



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:30 PM](#)

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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

None.

Oath of Office - Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor - [6:31 PM](#)

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Nominations for the Mayor:

MOTION: Council member Taylor moved to nominate Ron Onslow and Don Stose to serve as Mayor, respectively, with Ron to serve as Mayor until March 31, 2018, and thereafter for Don to serve as Mayor from April 1 through the end of the biennium--December 31, 2019.

SECOND: Council member Wertz.

Vote - Yes: Council member Taylor, Wertz, Main, Day, Stose, Wells and Mayor Onslow.

Vote - No: None

Motion Passed.

Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem:

MOTION: Council member Day nominated Council member Wells to serve as Mayor Pro Tem through December 31, 2019.

SECOND: Council Member Taylor.

Vote - Yes: Council member Taylor, Wertz, Main, Day, Stose, Wells and Mayor Onslow.

Vote - No: None

Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:43 PM](#)

Tevis Laspa - Resident

Gee Creek photo provided into the record.

Water quality coming in is different when going out.

Sent multiple emails to City staff.

Dirt pollution is going into our stream and it's not good for the fish.

Do we have the rules to minimize this pollution?

Are we enforcing them? Do I need to talk to someone else?

Mike Bomar - CREDC President

CREDC Annual Investor event is scheduled for January 24th at Windy Hills Winery.

Neal Kimsey - CRWWD Commissioner

Congratulations to Sandra Day for her appointment to the Fort Vancouver Library district board.

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED,

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

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll

2. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2017 & January 2, 2018 Meetings

PRESENTATION

1. Solid Waste Update by Waste Connections

Waste Connections staff presented update to City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1255 - Economic Catalyst Program - Jeff Niten, Community Development Director

The Economic Catalyst program is intended to encourage development of employment and/or commercial uses that will have a positive effect on the surrounding area by spurring additional job development, increasing sales tax revenue, increasing property values, or improving city resident's quality of life. Two sub-area plans, the Junction sub-area plan and the 45th and Pioneer sub-area plan, adopted by Council in 2015, identified land uses and future development potential that will have a significant impact on the Ridgefield built environment in the future. Because these two sub-areas are incredibly important to how the city grows, and because residents of Ridgefield consistently express the need for increased services and job opportunities, encouraging employment and commercial development in these two areas is a priority for the city. The ordinance identifies several criteria which the City Manager may use to evaluate potential catalyst projects. Existing and/or future land uses, property values, assemblage potential, proximity to Employment Centers, job creation, taxable value calculations, and improvement of quality of life for Ridgefield residents are all potential criteria. If any of these criteria are met the ordinance provides the city with the opportunity to spur development by reducing or eliminating fees including permitting fees for land use, engineering, construction and Traffic Impact Fees.

City Council conducted discussion.

Mayor opened the hearing: 7:05PM

Tevis Laspa - Resident

Have been in business for 35 years.

Never had I received economic incentives for doing what I did.

It is unfair for other businesses.

Questions regarding general fund and traffic impact fees.

Mike Bomar - CREDC President

Thank you for your interest an economic development.

Kudos for the subarea planning - setting infrastructure for success.

Business needs.

Businesses are asking for amenities.

If this is done well there is a lot of good things - does not set you up for failure.

We will work with the City on what is decided.

Roy Garrison - Resident

Question - Is there a sunset for this Ordinance?

How do you intent to handle when you need to turn someone down?

Mayor closed the hearing: 7:12PM

First Reading conducted

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:12 PM](#)

None received.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council - [7:12 PM](#)

Council Member Main - Attended C-TRAN board meeting.

Council Member Wertz - Attended City Manager briefing.

Council Member Day - Attended City Manager briefing, CRWWD board meeting, and Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Taylor - Attended City Manager briefing.

Council Member Stose - Attended Leadership Clark County with students of Ridgefield High School.

Council Member Wells - Attended 5 meetings.

Mayor - [7:18 PM](#)

Attended numerous meeting including dark fiber project meeting, RTC meeting, CDBG meeting, Leadership Clark County and City Manager briefing.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Economic Forecast breakfast, Vancouver to Ridgefield Trail Alignment Stakeholders Meeting and Clark College State of the College Address are scheduled for January 18th.

City Attorney Janean Parker - Litigation update provided.

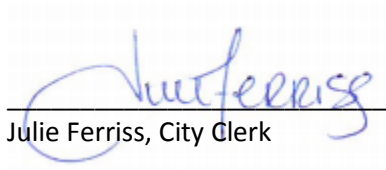
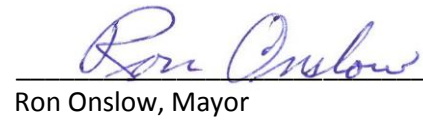
Community Development Director Jeff Niten - Community Development report provided.

Public Works Director Bryan Kast - Provided an update regarding the boulder that was moved due to an accident at the 56th roundabout.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus - Provided update on new employee hires, 2018 events postcard has been mailed out to residents.

FROM THE COUNCIL

ADJOURN - [7:30 PM](#)


Julie Ferriss, City Clerk
Ron Onslow, Mayor