

June 18, 2019

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, Henderson, Crumley, Franklin and Smith. Councilmember Neal was excused. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Rodriguez, Public Works Director Burlingame and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Henderson asked that item #4 be moved off the consent agenda to discuss Agenda Bill #2924 (Ordinance #1602)

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

1. Minutes of June 4, 2019
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #111421 - #111425 in the amount of \$239,804.22
3. Approval of Claims Checks #111473 - #111546 in the amount of \$534,671.49 and Manual Checks #111426 - #111429 in the amount of \$7,750.00
4. Implementation of NTSB Safety Recommendations on the Point Defiance Bypass (AB 2925) (Resolution #1172)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

Tom Kurtz, 410 First Street, Steilacoom. He was inquiring as to what was happening at Saltar's Point Beach. They noticed the installation of dog kennels, Kayaks and paddle boards on the beach. Answer: the intent was to have a summer school program at Saltar's Beach this summer. However, vandals have since destroyed the fencing and stolen some equipment. Therefore, the program has been moved to Sunnyside Beach.

NEW ITEMS:

Ferry Queues (AB 2924)
(Ordinance #1602)

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Yes: All

Councilmember Smith moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to adopt Ordinance number 1602 establishing a new section in the Steilacoom Municipal Code 10.50 Ferry Queues.

Change Order #1, Steilacoom
Improvement Project (AB 2927)

Public Works Director Burlingame delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Lucas asked for public comments. The following people spoke:

Alley McBride & Alex Tiller, 418 Stevens, Steilacoom. She is concerned with the easement on their property with this project. Wants to know that the easement is legal and if so would like to see a property tax adjustment.

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AB 2927 continued:

Yes: All

Washington St./Pacific St.
Improvement Project
Change Order #2 and
Project Closeout
(AB 2928)

Yes: All

REPORTS:

Mayor

Councilmember Franklin moved and **Councilmember Smith** moved to approve change order #1, increasing the total amount payable to Active Construction Inc. by \$5,640.00 to an adjusted amount not to exceed \$2,948,582.00

Public Works Director Burlingame delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Henderson moved and **Councilmember Franklin** moved to approve change order #1, increasing the total amount payable to payable to Rodarte Construction Inc. to a total amount not to exceed \$692,309.85.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- He shared information regarding our China Sister City. The Mayor and other representatives of this city will be visiting on June 24th. The goal is to organize a student exchange program.
- Reviewed concerns of a resident on Starling Street and parking during the 4th of July.
- A resident in the Birch Hill neighborhood is questioning whether a guardrail is needed on Short Street above his home. Staff is looking into the issue.
- Discussed issues regarding the Rainier Communication Commission and small cells being installed.
- Several residents reported fireworks being fired off in the Saltar's Point Beach area. Reminded us that fireworks are not legal in Town.
- A military change of command is taking place on June 25th for the 508th and in July a change of command for the 42nd Military Brigade.
- The Mayor met with the Steilacoom Tribe recently to discuss paint on the outside of their building.
- Shared that Port Orchard is in the news with water usage issues.
- Talked about the use of Round-up in Town right of ways.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- The Steilacoom Farmers' Market season starts tomorrow. He encouraged everyone to visit to support the vendors.
- The Summer Concert series starts June 26th at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Park.
- LeMay/Waste Connections is our new financial sponsor for the Town's fireworks display.
- Reminded everyone that fireworks, alcohol and marijuana are all illegal to have and/or use in Town parks.
- Kids Summer Camp program starts next week.
- We will be closing and clearing Saltar's Point Beach at 8:00 pm. on the 4th of July.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Rodriguez reported the following:

- Happy to report the two new officers have been hired. They came on board yesterday. They will attend the police academy in October. We are excited to have them.
- One of our officers transferred over to Lakewood Police Department last week.
- As far as fireworks, if it goes up and blows up its illegal.
- Reported that coffee with the Chief was on Thursday evening. He had quality time with the four people that attended.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Reported that our seasonal hires have now all started. The labor market is tight this year.
- Hats off to Steilacoom Kiwanis Club for planning to re-roofing the Sugar Shack at Sunnyside Beach in July. It's been a good partnership for the Town.
- Washington and Pacific Street project is closed as of tonight.
- Regarding the Steilacoom Boulevard project, the installation of the pilings has been delayed. A few surprises have popped up but overall the project is going along well.

Council

Councilmember Franklin had no comments.

Councilmember Henderson reported the following:

- She asked if the cameras were any help with the vandalism and theft at Saltar's Point Beach. Answer – unfortunately, no.
- She asked if we will have staff at the beaches on the 4th of July. Answer – Yes, definitely at Sunnyside and maybe at Saltar's.
- Glad to see that we are in solidarity with the City of Lakewood in regards to Amtrak speeds and safety concerns.
- She spoke about civility amongst neighbors. She suggested that the nuisance ordinance be reviewed regarding bees.
- Councilmember Henderson is looking forward to attending the AWC conference next week.
- Thanked the Planning Commission for all their behind the scene work. Especially the 5G small cell issue.

Councilmember Crumley reported the following:

- Stated that Rigney Rd. and Steilacoom Boulevard are experiencing more traffic. He asked if there has been an increase of accidents with the detour in place. Answer – no increase in collisions. There seems to be more positive feedback than negative.

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Council continued:

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- Suggested that the truck detour sign at Western State be moved away from a tree for better visibility.
- Shared that there is 5G information on the Sprint Business website.
- He noticed several Pierce County Sheriff cars waiting for the ferry to go to Anderson Island.
- It's unfortunate that Saltar's Point Beach has to close on the 4th of July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Mayor Lucas adjourned the Council into an executive session to discuss litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110, paragraph i. He indicated the executive session would last approximately 30 minutes indicating no further action would be taken either in or after the executive session.

At approximately 8:20 p.m., Mayor Lucas reconvened the regular meeting and extended the executive session for another 40 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 8:55 p.m., Mayor Lucas reconvened and adjourned the regular Town Council meeting.

Town Administrator

Mayor