

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2006

City Clerk Claire Warner called the roll. The following were:

PRESENT: Mayor John G. Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Sandra Barnes and Councilmembers Reinhold, Ciraulo, Regan, Ganley, and Walters.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Eric Holmes, Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn, Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams, Finance Director David Reeves, Community Development Director Brian Carrico, Police Lieutenant Roy Butler, Assistant City Engineer Rob Charles, City Attorney Brian Wolfe, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Linda Saunders, Police Officer Brian Archer, Police Officer Alex Davenport, Utility Billing Clerk Joydene Lee, Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona, Office Assistant Larisa Micu and City Clerk Claire Warner.

PRESS: None.

COUNCIL SENTIMENTS

Councilmember Reinhold expressed his condolences for Florence Robison's passing. He then added that the Rose Float Open House would be held on March 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Building. Mr. Reinhold then spoke about:

- Battle Ground Rose Float Education Program.
- Chamber of Commerce Auction.
- North County Community Food Bank commodity distribution.

Councilmember Ganley distributed and spoke about an article in the Yakima Herald Republic that discussed graffiti (attached). He then asked staff to do traffic counts on Main Street as there is congestion from SR 503 to 5th Avenue, in front of the Shell station in the turn lane. Mr. Ganley stated that he would like to know when representatives from the Washington State Department of Transportation would be here to talk to Council. He then asked if staff was working with the school district regarding flower pots and noted that the school's FFA "does a great job". He commented that he was glad that Florence Robison was able to be in attendance at the dedication of the park that was named after her.

Deputy Mayor Barnes announced that the Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Show will be on Saturday and Sunday and encouraged all to attend. She expressed her condolences for Florence Robison as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Idsinga stated that Florence Robison was a prominent figure in Battle Ground and gave his condolences.

Mayor Idsinga recognized Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Linda Saunders for her 16 years of service to the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Idsinga noted that Commissioner Marc Boldt was in the audience tonight.

He then gave an update on the Waste Water Advisory Board meeting.

Mayor Idsinga noted that, in addition to 9-1-1 for emergency calls, citizens can now dial 2-1-1 which offers services for non-emergency calls.

He gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce's casino night.

Police Lieutenant Roy Butler introduced new officers Brian Archer and Alex Davenport.

Finance Director David Reeves introduced Joydene Lee as the City's newest Utility Billing Clerk.

The City Council welcomed the new employees.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Jane Higgins, Friends of Battle Ground Community Library

Ms. Higgins said that she shared the sorrow and loss of Florence Robison and noted that she was the original treasurer of the Friends of Battle Ground Community Library. She stated that she had seen Ms. Robison in Fred Meyer and spoke to her about the new Battle Ground Library and stated that Ms. Robison was excited to hear about it.

Ms. Higgins said that she was here tonight so that the Friends of Battle Ground Community Library President Alex Mintz could present Councilmember Ganley with his Cornerstone Society membership in recognition of him being proclaimed "Citizen of the Decade".

Alex Mintz, President, Friends of Battle Ground Community Library

Mr. Mintz said that he had known Florence Robison for 20 years and his wife had known her all her life. He then discussed her passing and added that his wife had remembered Ms. Robison riding in golf cart during Harvest Days and that the golf cart was the Friends of Battle Ground Community Library "Float" in the Harvest Days Parade. He added that the Council could consider, since she loved the library, a memorial to her near the new library or inside of the library.

Councilmember Ganley announced that Mayor Idsinga would be at the Regional Transportation Council to speak about the potential connection from Battle Ground to Camas. He said that this meeting would be at 4 p.m. on the 6th floor of the Clark County Public Service Building.

Mayor Idsinga explained that he and City Manager Eric Holmes had discussed, at the Growth Management Act meeting, five years ago, this issue and explained that this would be a loop that would go through the county. He stated that he felt preserving corridors and planning for the future were very important.

With no further comments, Mayor Idsinga closed the Citizen Communications portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Payroll Vouchers 02/17/06 #24403 to #24412 for \$7,355.00 and DD \$37,460.00
- B. Minutes of the February 21, 2006 City Council Meeting
- C. Minutes of the February 27, 2006 City Council Study Session Meeting
- D. Environmental Protection Agency Water Reclamation Grant Acceptance
- E. Parks Foundation Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by Councilmember Walters and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of 2006 Legislative Priorities: Motion

City Manager Eric Holmes stated that there was a detailed presentation at February 21, 2006 City Council Meeting regarding the City's 2006 Legislative Priorities. He said that, if the City Council were to adopt the 2006 Legislative Priorities, as presented, the priorities would be used in lobbying efforts on behalf of the City.

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded to adopt the 2006 Legislative Priorities as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Lagoon Monitoring Wells Installation and Testing Professional Services Contract: Presentation

Assistant City Engineer Rob Charles stated that a condition of the NPDES permit issued by the Department of Ecology requires that the City install three groundwater monitoring wells near the existing lagoon site. He then described where the wells would be located. Mr. Charles said that Pacific Groundwater Group has provided the City with a proposal in the amount of \$36,200 to oversee the installation of monitoring wells and one round of testing after installation of the wells to provide to Ecology by the end of the year.

There was discussion on the process of monitoring wells.

Councilmember Ganley asked if this was in the 2006 budget.

Mr. Charles said it was included in the 2006 budget.

Moved by Councilmember Ganley and seconded to award the contract to Pacific Groundwater Group in the amount of \$36,200.00 and authorize the city manager to execute the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

City Manager Eric Holmes announced that the meeting room at Tri – Mountain Golf Course had been reserved for March 25, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. for the Council Retreat. He added that breakfast and lunch would be served.

Councilmember Walters stated that she was excited about all the new officers that were being hired.

Police Lieutenant Roy Butler said that Chief of Police James McDaniel is at the Equivalency Academy so he was in his place to announce that the City had received two slots to the April training academy for the newly hired officers.

Councilmember Ganley stated that the new police cars and uniforms looked great and represented the department well.

Mayor Idsinga commended the Police Department on their professionalism.

Police Lieutenant Butler thanked the Council for their support. He stated that staff felt lucky and fortunate for what they have.

INFORMATION

Kiwanis Club City Grant

Information only.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire A. Warner,
City Clerk

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