

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting - April 26, 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 Recorder Linda Engbretson, Fire Chief Tim Demers, Finance Director April Clark, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Kyle Sharpsteen, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Public Works Director James Dunn, Public Works Foreman Craig Walter.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newton -remarked on the article in the previous day's edition of *The Daily Astorian* regarding the housing shortage in the community. He noted the short-term rental controversy, and he commented that the short-term market is another facet of the housing shortage; it impacts the availability for long-term rent.

Commissioner Balensifer - acknowledged City of Warrenton Police Reservists that assisted at the Astoria-Warrenton Crab Festival over the weekend. "Our reservists did an excellent job." Overall, he said, the festival was another successful event. Senator Bonamici's office reached out regarding the Hammond Marina Lease. She visited the City and Commissioner Balensifer reported he gave her a tour; she had not been to the Hammond Marina before. He reported he spoke to Patrick Wingard, N. Coast Regional Representative for the Department of Land and Conservation Development, who indicated there may be state money available to assist in updating the 1981 CREST Mediation Panel Agreements. It's important to consider so any developer that may be interested in the site will know of any development restrictions and be able to have some sort of certainty to move forward.

Commissioner Ackley - stated she toured a "Friends of the Children" facility in Portland. She explained that the organization is a mentoring program for children K - 12th grades, breaking the cycle of poverty. She noted the success rate of increasing high school graduation, fewer teen parents, and criminal activity. It's an exciting program, and there is a group looking to start a

program in Clatsop County. She reported that the Warrenton Grade School 5k run/walk coming up on June 4. Proceeds will go to support school sports programs.

Mayor Kujala - announced an opioid summit is scheduled this week to address opioid abuse in the community. Noting the withdrawal of the Oregon LNG proposed facility in Warrenton, Mayor Kujala thanked City staff for all their work over the past 12 years related to the project. He also thanked fellow Commission members stating "we will turn the page" on LNG; however, he wanted to emphasize that Warrenton welcomes new business. He said OLNG created a lot of controversy in the community. "It just wasn't the right fit."

City Manager Fritsch - introduced James Dunn, newly hired Public Works Director. He stated that Mr. Dunn will be a great asset to the City. Manager Fritsch stated the City was very fortunate to have had former Clatsop County Community Director Ed Wegner step in as Interim Director. He then briefed the Commission on a recent meeting with FEMA regarding levee certification. STARR will seriously look at the City's data claiming errors in STARR's original data. He said it was actually a positive and collaborative meeting. Manager Fritsch stated he will follow up with a memo providing more detail of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - 4.12.16
- B. City Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes - 4.12.16
- C. Fire Department Activity Report - March 2016
- D. Police Dept. Monthly Statistics Report - March 2016
- E. Marinas Monthly Report - March 2016
- F. Warrenton Parks Advisory Board - October 2015
- G. Finance Dept. Monthly Report - March 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

Mr. Chris Palmer submitted an application for appointment to the Parks Advisory Board. He was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Palmer said he looks forward to being involved on the board.

Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to appoint Chris Palmer to Position No. 2, on the Warrenton Parks Advisory Board. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Fire Chief Tim Demers presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Warrenton Rural Fire Protection District to continue fire services for the District through June 30, 2021. The fee the District pays to the City increases by 3% each year.

Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the IGA between the City and the Warrenton Rural Fire Protection District for fire protection and emergency medical services through June 30, 2021. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Police Chief Mathew Workman explained that because the City of Warrenton Police Department does not have a jail facility or holding cells for people arrested for crimes charged through the Warrenton Municipal Court or subsequent warrants, the City needs a Jail Services Agreement with Clatsop County Sheriff's office to temporarily house such individuals. The proposed agreement updates the current agreement which was signed in 2006. Chief Workman noted the agreement proposes a new fee schedule. Daily charges will increase from \$50 to \$100 and \$25 to \$50 for a partial day's confinement. He said it should not have a significant impact on the WPD and Municipal Court budget; most of Warrenton's offenders are "cite and release."

Commissioner Henry Balensifer made the motion to approve the Jail Services Agreement between Clatsop County and the City of Warrenton and to have the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney sign the same. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Balensifer introduced a proposal for the adoption of a "fair voting" ordinance at the April 12, 2016, regular meeting. As discussed, the proposed ordinance is presented for first reading. The ordinance provides that any measure presented to the citizens of Warrenton include a requirement for more than a majority of votes cast by the electorate to approve a change in law or that government action shall become effective only if approved by at least the same percentage of voters specified in the proposed voting requirement. The Oregon Constitution allows local municipalities to set the initiative and referendum process.

Commissioner Rick Newton made the motion to conduct the first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1202A. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Kujala conducted the first reading by title: Ordinance No. 1202A; Adding Chapter 1.18 to the Warrenton Municipal Code, Initiatives and Referendums.

City Manager Kurt Fritsch noted a housekeeping measure is needed to repeal the Urban Renewal Agency ordinance adopted in 1986. City Recorder Linda Engbretson explained the ordinance referred the consideration of developing an Urban Renewal District to the voters; however, the measure failed. The ordinance was codified and needs to be repealed.

Commissioner Pam Ackley made the motion to conduct the first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1203A. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Mark Kujala conducted the first reading by title: Ordinance No. 1203A; Repealing Ordinance 797A; Chapter 2.20 of the Warrenton Municipal Code.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Fulton - Astoria Port Commissioner - encouraged the Commission to take a hard look at development opportunities on the Skipanon Peninsula, the site where the OLNG had proposed to build a terminal. He said there are a lot of issues related to development of the property. The Port received a letter from OLNG to terminate their lease of the property at the term-end, November this year. He agreed with Commissioner Balensifer that the City should take the lead in putting together a new plan to address development to these water-dependent sites addressed in the CREST Mediation Plan, i.e., Tansy Point and the Skipanon Peninsula. Mr. Fulton took off his “Port Commissioner hat” and stated he knows the City is entering its budget season, and he hopes money can be set aside to go towards improvements to the City’s levee system. “The City needs its levees certified.”

At 6:47 p.m., there being no further business, Mayor Kujala adjourned the regular meeting.

APPROVED



Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda Engbretson, CMC
City Recorder

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