



**BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Adrian Cortes.

City Clerk Kay Kammer called the roll. The following were:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Adrian Cortes, Philip Johnson, Cherish DesRochers, Shane Bowman, Shauna Walters, Tricia Davis and Troy McCoy.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Erin Erdman, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Police Chief Mike Fort, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Sam Crummett, Communications Manager/PIO Bonnie Gilberti, City Attorney Christine Hayes, and City Clerk Kay Kammer.

OATH OF OFFICE

7:01 p.m.

Council members Position No. 1 Troy McCoy, Position No. 4 Adrian Cortes, Position No. 5 Tricia Davis and Position No. 6 Cherish DesRochers took their oath of office.

SELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations:

Council member Cortes nominated Council member Johnson

No other nominations were made, therefore, Council member Johnson was selected as Mayor

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations:

Mayor Johnson nominated Council member DesRochers

No other nominations were made, therefore, Council member DesRochers was selected as Deputy Mayor

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Council member(s) reported on the following:

7:05 p.m.

Deputy Mayor DesRochers

- Attended the Grand Opening of Safe Stay Housing event

Mayor's Report

- Appointment to Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board – Position #1 Paul Bruegl expires 12-31-2024

MOTION: Council member Cortes moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment to the Parks and Community Engagement Board as presented.

SECOND: Council member McCoy.

AYES: Walters, Johnson, Cortes, Bowman, Davis, DesRochers, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

- Introduction of Judge Andrew Wheeler

7:08 p.m.

Presentations

7:15 p.m.

No presentations were received.

Late changes to the agenda: City Manager contract addendum and Community Center landscape project

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved amend the agenda to add discussion regarding the effective date of the City Manager's step increase and the addendum to the City Manager's employment agreement to the Mayor's report.

SECOND: Council member Cortes.

AYES: Walters, Johnson, Cortes, Bowman, Davis, DesRochers, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved amend the agenda to add discussion regarding the Community Center landscape project.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Walters, Johnson, Cortes, Bowman, Davis, DesRochers, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

City Manager employment agreement.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved to approve the addendum to the April 1, 2019 Employment Agreement between the City of Battle Ground and Erin Erdman, City Manager, with an effective date of January 1, 2022 for the automobile allowance.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Walters, Johnson, Cortes, Bowman, Davis, DesRochers, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved to amend the effective date of the City Manager’s step increase approved during the December 20, 2021 meeting to 11-1-2021.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

Council member McCoy requested to abstain, as he was not part of the evaluation process.

Council member Bowman invoked privilege to postpone the action until the next council meeting for further consideration.

Community Center landscape project.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved to add up to \$50,000 to the 2022 budget for the Community Center Landscape Project with a completion date no later than May 1, 2022.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Walters, Johnson, Cortes, Bowman, Davis, DesRochers, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S COMMUNICATIONS

7:36 p.m.

No communications were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

7:37 p.m.

- A. City Council Executive Session and Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2021.
- B. Payroll vouchers dated 12/23/2021, #28927 through #28929 in the amount of \$1,834.30 and direct deposits in the amount of \$200,720.26.
- C. Claim Vouchers dated 12/16/2021, #89635 through #89659 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$224,835.07.
- D. Interlocal Agreement: Department of Ecology Capacity Grant for the NPDES Stormwater Permit.
- E. Local Agency Agreement: Country Terrace Subdivision Safety Upgrades
- F. Local Agency Agreement: SR 503/SR 502 Congestion Relief Improvements adding turn lanes.

MOTION: Council member Cortes moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Cortes, Johnson, Bowman, DesRochers, Davis, Walters, McCoy.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Police Department Overview: Presentation

7:38 p.m.

Presented by Police Chief Mike Fort.

Summary: Council was presented information regarding the police department efforts and programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8:18 p.m.

Executive

- Working on a tour of the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant for new council members and those wanting to go again

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8:20 p.m.

Mayor Johnson

- Work being done on moving power poles on SR502/SR503
- Appointments of council liaison positions on various boards

MOTION: Mayor Johnson moved to confirm the appointments as presented.**SECOND: Council member McCoy.****AYES: Cortes, Johnson, Bowman, DesRochers, Davis, Walters, McCoy.****NAYS: None.****VOTE: Motion carried.**

- Recognized and thanked newly elected council members
- Appreciate confidence in being selected as Mayor
- Requested council to think over before the next meeting, what they would like to accomplish in the next two years

Council member Walters

- Requested presentation on the Durkee Property status (NE 219th St)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Philip Johnson
Mayor



Kay Kammer
City Clerk

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