

MINUTES  
Warrenton City Commission  
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2017  
6:00 p.m.  
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers  
225 S. Main  
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Kujala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and then led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Mark Kujala, Tom Dyer, Henry Balensifer, Pam Ackley and Rick Newton

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Public Works Director Jim Dunn, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kyle Sharpsteen, Community Development Director Skip Urling, Finance Director April Clark and Deputy City Recorder Dawne Shaw

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newton welcomed everyone and noted he attended the LOC Elected Essentials meeting. He also went to the population forecast meeting and noted the statistics; the City of Warrenton is the fastest growing city in the county.

Commissioner Ackley welcomed everyone and noted she is recruiting for the Hammond Marina Task Force and hopes to have a meeting mid-April.

City Manager Engbretson noted she will be out of the office the rest of the week.

Mayor Kujala noted his appreciation for Chief Demers and Chief Workman talking about the City's Emergency Operations Plan during the work session. He noted the recent articles/column in the Daily Astorian on the 8th Street Dam and felt it was not an ethical way to present the issue. He said he did not submit the comments. It was the Commission's statement from the City webpage. Mayor Kujala stated he attended the hearing in Salem on HB5025, noting he got the chance to testify about dikes and levees, and it sounds optimistic for Warrenton.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission/Planning Commission Joint Work Session Minutes – 1.12.17
- B. Warrenton Business Association Minutes – Sept. 2016
- C. Warrenton Business Association Minutes – Oct. 2016
- D. Warrenton Business Association Minutes – Dec. 2016

Commissioner Balensifer questioned the delay in receiving minutes from the various committees.

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

#### BUSINESS

Ms. Alisa Dunlap from Pacific Power gave a brief presentation on the North Coast Blue Sky Community Challenge. Ms. Dunlap explained the details and noted Blue Sky is a voluntary program that provides Pacific Power customers with a way to purchase renewable energy equal to all or part of their energy use through their monthly electric bill. The Commission briefly discussed the program and agreed they would like to participate. Ms. Dunlap explained Pacific Power oversees the program and the City does not need to take any further action at this time.

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to participate in the North Coast Blue Sky Community Challenge. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

City Manager Engbretson presented Resolution No. 2477, Approving Increases and Decreases to the 2016-2017 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations. Ms. Engbretson explained the resolution will transfer \$150,000 from contingency to professional services in the general fund to cover unanticipated costs related to ongoing litigation, the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Dam and personnel matters, including upcoming collective bargaining. It was noted for the record this Intrafund Transfer is necessary to complete remaining obligations for the rest of this fiscal year.

**Commissioner Balensifer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2477; “Approving Increases and Decreases to the 2016-2017 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations.” Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

Public Works Director Jim Dunn presented the IFA Grant for the Warrenton Water Master Plan and Resolution No. 2478, Approving and Adopting Increases to the 2016-2017 Budget by Increasing Appropriations for Unanticipated Revenues in the Water Fund. Mr. Dunn explained the City applied for financial assistance through the Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority and has received a grant of \$20,000 for the development of a Water Master Plan.

**Commissioner Dyer made the motion to authorize the grant agreement between Oregon Infrastructure and the City of Warrenton for the Warrenton Water Master Plan Project. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

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**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

**Commissioner Dyer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2478; *“Approving and Adopting Increases and Decreases to the 2016-2017 Budget by Increasing Appropriations for Unanticipated Revenues.”* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

City Manager Engbretson discussed the request to determine “No Public Purpose” for Tax Lot 1500 81021CB01500 – SW Juniper Avenue. She noted this property was originally deeded to the City by Clatsop County for landfill purposes; however the deed includes a reversionary clause wherein the property reverts back to the County should the City determine there is no longer a public need. The County has indicated the property would go up for public auction.

Commissioner Balensifer asked if neighbors are aware of the situation, and City Manager Engbretson stated the City has not notified them. Commissioner Balensifer stated he would feel more comfortable if the City did some outreach and notified the adjacent property owners. The Commission agreed, noting the need to be transparent. Ms. Engbretson stated the adjacent property owners will be notified and she will bring this back on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

WBA members Paul Mitchell and Mike Moha stated the WBA is proposing another summer concert with a performance by Phil Vassar, scheduled for Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. They noted it will be a bigger event than last year’s concert and will bring many people into Warrenton. Brief discussion continued and the Commission gave their support for the concert.

City Manager Engbretson presented Resolutions to confirm the appointments and set the terms of office for the various advisory boards.

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2479; *Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions on the Warrenton Budget Committee and Setting Terms of Office.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

**Commissioner Balensifer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2480; *Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions on the Warrenton Planning Commission and Setting Terms of Office.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

**Commissioner Dyer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2481; *Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions on the Warrenton Community Center Advisory Board and Setting Terms of Office.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

**Commissioner Newton made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2482; *Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions on the Warrenton Community Library Board and Setting Terms of Office*. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2483; *Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions on the Warrenton Parks Advisory Board and Setting Terms of Office*. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Adams stated she was glad to see the articles in the newspaper regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Street dam and would like to see same type of article for the library to help clarify the issue.

Bruce Francis speaking as Vice Chair of the Skipanon Water Control District in regards to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street structure. He noted the SCWC's desire to get back together with the Commission to discuss the matter. Brief discussion continued on mediation efforts, legal counsel and mitigation. Mr. Francis noted the SWCD would like to get out of Warrenton's jurisdiction and they would like to see the structure decommissioned and removed. Discussion continued and Mayor Kujala discussed the changes that were made to the structure/tide gates. He also noted the potential impacts from these changes, citing the report from NRCS.

Kathleen Zunkel stated she was concerned after reading the newspaper article on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street dam. She asked the Commission to inform the public on the legal fees incurred to date. Ms. Zunkel also asked if the City has investigated the City's liability of flooding upstream, and if there have been any professional studies on salmon habitat.

Scott Widdicombe noted he was taken aback by editorials in the newspapers and suggested the City and SWCD consider a mutual agreement.

Steve Fulton stated Ms. Carol Lambert asked him for support for a memorial at Ocean View Cemetery for Judge Buchanan. Mr. Fulton stated Judge Buchanan is the author of "Oregon, My Oregon"; and stated he also brought this to the WBA and feels it would be a wonderful project for the City of Warrenton to support. Mr. Fulton also stated Dan Vizzini, of Oregon Solutions asked the Port Commission for support for HB5025 to assist with levee investigations and assessments. He also asked the Commission appoint an emissary to come to Port meetings. Mr. Fulton stated he believes the 8<sup>th</sup> street structure is part of the levee system and referenced reports he read that show removing the structure could impact the levees.

Mayor Kujala announced the next meeting (3/28/17) will be his last meeting, as he is stepping down from the Mayor position and the City Commission, for personal reasons. He said he has enjoyed his work on the Commission over the last 12 years.

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There being no further business Mayor Kujala adjourned the regular meeting at 7: 27 p.m., and announced an executive session, under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(h); *to consult with counsel considering the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.* He stated the Commission is not expected to return to regular session to take action on any item considered in the executive session.

APPROVED:

  
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Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dawne Shaw, Deputy City Recorder