



# City of Raymond

## WASHINGTON

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

#### August 7, 2023

#### CALL TO ORDER

The council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Roberts. Roll was taken and the meeting was quorate.

#### **Council Members present:**

Heidi Worlton  
Chris Halpin  
Tony Nordin (zoom)  
Jovon Vaughn  
Steve Jones  
Karen Tully

#### **Council Members Absent:**

W. Ian Farrell- Excused

#### **Department Heads Present:**

Pat Matlock, Chief of Police  
Bill Didion, Fire Chief  
Tia Channell, Admin. Assistant  
Joel Penoyar, City Attorney (zoom)

#### **Department Heads Absent:**

Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/Treasurer - Excused  
Eric Weiberg, Public Works Director - Excused

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES**

Councilor Jones moved to approve the agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, as well as the minutes of July 17th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

CLAIMS #72034 THROUGH #72036	
CLAIMS #72045 THROUGH #72113	\$148,011.80
PAYROLL #72037 THROUGH #72044 (Direct Deposit Included)	\$163,796.24
EFT/DEBIT (JULY)	\$18,698.05

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

## **6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

John Gruginski, representing Timberland Village citizens, spoke regarding their park rent increases. They are asking the city to pass an ordinance, similar to what the City of Aberdeen is doing, that requires a 6-month notice and limits the increase to 2-3%.

The Mayor stated she has the City of Aberdeen's ordinance and it is not specific to percentages but related to increasing the notice period prior to substantial increases. She stated she will do further research into the matter. Councilor Vaughn suggested the citizens contact the Northwest Justice Project, who is a non-profit Lawyer for assistance.

## **7. RESOLUTION 2023-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2024 THRU 2029 – ACTION (TABLED FROM 06/17/23)**

Councilor Vaughn moved to approve Resolution 2023-05. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

## **8. TIB BID AWARD FOR GERBER/ELWOOD/HARVARD STREET PAVEMENT PROJECT ACTION**

Councilor Jones moved to approve the TIB bid award to Lakeside Industries. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

## **9. TIB GRANT APPLICATION – WILLAPA/RIDDELL STREETS – ACTION**

Councilor Jones moved to approve TIB grant application for Willapa/Riddell Streets. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

## **10. TIB GRANT APPLICATION – FOWLER/JACKSON SIDEWALKS – ACTION**

Councilor Jones moved to approve TIB grant application for Fowler/Jackson sidewalks. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

## **11. TIB GRANT APPLICATION – RAYMOND SOUTH BEND/ WASHINGTON / ELM / BRADFORD/ LOWER JACKSON STREETS – ACTION**

Councilor Jones moved to approve TIB grant application for Raymond South Bend Rd. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

## **12. POOL UPDATE – DISCUSSION ONLY**

Discussion was held regarding the pool. Mayor Roberts proposed that the city take over managing the pool, hire the lifeguards, hire a manager who is certified to run the pool, manage the employees and be on site. The P.O.O.L. Board would regroup with new members, regular meetings and fundraising to assist the city in funding the pool annually. The city attorney is working on a new memorandum of understanding.

## **13. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- Fire Chief Bill Didion stated their department had two employees, Bryce Nichols, and Chris Rockett, completed their probation period August 1<sup>st</sup> and have been a huge addition to the department. He also stated their new ambulance is in service and the second one hopefully will be coming in September.
- Police Chief Pat Matlock stated the National Night Out event was a great success, and they are already planning for next year with some adjustments. He also stated Festival weekend went well with no issues.

**14. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Roberts stated she received a lot of complaints regarding the flags flying at the roundabout. She stated he was on state right-of-way and was asked by the DOT to move the flags behind the roundabout sign, which he did. He wasn't violating any laws as he has the right of freedom of speech.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**

**16. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilor Whorlton asked if she could join Parks Committee, was advised by the Mayor that she can.
- Councilor Halpin asked about the RV Park fencing and landscaping. He stated he feels the city should consider doing some planting of their own in the right of way. Advised to speak to Eric Weiberg.
- Councilor Jones asked if burn barrels are legal as someone has been using one for burning. Fire Chief Didion stated they are not legal anywhere in the state and to call dispatch to report.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – NONE**

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Mayor Roberts advised that no decisions would be made. Roberts called the Executive Session to order at 6:54PM for 15 minutes for the purpose of potential litigation discussion. Mayor Roberts, Councilor Halpin, Councilor Tully, Councilor Jones, Councilor Vaughn, Councilor Worlton, Councilor Nordin (Zoom), City Attorney Joel Penoyar (Zoom), Fire Chief Didion, Police Chief Pat Matlock, Public Works Director Weiberg, and Administrative Assistant Tia Channell were in attendance.


Mayor Roberts reconvened the meeting at 6:58PM.

Executive sessions are done in accordance with RCW 42.30.080.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 6:58 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Tia Channell, Admin. Assistant

  
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Dee Roberts, Mayor