

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor  
John Slape  
Russ Moon  
Rob Piercy

Mike Avent  
Randy Hamlin  
Ralph Painter

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City Administrator  
Steve Petersen, City Attorney

Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director  
Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Visitors Comments

Rainier Website Discussion: Terry Deaton

Deaton commented that the City's current website is outdated and REDCO would like to update the website. She handed out a copy of the proposal she received on building a new website. Cole suggested getting a proposal from LOC. Avent asked if Cole and Deaton could gather information for the website and come back to the Council with a bid. Avent stated that REDCO would be willing to help with the funding of the website.

H.O.P.E Building Maintenance Grant

Gary Holcomb and Kelly Barnes stated that H.O.P.E. is looking for grant dollars to fix their building. Barnes stated that the roof is leaking and they need more storage area. She added that she spoke to Olsen regarding an OECDD grant and understands that a government agency has to sponsor this grant. Barnes asked for the City to sponsor H.O.P.E for this grant. Avent asked what the cost to the City would be. Olsen stated that the City would act as the applicant of record and prepare the application. The City would be liable for meeting the conditions and all of the financial obligations.

Motion by Moon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Painter to approve Olsen to research this grant and come back to the Council with the information. Motion passed unanimously.

SOLV Projects

Whipple commented that the Earth Day Projects are scheduled for April 22, 2006 from 9 a.m. to noon. He stated that three projects are scheduled: Fox Creek Trail project, Fern Hill Grange/Beaver Creek project and replanting shrubs on the bank of Conyers Creek. These projects are sponsored by Lower Columbia Watershed Council and SOLV, Volunteers can call 397-4555 to sign up.

Ford Family Foundation

Whipple commented that they are trying to figure out where to locate the walking bridge over of Fox Creek.

Mayor Address

Mayor Cole read the name of 10 fallen soldiers since the last council meeting and took a moment of silence.

Appointment of Budget Committee Members

Cole stated that Susan Force has voiced that she would like to be on the budget committee.

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamlin to appoint Susan Force to the budget committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Approval of March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Painter to approve the minutes with a correction to Hamlin's report to change "Eastside of the bridge" to Westside of the bridge".

Slape abstained because he was absent.

Motion passed with one abstention.

Public Works/Clerical Bargaining Unit Final Agreement

Motion by Painter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to approve the Public Works/Clerical bargaining unit final agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #1028 Approving Comprehensive Map Amendment Plan From MFR to Commercial on Washington Way

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slape to approve the comprehensive map amendment plan from MFR to Commercial. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

2006 Timber Harvest Contract

Slape asked that this timber contract be tabled for 30 days and go out to bid.

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Piercy to put the timber sales for this parcel out for competitive bid and Piercy, Slape, and Barnes would review the bids and bring back to the next Council meeting.

Moon questioned why there were still outstanding bills from the 2005 timber harvest. Barnes stated that this money was used for roads. Olsen added that some of this money went into the general fund also.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #990 Adopting Transient Tie-up and Boat Slip Rental Rates

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slape to adopt a resolution for transient tie-up and boat slip rental rates. Motion passed unanimously.

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority: Docking Agreement

Motion by Painter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to allow the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority docking agreement with no docking fee. Motion passed with one no vote from Hamlin.

Rainier Senior Center Building Use and Rental Policy 2006

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to accept the Rainier Senior Center Building Use and Rental Policy 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

House on West B St (Hwy 30) Zoning

Slape stated that after a residential nonconforming use is vacant for more than six months the use reverts back to the current zoning. Avent requested a work session on this issue to discuss what can be done.

Staff Reports

Barnes stated that the crew is still working on City Hall remodel. He added that the grass in the City Park has been aerated and the boat launch ticket machine would be reinstalled soon. He also reported that the Eagle Scout flagpole project has been completed.

Painter stated that the shifts have been changed to help with the vacation requests that are being submitted. Mayor Cole stated that he would like to commend Officer Manning for going out of his way to help out a citizen he was taking to jail with a warrant by stopping by the ATM machine so he could get money to bail himself out once he got to jail.

Administrator's Report

Olsen reminded the Council to send their 2006 annual verified statement of interest. He commented that the turnout for the WWTP finance committee was not very good, they will be calling the people on the committee list to get more people to the next meeting. The Blue Star Memorial dedication is from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the City Park on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Budget Committee Meeting

Olsen asked if the first budget meeting could be scheduled for the first Monday in May at the Council Work Session.

Motion by Hamlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to schedule the budget committee meeting for the first Council Meeting in May at the Work Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Olsen stated that there are two more special districts to approve their IGA's, they should all be approved by REDCO in May.

Council Reports

Avent thanked REDCO Board for the website issue and the "A" Street information meeting.

Painter Leave of Absence From the Council

Painter requested permission to take a leave of absence from the Council until a permanent position has been appointed.

Cole asked Painter to let the Council know what his decision is regarding staying on the Council or stepping down.

Extend Meeting Time

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Piercy to extend the meeting until 10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to executive session 192.660 Personnel Issues at 9:23 p.m.

Reconvened from executive session at 9:57 p.m.

Chief Hamilton Resignation

Motion by Piercy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamlin to accept Chief Hamilton's resignation effective April 4, 2006 ceasing pay and to extend healthcare coverage through May 31, 2006 and offer COBRA for insurance after this date.

Painter and Moon abstained due to conflict of interest

Roll Call

Painter	Abstained
Moon	Abstained

Piercy	Aye
Hamlin	Aye
Slape	Aye
Avent	Aye

Motion passed.

Appointment of Police Chief

Motion by Avent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to appoint Sergeant Painter as Police Chief effective upon the resignation of Chief Hamilton at 12:01 a.m. April 5, 2006 and ask for Painter to submit his letter of resignation from the Council.

Painter abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion passed with one abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Jerry Cole, Mayor

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Michelle Archibald, City Recorder