

## **BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 20, 2006**

Office Assistant Larisa Micu called the roll. The following were:

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Eric Holmes, Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn, Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams, City Attorney Brian Wolfe, Chief of Police James McDaniel, Lieutenant Roy Butler, Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona, Assistant City Engineer Shane McKenzie, and Office Assistant Larisa Micu.

**PRESS:** Heidi Wallenborn, The Reflector

### **COUNCIL SENTIMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Barnes gave an update on the National League of Cities conference she attended in Washington D.C and thanked City Manager Eric Holmes and staff for their help.

Councilmember Barnes then gave an update on the Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Show she attended on Saturday and Sunday. She thanked the Art Alliance for bringing art to the City of Battle Ground. She invited all to attend next year.

Mayor Idsinga stated that he and his wife also attended the Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Show on Sunday afternoon.

Councilmember Reinhold stated that he attended Florence Robison's funeral. He also said that the Rose Float open house was last Monday and lots of people showed up, including people who chaired in the past. He also mentioned that the construction crew is working Monday and Wednesday nights, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and invited interested parties to attend. Councilmember Reinhold mentioned that he found pictures of high school marching bands participating in the Rose parade from 1960 to 1967 and that he took the pictures to the high school. He also mentioned that the Food Bank has a brand new walk-in freezer.

Councilmember Ganley mentioned that the first meeting for Battle Ground High School track was last week. He then gave an update on the Regional Transportation Council meeting and thanked Mayor Idsinga for attending and doing an outstanding presentation on the proposed loop. He also gave an update on the C-Tran Board Meeting and stated that the ad revenue from putting ads on busses has gone up. He also stated that Lynne Griffith, Executive Director of C-Tran is a finalist for Pierce County Transit.

Councilmember Lisa Walters thanked C-Tran for doing a great job. She also stated that the new "Welcome to the City of Battle Ground" sign at the Gardner Center looks good.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Idsinga gave an update on the National League of Cities conference which he attended as well in Washington DC and stated that the conference was a great success.

He stated that he, Deputy City Manager Dennis Osborn, and Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona, attended a luncheon at the Hilton where Governor Gregoire reported on the accomplishments of the legislature this year, schools and colleges.

Mayor Idsinga also stated that the Battle Ground School District signed a good neighbor agreement, on Saturday, with Lloyd's Grill restaurant.

He also announced that the City of Battle Ground ranked number one in obtaining Community Development Block Grant funds for infrastructure and thanked Brian Carrico, Community Development Director for his effort in obtaining \$165,000.

Mayor Idsinga stated that he had tickets for the April 8, 2006 Rock Solid Teen Center Auction.

Mayor Idsinga presented a plaque to Shane McKenzie, Assistant City Engineer, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to the Police Department Construction Project. Council thanked her for her work.

He invited everyone to attend the Police Open House on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

**Burt Benson**, 813 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Mr. Benson stated that he is in the process of building a RV garage and is having trouble meeting the height requirements by about 1 foot. He asked Council for any recommendations, as he is trying to avoid getting a conditional use permit which would cost him around \$3,000.

City Manager Eric Holmes advised Mr. Benson that Council will be discussing issues such as this one at the Study Session meeting on Monday, March 27, 2006 and advised him to give his contact information to Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona.

**Terri Tweedell**, 2930 W Main Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Tweedell gave an update on the SPNS 539 Engine. She stated that one of the bridges can't sustain the weight of the engine and that the engine will be taken apart and delivered by three flat beds. She said that the engine will be removed by July 1, 2006. She also invited all to come and watch the event.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A.** Payroll Vouchers 03/03/06 #24415 to #24430 for \$40,103.63 and DD \$146,642.72
- B.** Minutes of the March 6, 2006 City Council Meeting
- C.** Professional Contract for City Facility Janitorial Services

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Barnes and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance #06 – 03 an Ordinance Relating to Emergency Management: Consideration**

Mayor Idsinga noted that the ordinance in the Council packet did not reflect the amendment discussed at the February 27, 2006 Study Session which added the Mayor as the designated successor in the event that the City Manager and Deputy City Manager are unavailable during emergency situations.

Office Assistant Larisa Micu read Ordinance #06 – 03 by title.

Chief of Police James McDaniel stated that he is here to answer any questions that Council may have, with the understanding that the ordinance will include the amendment as mentioned by the Mayor.

**Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded to approve Ordinance #06 - 03 as presented, with identified amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Ciraulo, Walters, Ganley, Regan, Reinhold, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Clark County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement: Presentation**

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams stated that this is a new interlocal agreement with Clark County regarding the transfer and disposal of solid waste. He added that this agreement continues the City's agreement with the County as being party to the Regional Solid Waste System of Clark County and updates and replaces the existing interlocal agreement signed in 1992.

Mr. Adams provided staff with some history of garbage/solid waste in Clark County and how the County entered into an agreement with Waste Management to provide garbage service throughout the County. He added that Battle Ground had entered into the interlocal agreement in 1992.

Mr. Adams explained that Waste Management is not operating in Clark County and that Waste Connections would like to take over all the services. He explained that this interlocal agreement continues the smooth operations of the regional solid waste transfer services. He also explained that the new contract would be extended 5 years, to 2016.

Mr. Adams explained some of the advantages of the new contract as presented in the Council packet, amongst which is the establishment of a Regional Solid Waste System Committee. Mr. Adams explained that the Regional Solid Waste System Committee would be comprised of Public Works Directors throughout Clark County and that this committee would act as a receiving point of complaints and present any input to the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

Mr. Adams said that one of the disadvantages of the contract is that the City of Battle Ground loses some autonomy by participation in a regional system. He then explained that one of the advantages is that the citizens of Battle Ground gain financial and environmental benefits by sharing in the costs and operation of a regional system. He explained that, since 1992, there has not been much fluctuation in garbage rates.

Mr. Adams then asked Council if they had any questions.

There was discussion on:

- Rates
- The contract relative to recycling and yard waste
- Potential mandatory garbage collection
- Collection Times
- Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee
- Staff contacts at Waste Connections

There was continued discussion on Clark County waste programs and other garbage collection agencies.

There was continued discussion on mandatory garbage collection.

Councilmember Reinhold asked Mr. Adams to bring the issue of a cover for the newspaper bin back to the Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee.

There was discussion on recycling.

Mr. Adams stated that this item would be brought back on the April 3, 2006 consent agenda.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS UPDATE**

City Manager Eric Holmes stated that he attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. as well and that it was a success. He thanked Executive Liaison Adrienne DeDona and Customer Service Clerk Alisha Smith for all their help in making all of the arrangements.

Mr. Holmes reminded council that the PDC Personal Financial Affairs Statement filing deadline is April 17, 2006.

Mr. Holmes then reminded council that this Saturday is Council Retreat at Tri-Mountain and it will start at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Holmes said that he received an e-mail from Ellie Kassab regarding the Welcome to Battle Ground sign at the Gardner Center. The e-mail mentioned that all of the construction work is done, the easement is recorded, and that the lettering is on order and should be installed in the next four to five weeks.

Mr. Holmes discussed a letter from Harb Engineering regarding Commerce Parkway II and III (attached).

There was discussion on the Harb Engineering letter regarding the park provision.

Mr. Holmes stated that the overall project is scheduled to be on the Study Session agenda next Monday and this topic can be included.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Sam Adams showed Council the new bathroom facility design to be built at Fairgrounds park, which reflected a North West atmosphere.

City Manager Eric Holmes stated that the above design will be reflected throughout the rest of the buildings. He added that the architect is working on a similar rendering for a 15,000 square foot building which will be presented to Council soon.

There was discussion regarding the roof of the facility.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Public Works Operations monthly report**

Information only.

### **Finance Department monthly report**

Information only.

### **Engineering Department monthly report**

Information only.

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**Police Department monthly report**

Information only.

**Fire Department monthly report**

Information only.

**Community Development Department monthly report**

Information only.

Mr. Holmes requested to have an Executive Session to discuss labor relations for 30 minutes with no action to follow.

**Moved by Councilor Reinhold and seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss labor relations for 30 minutes with no action to follow. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There was a 5 – minute break at 7:59 p.m.**

**Executive Session began at 8:04 p.m.**

**Executive Session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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John G. Idsinga,  
Mayor

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Larisa Micu,  
Office Assistant

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