agency may enter into a contract with another law enforcement agency to provide mutual law enforcement assistance. The proposed interagency agreement between the City of Ridgefield and the City of La Center memorializes terms for Ridgefield PD to provide law enforcement resources to La Center PD so that it may continue to provide law enforcement services within the corporate boundaries of the City. The terms of the agreement provide that the Ridgefield Police Department will provide one or more police officers to La Center to supplement law enforcement staffing in the following manner: La Center will post available patrol shifts not covered by the La Center police department. Ridgefield officers may sign up to work available shifts and will be authorized by the Ridgefield Police Department to work those shifts provided it does not conflict with any coverage requirements in the City of Ridgefield, but Ridgefield will not assign officers who have not volunteered to work the available La Center shifts. Each City shall be responsible for the wrongful or negligent actions of its employees while providing police services to La Center. Each City also promises to hold harmless and release the other City from any loss, claim or liability arising from or out of the negligent actions or inactions. Either party may terminate the contract with seven (7) days written notice.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CENTER AND THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

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

**2. Motion - Approval of Downtown Street Tree Selection**

The flowering pear trees along the streets downtown have reached the end of their life and City Staff have created a 3-year plan to replace them, beginning this year with the most damaged trees or those that had lifted sidewalks causing tripping hazards. To replace the pear trees City staff consulted with an arborist to find native varieties of trees that would be suitable to grow in the limited space that the tree wells provide. Three varieties of flowering native trees, Cascara, Douglas Hawthorn and Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood, were selected and put onto Ridgefield Roundtable for input from the public. Consistent with the public survey, Council approved the Eddie White Wonder Dogwood.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE EDDIE WHITE WONDER DOGWOOD TO REPLACE TREES IN DOWNTOWN.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [5 TO 1]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Judy Chipman, Councilor                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Ron Onslow, Councilor                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Onslow, Wells, Lindsay, Chipman, Coker |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Aichele                                |

**3. Motion - Approval of an Agreement Between City of Ridgefield and Tesla, Inc**

In November 2021, the project developer for Tesla's Supercharger team in Washington State contacted City staff regarding the potential for a supercharger in Ridgefield. Tesla is expanding their charging network in the area and I wanted to inquire about potential opportunities for development with the City

of Ridgefield. After multiple discussions regarding multiple possible locations, the Ridgefield Park and Ride facility just east of the I-5 interchange was determined to be the optimal site for residents and Tesla.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD AND TESLA, INC AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

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

**4. Resolution No. 606 - Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

City staff recently contracted to remove two large black walnut trees from Overlook Park. The wood has value and City staff have received multiple requests to inquire if the trees would be sold. City staff would like to sell to offset the cost of purchasing and planting large new trees as a replacement at Overlook Park. Staff are estimating a value starting at \$2,500 for the trees. Cost to replace the trees are approximately \$20,000. In addition to the trees our public works utility staff have a 12" pressure sustaining altitude valve with solenoid that is no longer in use. Public Works facilities would like to surplus a 1990 Chevrolet Lift Gate Truck that is no longer operational and a 2003 Benko jetter trailer that is no longer needed in the city fleet. The final item added for surplus is a planning table that has been in storage that is no longer needed by CDD.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 606 AS PRESENTED.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Rachel Coker, Councilor                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judy Chipman, Councilor                         |
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**COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS**

**Council**

Council Member Chipman - Attended art association meeting, Riverview Bank grand opening, filming for the State of the City video, pre-application conference, Bryan Kast going away party, City Manager briefing.

Council Member Onslow - Attended Riverview Bank grand opening, grapes trimming at the roundabout, filming for the State of the City video.

Council Member Aichele - Attended Riverview Bank grand opening, pre-application conference, neighbors on watch meeting, Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Coker - Attended Lions club meeting where new members were introduced. Encourage citizens to get active and join local organizations.

Council Member Wells - Attended Riverview Bank grand opening, pre-application conference.

**Mayor**

Attended many of the same meeting, and in addition also attended Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Benefactor Event.

**City Manager**

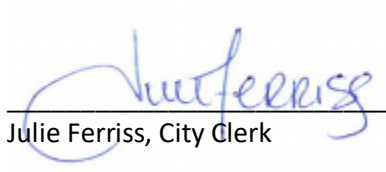
City Manager Steve Stuart - Training for new Board/Commission members, attended Growing SW Washington Event, State of the City is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM.

Community Development Claire Lust - Provided an update on new employee.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson - City received certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.

Police Chief John Brooks - Officers recognition and update.

**ADJOURN** - [7:27 PM](#)

  
Julie Ferriss, City Clerk  
Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor