



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday September 3rd, 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
Steven Jones
Karen Tully
Chris Halpin
Tony Nordin
Jason McVey
Jovon Vaughn (Zoom)

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

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

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 the August 19th, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 REVENUE AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY START @ 6:00PM

The public hearing was opened at 6:00PM and with no public participation was closed at 6:01PM.

PUBLIC HEARING: USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION START @ 6:05PM

The public hearing was opened at 6:01PM and with no public participation was closed at 6:02PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

2024 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Roberts read the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation allowed and proclaimed September 15th- October 15th, 2024, Hispanic Heritage Month.

ORDINANCE 1938: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2025 AS REQUIRED BY RCW 84.155.120- *First Reading*

Councilor Jones motioned to approve moving Ordinance 1938 to a second reading. Motion Carried. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2024-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON CITY PROPERTY -Action

Councilor McVey motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04. Motion carried. Motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bill Didion provided the council with a staffing update and advised that he has offered two positions, and they have accepted with tentative start dates of October 16th and November 1st.
- Public Works Director Eric Weiberg provided the council with updates for both the downtown ADA ramp and overlay projects.
- Clerk/Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh provided council with a brief update on the current ongoing audit, the 2025 budget as well as maternity leave succession plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts provided the council with information regarding a USDA grant for the filling station at the fire hall, which was the reason for the public hearing. She also advised the council that she is working with USDA on an additional grant for an animal control center for Raymond and South bend out near the wastewater treatment facility, as the current in-home facility is no longer suitable for the city's needs. Mayor Roberts also provided an update regarding the American Legion/ WCDA project. She also advised that the WEYCO Thrive survey officially closed September 1st and she is eager to receive the results.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilors Jones and McVey discussed street paving issues that need correcting with PW director
- Councilor Tully discussed the blockade of Fowler Street for Halloween trick-or-treating again this year
- Councilor Vaughn discussed many upcoming events for the Chamber of Commerce and invited the council to attend as well as discussed holiday planned events. Councilor Jones also advised PW director that he had been in contact with the Conservation district regarding replacing the bridge at the Riverdale park.


FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 6:50PM.

ATTEST:



Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/Treasurer



Dee Roberts, Mayor