

**City of Cosmopolis**  
**November 2, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Kyle Pauley, Jim Ancich and Carl Sperring

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Hyde, Deputy Clerk Julie Pope, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Mayor Chestnut excused Fire Chief Jerry Schreck and Finance Director Cheryl Turner.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**

Mayor Chestnut asked Public Works Director Raines to lead the Public Hearing. Director Raines explained the purpose of having a Transportation Benefit District and the two ways of funding the District. Mr. Ed Van Syckle of 135 Alder Drive asked if the monies would apply to labor, materials & design costs. Director Raines stated that the funds would apply to professional services to do the projects, but not the maintenance services that the City provides. Mr. John Wright of 828 Ocean Avenue asked if the Director had a sense of where we would approach Corbin Road. Director Raines stated that all projects are scored. Scores that are in the medium range is what seems to be funded most rather than new construction. Mr. Ben King of 712 Stanford Drive asked who is paying the tax. Director Raines stated that if the sales tax method is passed, it would be anyone who purchases goods in the City of Cosmopolis whether they live here or not. If the \$20 tab fee was selected, it would be anyone who lives in the City that has a licensed vehicle and/or trailer. Mr. Ed Van Syckle asked if the tax would exclude utilities. Director Raines stated it does not apply to utilities as they are not subject to sales tax. Duncan of Third Street asked what have we explored as an alternative to the tax. Director Raines stated that if we institute the license tab fee, it gives no voice to the taxpayer. We are still looking for other alternatives. Mr. Ken Cummings of Stanford Drive asked if we will hear the Council's thoughts on the Transportation Benefit District. Mayor Chestnut stated that this will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting which is November 16, 2016.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 19, 2016 regular meeting and workshop minutes and vouchers #22115 through #22132 in the amount of \$22,478.41. Motion approved.

**CITY OFFICIALS**

**Finance** – Deputy Clerk Pope stated that the Budget is coming up. Deputy Clerk Pope stated that this year's budget for expenditures are down by \$359,000 from last year.

**Police** – We received the radar for the new patrol car. The car is now in Olympia to get the equipment installed. We now have everything but a Moving Vehicle Recorder. We are waiting to apply for a grant. We should know something in January. Officer Byron has done most of his testing with Aberdeen PD. He takes his last test tomorrow. Within a couple of weeks, we will probably be down to four officers.

**Fire** – Mayor Chestnut stated that Fire Chief Schreck and Deputy Fire Chief Dutton were able to get a grant for \$172,500 to replace, maintain, and keep their air packs up to date for 10 years. They are also working on a grant to replace some older equipment.

**Public Works** – One of the major permits from Department of Fish & Wildlife has been officially submitted. Should be receiving the final go ahead from the Corp of Engineers at any time. Director Raines met with the Applied Sciences teacher from Aberdeen High School. The students did a study of Mill Creek last year. We have asked his class to get in on the construction and post construction water quality testing.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chestnut scheduled a Budget workshop for November 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Chestnut stated that he will be creating a new Department Head position. This person would be responsible for Public Works, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, and Finance. This person would act as a buffer between the department heads and the Mayor. This position would be a City Administrator. Mayor Chestnut expects this to happen after the first of the year. The Consolidation of Essential Services is moving forward. It is in a preliminary stage. This will be a very long process.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pauley wanted to remind everyone to vote.

Councilmember Sperring wanted to remind the public that for the Transportation Benefit District if the City goes with the \$20 car tab fee, the Council can impose it without a vote. If the City goes with the Sales Tax increase, it would be voted on by the citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Ed Van Syckle asked what the Mayor meant when he referred to air packs. Mayor Chestnut stated that they are the air tanks that firemen wear on their backs.

Meeting adjourned.

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Deputy Clerk

Attest:

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Mayor