

January 17, 2017

Steilacoom Town Council Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

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Mayor Lucas called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Mayor Lucas, Councilmembers Stovall, Henderson, Crumley, Franklin and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Rodriguez, Public Works Director Burlingame, Town Planner Fortner and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Henderson moved and **Councilmember Smith** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of January 3, 2017
2. Payroll Checks #104201 - #104209 in the amount of \$237,827.80
3. Claims Checks #104218 - #104286 in the amount of \$276,010.52 and Manual Check #104214 in the amount of \$358.56

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

PRESENTATION:

Mark Lindquist – Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Preliminary Plat of Birch Street (AB 2780)

Quasi-judicial hearing – **Mayor Lucas** asked if Councilmembers had ex-parte contact. He asked if anyone challenged any of the Councilmembers or the Mayor's participation and swore in those planning to testify.

Town Planner Fortner delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience. The following people spoke:

Tres Kirkebo, APEX Engineering, 2801 South 35th St., Suite 200, Tacoma. He presented site information to Councilmembers.

Matt Lewis, owner of Garrette Custom Homes, 1210 Adams Street, Steilacoom. He presented site information to Councilmembers.

Kimberly Payton Clark, 11604 Gravelly Lake Drive, Lakewood. She expressed concerns regarding the stream running through the property and the fencing that is planned to be installed with this development.

Public Hearing cont.

Jan Thorne, 817 Birch Street, Steilacoom. She is concerned with the quality of life on Birch Street. She hopes that there is no widening requirement for Birch Street and no connection to Short Street.

Erin Perkins, 819 Birch Street, Steilacoom. When the trees are removed from the property, she wants Council to consider storm water runoff concerns.

Yes: All

Councilmember Smith moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to close the public hearing.

Councilmember Smith moved and **Councilmember Crumley** seconded to direct staff to draft appropriate findings and conclusions to require the applicant to bring the existing section of Birch Street up to Town standards for residential streets, including width and thickened edge, for consideration at the next Town Council meeting, February 7, 2017 in conjunction with a decision on the plat application.

Yes: All

Councilmember Smith moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to direct staff to draft appropriate findings and conclusions approving the proposed dead-end street design for Birch Street for consideration at the next Town Council meeting, February 7, 2017 in conjunction with a decision on the plat application.

Yes: All

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Announced that long serving Preservation and Review Board member, Joan Curtis, has tendered her resignation. She will be missed and we thank her for all her years of service.
- The Mayor shared Pierce Counties' 2017 Legislative priorities.
- Reminded Council that the Town recently lobbied the State Legislature for approximately one million dollars to help construct a round-about on Rainier Street.
- Asked Council to please look at the "Tunnel of Trees" and the condition of the trees.
- Three trees were recently removed from private property. They were determined to be diseased.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Announced that over the weekend we had several vehicles at Public Works yard were broken into. Several tools and equipment were stolen and vehicles were damaged.
- The Town was notified that the Johnsons have moved into the larger home on their property and out of their tiny home.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported the following:

- Reported no new litigation.
- Reminded Council of an executive session next month.

Public Safety

Chief Rodriguez reported the following:

- The School Resource Officer position is gaining speed. Officer Hamrick recently gave a presentation to school officials.
- Officer Feleppa was involved in capturing a loose Shetland pony that was walking down Steilacoom Boulevard.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Staff is currently reviewing the engineering design plans for Tasanee development. Construction for that plat will probably start this spring.
- Gray & Osborne Engineering has started a scope of work for First Street improvements and the crosswalk study.
- Crews have been busy spraying between 8-10 thousand gallons of brine on our roadways during this cold snap. We welcome the rain.

Council

Councilmember Stovall reported the following:

- Asked if the LED project was done. Answer: Yes

Councilmember Franklin had no comment.

Councilmember Henderson reported the following:

- After 40 years of public service, do we have anything planned for Joan Curtis? Answer: Yes, we will think of something special.

Councilmember Crumley reported the following:

- He asked if there were any changes with the Steilacoom Marina. Answer: No changes.
- Any new developments on the old mill property. Answer: No, nothing serious.

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- He stated that he thinks the LED lights are a great improvement for the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

The January 17, 2017 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss storm water regulations was cancelled.

Town Administrator

Mayor