



**Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023**

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

Temporary Office Assistant Kay Kammer called the roll. The following were present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Philip Johnson, Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers, and Council members Tricia Davis, Shane Bowman, Troy McCoy and Dan Dingman.

ABSENT: Council member Adrian Cortes.

STAFF: City Manager Erin Erdman, Deputy Manager Rob Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, City Engineer Ryan Jeynes, Community Development Director Sam Crummett, Police Chief Mike Fort, Communications Manager/ Public Information Officer Alisha Smith, Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis, Temporary Office Assistant Kay Kammer and Executive Assistant Acting City Clerk Amanda Beaver.

MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to excuse Council member Cortes from the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember McCoy.

VOTE: Motion carried. 6-0

MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

SECOND: Councilmember McCoy.

VOTE: Motion carried. 6-0

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7:02 p.m.

Councilmember Reports

Council member Dingman

- Community Roots Tiny House tour

Council member McCoy

- Discovery Clean Water Alliance (DCWA) meeting

Mayor's Report

7:04 p.m.

- C-Tran Board meeting
- Thanked Council member Davis for her efforts on setting up Harvest Days event for Council
- Postponed: Polaris- Matt Dogget and Two Down Services – Kiwanis Park parking lot

Presentations

- Multi-family Tax exemption follow up, TJ Fontenette 7:06 p.m.
- Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) and Prestige Affordable Housing 7:44 p.m.
 Presenters: Peggy Sheehan, Prestige Development Vice President Housing Development
 Victor Caesar, Chief Real Estate Officer, Vancouver Housing Authority

Council direction:

Weaver project with density bonus: move forward working with developer and VHA
 McNair project affordable housing for seniors 55+ and remove first floor commercial: do not move forward

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

8:27 p.m.

Don Steinke

Growth Management Act (GMA) update to reduce emissions and urged council to purchase a block of shares of Community Solar Project at Clark Public Utilities

John Idsinga

Thanked council, staff, volunteers and the school district on efforts with Harvest Days

CONSENT AGENDA

8:32 p.m.

- A. City Council study session and meeting minutes of June 15, 2023.
- B. Claim Vouchers dated 6/12/2023, #92902-92959 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$762,532.58.
- C. Claim Vouchers dated 6/20/2023, #92960-93043 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$947,039.91.
- D. Claim Vouchers dated 6/26/2023, #93044-93072 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$205,834.86.
- E. Claim Vouchers dated 7/03/2023, #93073-93109 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$84,598.56.
- F. \$84,598.56.
- G. Payroll dated 6/23/2023, vouchers #29051 through #29055 in the amount of \$3,712.41 and direct deposits of \$259,525.99 for a total payroll of \$263,283.40.
- H. Payroll dated 7/10/2023, vouchers #29056 through #29063 in the amount of \$6,108.87 and direct deposits of \$268,502.91 for a total payroll of \$274,611.78.

Council member Bowman requested item a. City Council study session and meeting minutes of June 15, 2023 be removed for discussion. To be addressed as the last business item.

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve consent agenda items B through G as presented.

SECOND: Councilmember Dingman.

VOTE: Motion carried. 6-0

BUSINESS

8:33 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2023-13, Road Improvement Reimbursement Latecomer Agreement for Streets

Presented by City Manager Erin Erdman

Summary: Council was presented information and considered adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-13 regarding latecomer agreements for streets.

MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-13, Road Improvement Reimbursement Latecomer Agreement for Streets as presented.

SECOND: Deputy Mayor DesRochers.

AYES: Davis, DesRochers, Johnson, Bowman, McCoy and Dingman.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Cortes.

VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

Second Quarter Financial Update

8:36 p.m.

Presented by Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery

Summary: Council was presented information regarding the financial position of the city and the end of June 2023.

8:52 p.m.

Consent Agenda item a. City Council study session and meeting minutes of June 15, 2023

Votes on council candidates to read Butler 1-4 and Dingman 4-1 as Deputy Mayor DesRochers votes for both candidates invalidated vote

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve consent agenda item A as amended.

SECOND: Councilmember Bowman.

VOTE: Motion carried. 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8:59 p.m.

Use a head-hunting firm for recruitment of Department Directors

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

9:02 p.m.

Council member Bowman

Thanked staff for efforts on Harvest Days

Council member McCoy

Impressed with Police, Public Works, Shane, and Kendra's efforts on Harvest Days

Deputy Mayor DesRochers

Thanked Council member Davis and all for efforts

Mayor Johnson

Grace Avenue is open for through traffic

502/503 project is on track only backlog may be for the signal

Mill and Fill scheduled tentatively on July 26 - 28

Electric Vehicle (EV) Stations are working

Larch Corrections - August 7 meeting bring forward a resolution in support of keeping it open

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Philip Johnson
Mayor



Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: August 7, 2023

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