



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 5th, 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 (Zoom)
Tony Nordin
Jovon Vaughn
Council #6 Position- Vacant

Department Heads Present:

Bill Didion, Fire Chief
Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/Treasurer
Pat Matlock, Police Chief

CITY COUNCIL POSTION #6 INTERVIEWS

Clerk/Treasurer Kayla Macintosh had the 6 candidates in person draw a number to determine the interview order. Candidates were interviewed in this order: Michael Brau, Ky Han, Charles Gurr, Jason McVey, Pattie Gray and Frances Samuel. Councilor Vaughn asked 4 interview questions per applicant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- EVALUATE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE CANDIDATE

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Mayor Roberts advised that no decision would be made in executive session. Mayor Roberts called the executive session to order at 6:30PM in the mayor's office for 15 minutes with an approximate return time of 6:45PM for the purpose of evaluating qualifications of the candidates for appointment to elective office. Council Members Halpin, Nordin, Worlton, Tully, Vaughn, and Jones were in attendance, along with Clerk/Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh.

Mayor Roberts reconvened the meeting at 6:42PM

VOTE BY BALLOT AND SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Clerk/Treasurer MacIntosh handed out ballots and all present council members voted. Councilor Halpin voted electronically. MacIntosh counted the ballots and announced Jason McVey as the new council member for Position #6. Clerk Treasurer MacIntosh swore in Jason immediately after the announcement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

Prior to approval, Councilor Worlton requested an amendment to the agenda to correct the spelling of a interview candidate's name. Francis to Frances. Councilor Jones moved to approve the amended agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, as well as the minutes of the January 16th, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk/Treasurer MacIntosh read two letters from AWC advising Mayor Roberts joining the Education and Training Advisory Committee and councilor Vaughn joining the AWC Legislative Priorities Committee.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Roberts discussed the two candidates for the planning commission vacancy; Gary Burns and Hannah Stanley. Mayor Roberts recommended Gary Burns be appointed due to his 20 years of professional experience planning. Councilor Vaughn motioned to appoint Gary Burns to the planning commission. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

NORTH PACIFIC COUNTY EMS DISTRICT #1 AGREEMENT

Councilor Jones motioned to approve the EMS agreement. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

2024 PACIFIC COUNTY ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CONTRACT

Councilor Vaughn motioned to table this contract until the March 4th, 2024, regular council meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #1935; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 8 GARBAGE COLLECTION- First Reading

Councilor Vaughn motioned to move Ordinance #1935 to a second reading. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bill Didion provided an update for Captain Patrick as well as announced retirement of Fire District #3's Fire Chief
- Police Chief Pat Matlock provided a staffing update for his department
- Clerk/Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh provided staffing updates for her department

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts had several items to discuss and report on.

1. Mayor Roberts provided a status update for the American Legion Renovation project. Due to the building being beyond repair, the building is being torn down and rebuilt in the same location.
2. Mayor Roberts advised that the Theater's foundation had undergone an inspection. The foundation is in great shape with the exception of some minor ventilation issues that need to be addressed.
3. Mayor Roberts discussed not renting out the community center to one individual person for the remainder of 2024 and to use it as it was intended, for utilization for a pop-up location.
4. Roberts discussed the housing covenants that are to expire on Raymond Manor and advised that JPHA is working with the owners to purchase. JPHA has reached out to the governor in hopes to secure funding.
5. Roberts provided an update regarding the EV charging stations funding. While the city is still approved to receive the funding, it looks more like July time frame for funding to be appropriated.
6. Mayor Roberts provided a handout regarding eligibility requirements and applications for the new Willapa Center Housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nordin thanked the mayor for the new conference system.

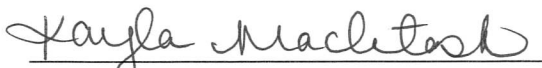
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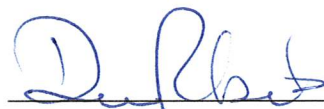
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 7:26PM.

ATTEST:


Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/ Treasurer


Dee Roberts, Mayor