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Warrenton City Commission  
Regular Meeting - April 12, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers  
225 S. Main  
Warrenton, Or 97146

Mayor Mark Kujala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., then led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Tom Dyer, Rick Newton, Henry Balensifer, Pam Ackley, Mayor Mark Kujala

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt Fritsch, City Attorney Harold Snow, City Recorder Linda Engbretson, Fire Chief Tim Demers, Finance Director April Clark, Community Development Director Skip Urling, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Kyle Sharpsteen.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newton -commented that the joint county-cities meeting held March 31 was interesting, although he said he wasn't sure anything was accomplished. It was a lot of talk. He stated he does hope something comes out of the housing issue discussion. He announced he is endorsing Dawn McIntosh for Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge.

Commissioner Dyer - recently attended a very interesting case law training. In regards to how the City proceeds, we do a good job by proceeding cautiously and not moving ahead with issues too fast. He thanked legal counsel Snow for guiding the City in this manner.

Commissioner Balensifer - said he's talked with Senator Merkley and his staff regarding the Hammond Marina conveyance and lease issue, as well as having raised the issue with Senator Bonamici. We want to keep them in the loop to move the conveyance forward in as smooth a manner as possible. Said he looks forward to discussion on the proposed "fair voting" ordinance he is presenting this evening.

Commissioner Ackley - thanked Chief Demers and staff for their prompt response during a recent medical call involving her husband. She recently attended a Pacific Power company breakfast meeting where they talked about LED lighting in city buildings and associated cost savings for future consideration. Also thanked the police dept. for keeping everything orderly during the *Color the Coast for Autism 3K Run/Walk* last weekend. "They did an amazing job." She also said she attended an Astoria Community Development Dept. Meeting with the Clatsop

Association of Realtors. It was very interesting to hear what is happening in Astoria. It would be great to have a presentation by all the cities to the group.

City Manager Fritsch - an item on the agenda this evening is to further review and discuss what happened at the joint County-cities meeting. He stated he hopes to have an announcement in a few days as to a hire for Public Works Director. He thanked Ed Wegner for the great job he has done as Interim PW Director.

City Recorder Engbretson - reminded members their Statement of Economic Interest is due by this Friday, April 15.

After reading a Proclamation, Mayor Kujala proclaimed April 2016 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - 3.22.16
- B. City Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes - 3.22.16
- C. Police Department Monthly Statistics - March 16
- D. Finance Department Monthly Report - February 2016

**Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Newton - aye; Dyer - aye; Balensifer - aye; Ackley - aye; Kujala - aye.**

#### BUSINESS

Mayor Kujala explained that Mr. Albert (Bert) Little, Quartermaster VFW Post 10580, submitted a letter explaining that Post 10580 is applying for a grant to place a Memorial War Veterans monument at the Post Office to honor veterans in the Warrenton/Hammond area who served from WWI to present day. Quartermaster Little's letter requested the City Commission submit a letter supporting the grant application and monument.

**Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to approve the letter of support for the Fort Stevens VFW Memorial War Veterans Monument grant application. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Newton - aye; Dyer - aye; Balensifer - aye; Ackley - aye; Kujala - aye.**

Community Development Director Skip Urling explained the Planning Department's budget

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includes a line item for application processing fees for external expenses related to permit/application review for Oregon LNG related expenses, i.e., hearings officer, legal counsel, consultants, and other out of pocket expenses related to the OLNG proposal. He reported expenses to date have exceeded the budget, and he requested the Commission adjust the budget by adopting Resolution No. 2458 to increase the line item by \$52,000.

**Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2458; *Approving and Adopting Increases to the 2015-2016 Budget by Increasing Appropriations for a Request for Services, Which will be Paid by Another Entity.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Newton - aye; Dyer - aye; Balensifer - aye; Ackley - aye; Kujala - aye.**

City Manager Fritsch explained the City is currently under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for exchange of library services between the cities of Warrenton, Seaside, and Astoria with partners including the NW Regional ESD, Clatsop County, and the school districts therein. The current IGA expires April 30, 2016. Services include outreach to provide library cards for all children ages birth to nineteen, a countywide summer reading program, and courier service between the three cities.

**Commissioner Pam Ackley made the motion to authorize the City Manager's signature on the IGA between the cities of Astoria, Seaside, and Warrenton for cooperation in the provision of library services. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Newton - aye; Dyer - aye; Balensifer - aye; Ackley - aye; Kujala - aye.**

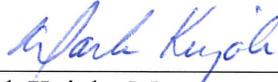
Commissioner Balensifer introduced his proposal for the adoption of a "fair voting" ordinance. The proposed ordinance states that any measure that includes a requirement for more than a majority of votes cast by the electorate to approve a change in law or government action shall become effective only if approved by at least the same percentage of voters specified in the proposed voting requirement. He noted that the Oregon Constitution allows local municipalities to set the initiative and referendum process. Discussion followed with fellow commissioners indicating they agreed with the proposal. Staff will bring back the ordinance for first reading April 26.

Discussion followed on the joint County/Cities meeting held on March 31. Commissioner Newton again noted that there was a lot of discussion but nothing was really accomplished. Discussion followed on the lack of housing and affordable housing in the community. Mayor Kujala stated he believes Warrenton is actively participating in creating new housing. City Manager Fritsch said the positive side of the meeting was that the elected officials were able to sit down and jointly review community issues. Mayor Kujala said he will look into putting a

meeting together with the other Mayors to discuss moving the concerns discussed forward.

At 6:47 p.m., there being no further business, Mayor Kujala adjourned the regular meeting and announced that the Commission would meet in an executive session, under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(f); *to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection* and ORS 192.660(2)(h); *to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.* He stated the Commission would not re-open the regular session to take action on items discussed during the executive session.

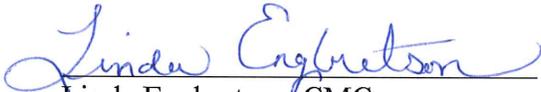
APPROVED



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Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST



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Linda Engbretson, CMC  
City Recorder

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