



# City of Raymond

## WASHINGTON

### **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Roberts via zoom. Roll was taken and it was determined the meeting was quorate.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Heidi Worlton  
Steven Jones  
Karen Tully-zoom  
Chris Halpin  
Tony Nordin-absent  
Jovon Vaughn  
Jason McVey-absent

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT**

Debra Pearson, Deputy Clerk  
Eric Weiberg, Public Works Director

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

Councilor Halpin moved to approve the amended agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, and the minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Northwest Carriage Museum sent a letter thanking the City for the Lodging Tax funds they received.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

#### **PACIFIC COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TECHNICAL SERVICE CONTRACT- Action**

Councilor Vaughn motioned to approve the Mayor permission to sign the contract with the Pacific County EDC. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion took place on the amount of the contract and it was decided to pay the amount originally budgeted for which is \$2400, not the \$11,000.00 they are requesting. Councilor Halpin made a motion to amend the original motion and to approve a \$2400 payment to EDC. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously with one abstinence.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- Fire Chief Bill Didion was absent.
- Police Chief Pat Matlock was absent.
- Public Works Director Eric Weiberg had nothing to report but said he would answer any questions. Councilor Vaughn wanted to comment on how good the parks look even through the winter.
- Deputy Clerk Debra Pearson reported that the new utility billing software has been installed and that there have been a few problems, but they are trying to work through them. Also, Clerk/Treasurer MacIntosh will be coming back next week on a flex schedule and will be back full time on March 17, 2025.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Roberts reported she will be absent the next two meetings and that Mayor Pro-tem Halpin will be taking her place. She also stated that she has been meeting with the strategic planner, and she wants the council to come up with 3-4 strategic priorities they want to address during the meeting April 5, 2025. Lastly,

she wanted to thank everyone that helped at the warming shelter and encouraged people to volunteer the next time the shelter is open.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Halpin stated that he was hoping the reduced amount the council agreed to pay for the EDC contract would send a message about the service we have received. Councilor Vaughn said he has met with Shoalwater Bay & USDA representatives and they gave kudos to the Mayor for her commitment to finding a solution to the animal control issue.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 5:30PM.

**ATTEST:**



Debra Pearson, Deputy Clerk



Dee Roberts, Mayor