



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron Onslow	Councilor	Present	
Lee Wells	Councilor	Present	
Don Stose	Mayor	Present	
Sandra Day	Councilor	Present	
Jen Lindsay	Councilor	Present	
Rob Aichele	Councilor	Present	
Dana Ziemer	Councilor	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER RICK DORAN

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Onslow, Councilor
SECONDER:	Sandra Day, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Day, Lindsay, Aichele, Ziemer

- 1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2020 Meeting**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from the December 29, 2020 Special Meeting**

PRESENTATION

- 1. 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan**
- 2. 2021 Parks Board Work Plan**

BUSINESS

1. Motion - Approval of Pioneer Street Extension Design Contract Award

The City has received a \$5,812,000 Federal BUILD grant to expand and extend Pioneer Street into the Ridgefield Junction to improve freight and vehicle mobility, create family wage jobs and unlock vacant employment land for economic use. This project will provide access to employment lands, and Clark

College at Boschma Farms, growing an employment base for Ridgefield residents and those around the region. The Pioneer Street Extension Project will extend Pioneer Street approximately 400 feet east to a new roundabout that will then extend south approximately 1,100 feet to S. 5th Ave creating a major new arterial road. The project builds on recent improvements made by the Ridgefield Crossing Development. The Pioneer Street Extension Project will provide an arterial connection from I-5 to existing freight dependent business in Union Ridge Business Park, unlock 822 acres of underutilized employment land, create of family-wage jobs, provide access to the new Advanced Manufacturing Center at Clark College’s Boschma Farms and improve freight and traffic mobility and safety in the Ridgefield Junction. Staff published a request for proposals on December 1 and two proposals were received on December 22. The proposals were scored and interviews with both firms were conducted on December 24th. Based on the proposals and scoring PBS Engineering was selected for the design contract. Due to the expedited timeframe for the BUILD grant an \$86,000 “pre-design” contract was excited to allow survey, wetlands and archeological investigation efforts to begin.

City Council discussion.

MOTION: MOVED TO AWARD THE DESIGN CONTRACT FOR THE PIONEER STREET EXTENSION PROJECT TO PBS ENGINEERING.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Lee Wells, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Wells, Stose, Day, Lindsay, Aichele, Ziemer

PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and Motion to Approve Proposed CDBG Projects

Each year, Clark County receives approximately one million dollars in Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the objective of improving communities. The funds are then distributed to municipalities, organizations and groups through a competitive grant application process. Each October, the Clark County CDBG Program requests proposals from applicants in order to award the next year's CDBG funds. Proposals received are evaluated in several categories including infrastructure (roads, sewer, water, parks acquisition) and social services to determine which projects will receive the funding. Infrastructure projects must be completed in census data defined low/moderate income areas, or localized low/moderate income areas as demonstrated with an income survey. Final CDBG applications are due in early December. To be able to apply for CDBG funds the program requires that public meeting be held to inform residents about program objectives, eligible activities, and to solicit public comment on local needs. Based on feedback from the Public and Council staff is suggesting that a prioritized list of potential projects be prepared. Income surveys can then be completed on the list of projects to ensure that they are eligible well in advance of the grant deadline. Staff presented Council with 3 projects for consideration and discussion.

- 1. Gee Creek Loop
- 2. Marina
- 3. West Downtown

City Council conducted discussion.

Mayor Opened Public Hearing: 7:40PM
No testimony received.
Mayor Closed Public Hearing: 7:40PM

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE 1ST AND 2ND OPTION FOR CDBG PROJECTS, 1ST PROJECT TO BE GEE CREEK LOOP, 2ND PROJECT TO BE WEST DOWNTOWN AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
AYES:	Wells, Stose, Day, Lindsay, Aichele, Ziemer
NAYS:	Onslow

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Day - Attended virtual City/Port Legislative session, CRWWD meeting.
Council Member Aichele - Attended virtual City/Port Legislative session, Ridgefield Chambers of Commerce meeting.
Council Member Lindsay - Attended virtual City/Port Legislative session, City Manager briefing.
Council Member Onslow - Attended RTC meeting, C-TRAN meeting, virtual City/Port Legislative session, CDBG meeting.
Council Member Ziemer - Attended School Board meeting, City Manager briefing.
Council Member Wells - Attended virtual City/Port Legislative session, City Manager briefing.

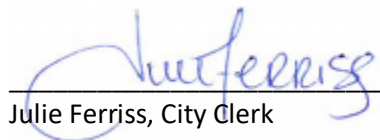
Mayor

Attended virtual City/Port Legislative session, City Manager briefing.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - We had busy year, lots of things are happening in Ridgefield.
Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - Recruitment updates provided, 2021 events update.
Public Works Director Bryan Kast - Public Works employee update, projects update provided.
Police Chief John Brooks - Check received from Cowlitz Tribe to cover the purchase of a new police vehicle.

ADJOURN - [7:56 PM](#)


Julie Ferriss, City Clerk
Don Stose, Mayor