



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron Onslow	Mayor	Present	
David Taylor	Councilor	Present	
Lee Wells	Councilor	Present	
Don Stose	Councilor	Present	
Darren Wertz	Councilor	Present	
John Main	Councilor	Present	
Sandra Day	Councilor	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add Business Item #4: Motion - Downtown Accessibility Project award.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:31 PM](#)

Norman Farrell - Resident

Comment regarding overnight camping Ordinance that's being proposed

Feel dismayed after reading the Ordinance

Applaud the provisions regarding public health and safety

Do feel that this Ordinance will unfairly target person who may be forced to seek shelter

Criminalize homelessness is a poor precedent for our community

Would like to encourage Council to reconsider proposed Ordinance to find other ways to address public health and safety concerns without wording that can serve to criminalize homelessness

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandra Day, Councilor
SECONDER:	Lee Wells, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Main, Day

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll

2. Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2018 Meeting

BUSINESS

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1257 – Ridgefield Municipal Code 8.17.010: Permitted Overnight Camping - John Brooks, Police Chief

Municipal code is silent on matters having to do with camping, it was recommended that an ordinance be drafted to offer guidance and a framework of rules having to do with camping within the city limits. This ordinance has been drafted with input from our city attorney, our WCIA legal representatives and in light of current court decisions regarding public camping.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1257 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Stose, Councilor
SECONDER:	Sandra Day, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Main, Day

2. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1258 - Complete Streets Policy - Bryan Kast, Public Works Director

Complete Streets refers to a policy and planning approach that ensures that streets are planned, designed, constructed and maintained in a way that accommodates users of all forms of transportation including pedestrians, cyclists and users of public transportation. In 2011 Washington State passed a Complete Streets Bill (HB 1071) creating a program that would provide grants to communities that met appropriate criteria, including having an adopted Complete Streets Policy. In 2015 the City Council Adopted Resolution 495 and established a Complete Streets Policy for the City of Ridgefield. Over the past two years City staff have implemented the Policy and provided annual reports to the Council on the progress. Recently the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), who administers the Complete Streets Grant program, concluded that jurisdictions must adopt Complete Streets Policies via ordinance rather than resolution to be eligible for grant funds. This ordinance repeals Resolution 495, and adopts the same Complete Streets Policy as an ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance conducted.

3. Motion - Approval of Main Street Access Interlocal Agreement - [6:42 PM](#)

The City of Ridgefield has partnered with Clark County and Western Federal Lands, part of the Federal Highway Administration, to construct a bicycle and pedestrian path between Ridgefield and the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. The new multi-modal path will be almost a ½ mile in length, and the proposed pathway along the west side of Main Avenue will provide safer access to the Refuge from the downtown core of Ridgefield. For efficiency the City offered to process the Shoreline permit for both city and county permitting processes, rather than having two distinct processes for each jurisdiction. The attached Interlocal Agreement authorizes Ridgefield to issue and administer a single Shoreline Substantial Development permit with the concurrence of Clark County. The Board of Clark County Councilors heard and approved this matter at their regularly scheduled hearing on February 20, 2018.

City Council conducted discussion.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CLARK COUNTY TO ISSUE AND ADMINISTER A SUBSTANTIAL SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE MAIN AVENUE ACCESS PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Stose, Councilor
SECONDER:	John Main, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Main, Day

4. Motion - Approval of Downtown Accessibility Project - [6:53 PM](#)

At the February 8th meeting City Council awarded Downtown Accessibility project Schedule A to AES for an amount of \$152,739. After meeting with CDBG additional grant money is available, staff is asking Council to rescind the previous motion and award Schedule A and B to AES in the amount of \$220,000.

MOTION: MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS AWARD OF SCHEDULE A AND RE-AWARD SCHEDULE A AND B OF DOWNTOWN ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT TO AES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lee Wells, Councilor
SECONDER:	Don Stose, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Main, Day

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:58 PM](#)

Amelia Shelley - Fort Vancouver Regional Library Executive Director
 Have met with Community Center board, looking into potentially expending Library using the existing community center space.
 Initial evaluation was conducted, we're continuing next steps of evaluations.
 Would like to have City's support if the new library was to get expended into community center space and continue working together.

Kathy Winters - Resident
 My goals is to see the new library get build, I'm excited to see that it may be happening.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council - [7:07 PM](#)

Council member Stose - Attended briefing with City Manager.
 Council member Day - Attended Main Street Program meeting.
 Council member Main - Attended C-Tran board of director's retreat.
 Council member Taylor - Attended Main Street Program meeting, Briefing with City Manager.
 Council member Wertz - Attended briefing with City Manager, Main Street Program meeting. Have also conducted follow-up regarding recent Washington DC trip.
 Council member Wells - Attended Port of Ridgefield meeting, Port of Ridgefield has a public hearing coming up on February 28th everyone should attend if you can.

Mayor

Attended CDBG board meeting, Main Street Program meeting, AWC Mayor's exchange.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Attended Main Street Program meeting, met with City of Shelton staff regarding their transition to a council/manager form of government, Clark County growth presentation.

Community Development Jeff Niten - Attended student advisory task force council.

Public Works Director Bryan Kast- Thank you to Public Works crew for all their hard work during the snow storm.

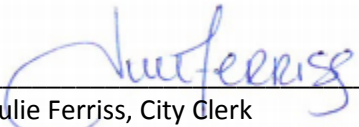
Finance Director Kirk Johnson - Investment portfolio report provided.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - March first Saturday event is Youth Arts.

Police Chief John Brooks - Provided a report on a stolen expensive bicycle, officers were able to locate stolen item and made an arrest.

FROM THE COUNCIL

ADJOURN - [7:26 PM](#)



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

Ron Onslow, Mayor