



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 16th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members present:

Heidi Worlton
Steve Jones
Karen Tully
Chris Halpin
Tony Nordin (Zoom)
Jovon Vaughn
Council #6 Position- Vacant

Department Heads Present:

Bill Didion, Fire Chief
Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/Treasurer
Eric Weiberg, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

Prior to approval, Clerk-treasurer Kayla MacIntosh requested an amendment to the consent agenda to include January 1st payroll 2024. Councilor Vaughn moved to approve the agenda, amended consent agenda for tonight's meeting, as well as the minutes of the January 2nd, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Willapa Harbor Hospital CEO, Matt Kempton, provided a presentation and Q&A regarding the tax bond to build a new Willapa Harbor Hospital.

2024 COUNCIL COMMITTEES REVIEW

Mayor Roberts provided the council a different format of the council committees and advised if councilors wanted to join others, they were welcome to.

COUNCIL POSITION #6 APPLICATION REVIEW

Mayor Roberts advised that there was only one application received and the city can accept applications up until the next meeting of February 5th, 2024. If there remains only one application, the council can extend the application process for no more than 3 months.

2024 LODGING TAX APPLICATIONS

Councilor Worlton motioned to approve the funding for the two lodging tax applications. Motion carried. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 abstentions.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Public Works Director, Eric Weiberg provided a brief report regarding infrastructure during the rain and cold weather over the last week.
- Clerk/ Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh had nothing new to share.
- Fire Chief Bill Didion had to leave the meeting early due to a conflicting meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts advised she had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Citizen Craig Spredeman discussed the rise in taxes due to the new hospital bond, advising that although the county has an eligibly program to low taxes for certain income levels, it doesn't actually reduce the taxes, rather shifts them.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

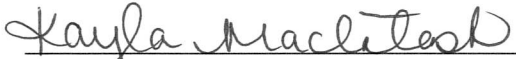
FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

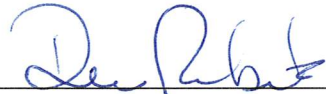
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 7:04PM.

ATTEST:



Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/ Treasurer



Dee Roberts, Mayor