

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting – August 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, Or 97146

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Pro tem Linda Engbretson, City Attorney Harold Snow, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Public Works Director Jim Dunn, Fire Chief Tim Demers, Finance Director April Clark, Community Development Director Skip Urling, Wastewater Superintendent Kyle Sharpsteen, Harbor Master Keith Pinkstaff, Assistant Harbor Master Jane Sweet, Police Officer Robert Wirt and Administrative Assistant Dawne Shaw

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Kujala stated that he has received bad news that long time community member, Kelly Smotherman has passed away on his fishing boat in Alaska.

Commissioner Dyer welcomed everyone.

Commissioner Ackley welcomed everyone and extended her condolences to the family of Kelly Smotherman.

City Manager Pro tem Engbretson invited everyone to the public meeting with the Library Board on August 18 at 5:30. She also asked to add an events application to the agenda, for a movie night in the park.

Commissioner Ackley moved to add item G, Events Application for movie night in the park to the Agenda. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala - aye

Mayor Kujala encouraged the public to attend the Public Meeting with the Library Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – 7.26.16

Commissioner Ackley made the motion to accept the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala - aye

BUSINESS

Mayor Kujala presented retiring Harbor Master Keith Pinkstaff with an award of appreciation for 18 years of dedicated service as Harbor Master for the City of Warrenton. Harbor Master Pinkstaff thanked the city for the opportunity to be the Harbor Master and noted that the marina has come a long way in the past 18 years and will go even farther with the staff we have in place.

Mayor Kujala opened the public hearing on the Site Design Review Case No. SDR – 12-1 Walmart Request for Approval Period Extension

Community Development Director Urling reviewed his written staff report on the request for an approval period extension for Walmart. The extension is due to a pending suit from Clatsop Residents Against Walmart (CRAW). The request meets the four code criteria and the recommendation is to grant the extension.

Proponents: Betty Stennick spoke in favor of granting the extension to Walmart and stated her support for Walmart coming to Warrenton. City Manager Pro Tem Engbretson noted Exhibit #1, a letter in favor from Sally Laine.

Opponents: Sara Meyer spoke in opposition of the extension. She also submitted Exhibit # 2, a letter in opposition from Lori Durham.

There being no further comments, Mayor Kujala closed the hearing.

Commissioner Dyer moved to approve the request to extend the approval period of the Walmart Site Design Review Case No. SDR 12-1 for one year from August 18, 2016 to August 18, 2017. Motion was seconded and passed.

Roll call vote - Newton – nay; Dyer – aye; Kujala – aye; Ackley – aye

Public Works Director Jim Dunn presented for consideration Res. No. 2468, approving and adopting increases to the 2016-2017 budget by increasing appropriations for unanticipated

revenues in the sewer fund. The total project cost is estimated at \$90,000. Discussion continued on the specifics of the project.

Commissioner Ackley moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2468, Approving and Adopting Increases to the 2016-2017 Budget by Increasing Appropriations for Unanticipated Revenues. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

Public Works Director Jim Dunn presented the staff report on the contract amendment for GSI Water Solutions, Inc., to continue to assist with the water rights permit extension process. This amendment modifies the scope of work and schedule. The original scope was approved by the Commission in July of 2015. GSI is working on our water rights extension, City's Permit S-5070. They are also looking at the possibility of moving the point of diversion/intake closer to the treatment plant, which could have substantial benefits if it is found to be feasible. The discussion continued on the water line that would be moved and replaced. City Manager Pro tem Engbretson noted that the city has been working on the water right permit extension for many years. She also invited the Commission to tour the water treatment plant and the Mayor noted that it is an amazing, state of the art facility.

Commissioner Dyer moved to approve Contract Amendment #1 for GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

City Manager Pro Tem Engbretson presented the staff report for the consideration of the utility right of way agreement and the license assignment from CoastCom to Astound Broadband, noting that CoastCom was bought out by Astound.

Commissioner Ackley moved to approve the assignment of the City Utility Right of Way License from CoastCom to Astound Broadband LLC. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

Mayor Kujala presented for consideration the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 1207-A, Vacating a portion of NW Gardenia Avenue, noting that the Commission held a public hearing and conducted the first reading during the July 26, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Dyer moved to conduct the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 1207-A. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

Mayor Kujala conducted the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 1207-A, “Vacating a Portion of NW Gardenia Avenue in Warrenton, Oregon.”

Commissioner Dyer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1207-A. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

Mayor Kujala stated that after the Mayor’s Conference he added the League of Oregon Cities’ (LOC) 2017 Legislative Priorities to the agenda. He noted the priorities that LOC would be lobbying on are property tax reform, transportation, PERS reform, and recreational immunity. The discussion continued on additional priorities of this Commission that can be communicated to the League. Our priorities include mental health investment, housing assistance programs and 911 communications. City Manager Pro tem Engbretson will draft a letter for the Mayor to sign, which outlines our additional priorities.

Police Officer Robert Wirt presented an events application for a movie night in the park, which will take place August 26th, on the field in Quincy Robinson Park, behind the Ohana Media building. Several area businesses are willing to help sponsor the event. The movie, “Zookeeper,” will show at approximately 8:30 p.m. Officer Wirt will manage this event on his own time. City Manager Pro tem Engbretson recommended that we waive the event application fee and approve the amplification. The City will cover the cost of the movie from the special projects fund.

Commissioner Newton moved to approve the event application, waive the application/permit fee and approve taking \$325 from the Special Projects fund for the movie cost. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Kujala – aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Ray stated that he has a question regarding a waterline/sewer project in Hammond and the street repairs that would be needed afterwards. Mayor Kujala clarified that it is just an inflow/infiltration study, no physical work at this time. Mr. Ray also noted the previously stated concerns during the Public Hearing about Walmart taking money out of our community and said that is important that note that Fred Meyers is not a local company, they are owned by Kroger which owns many companies and their money does not stay local.

Sara Meyer congratulated and thanked the Mayor and the City for taking part in the Regatta

festivities. Discussion continued on the upcoming city events.

There being no further business Mayor Kujala adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dawne Shaw, Administrative Assistant