

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

**MEETING  
CALLED TO  
ORDER**

Councilmember Karen Cox and Public Works Director Darrin Raines are excused.

**Public Hearing –setting levies 2012 Budget**

Attorney Hyde opened public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1251 regarding the EMS Levy. Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1253 regarding the Property Tax Levy for 2012 budget. Public hearing closed 7:12 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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It was moved by Councilmember Moran to Approve the Agenda and seconded by Councilmember Carl Sperring. Motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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AGENDA  
MINUTES  
APPROVED**

Motion was made by Councilmember Chestnut and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the November 02, 2011 meeting and Claims Vouchers 17360 through 17399 in the amount of 371,611.76. Motion was approved.

**COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety** – Councilmembers Ancich and Cox met with Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss 2012 budgets.

**Greater Grays Harbor** – Will meet on November 18, 2011 to approve merger effective 01-01-12. Accepting letters of interest for board membership.

**Coastal Community Action** – wind project doing well.

**Council of Government** – Councilmember Chestnut said that the meeting was business as usual. December meeting will be the annual dinner meeting.

**E 9-1-1** – Mayor Raines reported that 2012 budget approved. There will be a 3.51% increase in rates for 2012.

**Legislative** – Councilman Sperring reported that legislators are trying to come up with a way to balance budget with declining revenues. They are looking at cuts and also tax increases. They are also looking at ways to lure Boeing to manufacture the Boeing 737MAX in the State of Washington. They meet again November 28<sup>th</sup> in special session to try to balance the budget. The State is also looking at cutting funding that assists small cities to send officers to Police Academy. Chief Stratton said that the outlay now would be around \$3500. This has not been completely outlined at this time.

**CITY  
OFFICIALS**

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Attorney** Hyde is looking at contracts for Fire Department that will satisfy the Auditor’s office.

**Police** – Chief Stratton said it has been a busy 1 ½ weeks we have taken four suspects into custody

for attempted burglaries. They were caught on scene. He wanted to thank an alert Cosmopolis resident for calling one of them in. Darrin advised Police that someone has been digging up electrical boxes at Lion's Park to clip wire. People are getting desperate. One of the burglaries we caught was someone cutting wire out of a house that was vacant. Newest Officer Matt Nelson will be taking a leave for surgery on his thumb to repair damage done in incident while he was still an officer in Westport. He will be out about 6 weeks starting December 5<sup>th</sup>. Rest of staff will be returning to on-call status.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Raines said that we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Downtown Corridor Project. Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. City Hall and Public Works will be excused to attend. Maxi Burger and Luna Rana will be serving refreshments. Mayor Raines said that invitations went out to Rognlin's, Department of Transportation staff, Norm Dicks office will be represented by Sara Crum, Rosemarie Sapola, the five county director of RTPO. We obtained, through that organization, the second grant for the project. Scott Marshall, Weyerhaeuser, will be sending Anthony Chavez who was instrumental in getting us the \$70,000 matching funds from Weyerhaeuser. We will also have representation from Mike Entz at Cosmo. The current Chamber and EDC are partnering with us to help us do this. Mayor Raines said that at tomorrow's Flood Authority meeting, the membership of Cosmopolis and Napavine will be addressed. Aberdeen Mayor Simpson brought a letter supporting the addition of these two entities to the Flood Authority. Mayor Raines said she will be sending a letter of appreciation to Mayor Ron Schillinger, Montesano, and Mayor Garland French, Ocean Shores, both of whom have been extremely supportive. They both attended the grand opening of the Pulp Mill and they both offered to loan us money over the past few years to help us through a tough time. Mayor Raines will be sending them a letter to wish them well, neither one of them chose to run for reelection this past year.

**MAYOR**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Raines said they are working on certification for Cosmopolis Police Department with Union. Frank asked if he should recuse himself as he works for the Union and thought there might be a possible conflict. Mayor Raines said that was not necessary as we would not be voting on anything, she is just giving a status update. We had some concerns regarding the Deputy Police Chief and the Court Clerk. She provided some information to the Union representative and spoke with Chip Elliot and Wayne Thompson yesterday. They have provided a memorandum of understanding that will distinguish between the duties of Deputy Chief Layman and Clerk Willet when they are doing the non bargaining unit duties. We have worked out this detail with PERC and certification should take place by the end of this week or the first on next week. At that time the union will be meeting with Wayne Thompson and then with the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance No. 1251 – 2012 EMS Levy**

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 2012 setting 2012 EMS Levy passed. Attorney Hyde read ordinance in Public Hearing.

**B. Ordinance No. 1252 – 2011 Budget Amendment**

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1242 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and

**NEW BUSINESS**

seconded by Debbi Moran Ordinance No. 1252 passed.

**C. Ordinance No. 1253 – 2012 Property Tax Levy**

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1253 passed. Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1253 in Public Hearing.

**D. Resolution No. 2011-07 – Downtown Corridor Impact Fee**

Mayor Raines explained the economic loss suffered by Bum Kim that amounted to about \$32,000 when we had basically blocked entrance to his businesses. These funds come out of the cost of the project as an impact fee. The Council has been previously apprised of this situation. Public Works Director feels that \$18,000 is appropriate. When we had the previous Downtown Corridor projects we did not block access to businesses like the Hong Kong. Attorney Hyde said that he also spoke with Municipal Research and they said that this is a perfectly legitimate cost. Attorney Hyde read Resolution 2011-07 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Resolution 2011-07 passed. Jim Ancich voted no. He said that we did not reimburse the businesses on the first two phases and does not feel we should do so now.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor