

City of Cosmopolis

Regular Council Meeting
March 16, 2011

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

Councilmembers Present: Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring, Frank Chestnut, and Karen Cox

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

MEETING
CALLED TO
ORDER

Chief Stratton and Councilperson Debbi Moran are unexcused. (Note Chief Stratton arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Minutes of March 2nd meeting and Vouchers 16621 through 16735 were not approved pending review by Councilman Chestnut.

MINUTES
APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE

Planning – Carl Sperring reported that the Planning Commission met. They held discussion on possible changes to the Waterfront Use District. No action taken. They also discussed Phase III & IV of the Downtown Corridor Project and what type of trees would be appropriate. The Planning Commission also discussed the Mill Creek Dam and what we want to do about it.

Public Safety – Karen Cox said they had a Fire Committee meeting and discussed one and three year goals for the department.

Coastal Community Action - met last night. Some United Way members in attendance.

Economic Development – State of Grays Harbor will be tomorrow. Attorney Hyde and Mayor Raines will be attending.

Grays Harbor Transit – Looking at new buses and fuel costs.

Legislative – Carl Sperring reported that 2800 bills were introduced this session, there are 2200 left. SHB5630 re: requiring the election of municipal judges has died. SHB 5575 regarding biomass is in committee.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Chief Stratton presented a surplus list that will be handed out to Council for action at next Council meeting.

POLICE

Fire – Al Burrows said they took on another recruit, Brandon Siano. This brings the department to 18 members, if the last three recruits pass probation. Mayor Raines noted that three retired firemen were recognized in the Daily World. Chief Burrows said that Dick Bramstedt had 44 years, Todd Moulton – 28 years and Bob Smith – 25 years.

FIRE

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said he has been reviewing the first draft of the Downtown III & IV plans that include all changes requested by Maxi and Cosmo. Darrin said that we will be planting the same type of maple, only in the middle of the blocks, as we already. They will be planted with root barriers to stop the roots from spreading out and ruining sidewalks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Darrin wanted to thank Chief Stratton and his staff for his assistance with an incident at Mill Creek Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR

Mayor Raines said that after discussion at the retreat on the Festival in the Park, a letter will be drafted and brought back to the Council regarding solicitation for sponsors.

Risk Management personnel recommended that Council not have a Planning Committee, as they may unduly influence the Planning Commission on certain decisions. Mayor Raines said that she would like to dissolve the Planning Committee as allowed in the Municipal Code. Kathy or Darrin can report to the Council on the Planning meetings.

Mayor Raines presented a picture of the trailhead by Lion's Park that was taken by Mayor Bruce of Westport. We will display the picture in City Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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A. Ordinance No. 1240 – Change meeting schedule

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1240 changing meeting schedules was read in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Karen Cox, Ordinance No. 1240 is approved. Roll call Karen Cox – yes, Frank Chestnut – yes, Carl Sperring – yes and Jim Ancich – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. Authorize Mayor Raines to sign Interagency Agreement with Grays Harbor County

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Karen Cox Mayor Raines is authorized to sign Interagency Agreement with Grays Harbor County.

B. Authorize Mayor Raines to sign field use agreement with Harbor Youth Soccer

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Karen Cox Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Harbor Youth Soccer field use agreement.

C. Ordinance No. 1241 – Temporary change in B & O rate

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1241 temporarily changing the B & O rate for everyone. Mayor Raines explained that we had a request from Cosmo Specialty Fiber, Richard Bassett asking us to reduce the B & O rate to .001487 from .002 for five years. Hoquiam did this for a couple of businesses that started up in the last couple of years. Mayor Raines said that since we have not been collecting anything for five years, any taxes we collect will be beneficial. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Jim Ancich Ordinance No. 1241 was approved. Roll call Karen Cox – yes, Frank Chestnut – yes, Carl Sperring – yes and Jim Ancich – yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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Councilman Sperring said that two Cosi firemen went to a fundraiser in Seattle. Steve Davis and Jerron Pierson completed the 69 sets of stairs. Carl also wished Councilperson Karen Happy Birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

