



BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The study session of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cortes via Zoom meeting, meeting ID 85045983572.

COUNCIL: Mayor Adrian Cortes, Deputy Mayor Philip Johnson, and Council members Cherish DesRochers, Shane Bowman, Brian Munson, and Shauna Walters.

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

TOPIC: 2022 Budget

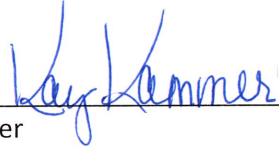
Presented by Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery.

Summary: Council was presented information regarding the fee schedule and other revenues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Adrian Cortes
Mayor



Kay Kammer
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: October 4, 2021



BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Cortes via Zoom meeting, Meeting ID 85045983572.

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Adrian Cortes, Deputy Mayor Philip Johnson, Council members Cherish DesRochers, Shane Bowman, Brian Munson, and Shauna Walters.

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, Fire District No. 3 Chief Scott Sorenson, Communications Manager/PIO Bonnie Gilberti, City Attorney Christine Hayes, City Clerk Kay Kammer and Executive Assistant Rhonda Kay Calkins.

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Council member(s) reported on the following:

7:01 p.m.

Council member Munson

- ❖ Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) meeting

Council member DesRochers

- ❖ Joint Executive Group on Homeless meeting

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cortes

7:03 p.m.

- ❖ Kudos to council member DesRochers regarding efforts on the homeless committee
- ❖ Proclamation: National Disabilities Awareness Month
- ❖ Proclamation: Good Neighbor Day

Presentations

7:08 p.m.

- ❖ Clark County presentation: Cedars Golf Course Acquisition

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

7:35 p.m.

Carmen Flores

- ❖ Opposed to a medical freedom ordinance

Anne Brock

- ❖ Opposed to a medical freedom ordinance

Anonymous

- ❖ Opposed to a medical freedom ordinance

Anonymous

- ❖ Opposed a medical freedom ordinance

Steve Dail

- ❖ For a medical freedom ordinance

Tyler Long

- ❖ For a medical freedom ordinance

Daniel Hill

- ❖ Opposed a medical freedom ordinance

Greg Cheney

- ❖ Clark County Republican Leadership condemnation of protests at private homes

Vern Jeremica

- ❖ For a medical freedom ordinance

CONSENT AGENDA

7:58 p.m.

- A. Council meeting minutes from September 7, 2021.
- B. Payroll vouchers dated 09/01/2021, #288970 through #28903 in the amount of \$7,723.60 and direct deposits in the amount of \$215,721.65.
- C. Claim Vouchers dated 09/03/2021, #89013 through #89036 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$56,674.37.
- D. Claim Vouchers dated 09/10/2021, #89037 through #89106 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$264,472.35
- E. SR 503/SR502 Intersection Improvements – ROW Purchase Approval – Christopher Trust
- F. SR 503/SR502 Intersection Improvements – ROW Purchase Approval – Hi School Properties

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

SECOND: Council member Munson.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

BUSINESS

7:59 p.m.

Juneteenth Holiday: Presentation

Presented by City Manager Erin Erdman.

Summary: Council was presented information regarding the Juneteenth Holiday.

Council consensus was to add the Juneteenth Holiday to the list of recognized holidays. An ordinance will be brought forward in a future meeting to adopt the recognized holiday.

Ordinance 2021-19, Medical Freedom: Presentation

8:01 p.m.

Presented by Brian Munson, Council Member.

Summary: Council Member Munson presented a draft of an ordinance in regards to Medical Freedom as it relates to the Covid-19 pandemic.

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved at 8:30 P.M. to enter an executive session to discuss potential litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the City has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risk is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City for approximately 15 minutes with potential action.

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Johnson.

AYES: Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers.

NAYS: Munson, Walters.

VOTE: Motion carried.

Mayor Cortes reconvened the regular meeting at 8:46 P.M.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Johnson moved that the city hire an outside attorney to advise council on the proposed ordinance.

SECOND: Council member Bowman.

MOTION: Council member Munson moved to amend the motion and add that the attorney to be hired has no intrinsic ties to any council member to avoid a conflict of interest and is impartial to advise council on the proposed ordinance.

SECOND: Council member Bowman.

AYES: Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson, Walters.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

City Attorney Christine Hayes informed the council that the City has conflict counsel on contract from the firm of Menke, Jackson, Beyer with the primary attorneys being Ken Harper and Kirk Ellis.

Mayor Cortes asked each council member if they knew the attorneys from the firm and each answered in the negative.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED

AYES: Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson, Walters.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8:24 p.m.

No reports were presented.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8:24 p.m.

Council member Bowman

- ❖ Presented information regarding the Cascadia Tech Fire Cadet program and is seeking donations

CLOSED SESSION

8:55 p.m.

Mayor Cortes announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) the City Council will adjourned into closed door session for the Non- commissioned contract negotiations for approximately 30 minutes with no action to be taken.

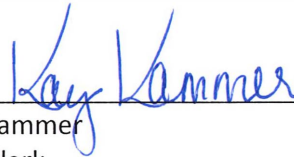
Mayor Cortes reconvened the regular meeting and 9:07 P.M. and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



Adrian Cortes
Mayor



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