

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley** called an Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m. to discuss Qualifications for Public Office in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 paragraph (1) (h) for approximately 45 minutes. No decisions would be made in the Executive Session. The session adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

April 6, 2021

**Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley** 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 Pro Tem Crumley, Councilmembers Neal, Henderson, Franklin and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Yabe, Public Works Director Burlingame, Town Planner Fortner, and Administrative Assistant Gibelyou.

**Mayor Pro Tem Crumley** led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION**

Harlock Place Park, Norbert Estates Tract A – Sally Jackie and others made a presentation concerning accepting Norbert Estates Tact A and combining it with Harlock Place Park.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

1. Minutes of March 16, 2021
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #115534 - #115541 in the amount of \$139,578.28 and Payroll Checks #115625 - #115630 in the amount of \$234,803.77
3. Approval of Claims Checks #115573 - #115624 in the amount of \$167,736.46 and Manual Checks #115533, 115542, & 115543 in the amount of \$2249.92

Yes: All

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

Non-Agenda Items

- Karen Williamson 506 Main Street, Steilacoom. She has concerns about the Main and Sequalish Street intersection. Her house is located there, and she has had three cars come through her fence, as well as her husband hit by a car there. The intersection frightens her and she would like to see something done to enforce traffic laws.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Re-designate and rezone mill property (AB 3060) (ORD 1639)

**Mayor Pro Tem Crumley** opened the public hearing.

**Town Planner Fortner** delivered the staff report and answered questions from the public and Council. The applicant team, comprised of Rand Bellar, JT Cook, and Murray Hutchins, also contributed.

**Mayor Pro Tem Crumley** invited comments from the audience.

- Jennifer Cozart 702 Short Street, Steilacoom. She enjoyed the presentation, but had a question about what efforts would be made to preserve the heron rookeries in that area. The applicant team is aware of their existence and interested in keeping them undisturbed.
- Jim Burke 615 7th Street, Steilacoom. He had a question about the sustainability of the homes that will be built. Sustainability is very important to the applicant team.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS CONT'D:**

**Yes: Neal, Henderson, & Franklin**  
**No: Smith**

**Councilmember Neal** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to continue the public hearing on the re-designation and rezone of the mill property to the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**EMS Levy Renewal (AB 3059) (RES 1189)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilmember Neal** moved and **Councilmember Smith** seconded to adopt Resolution 1189 authorizing placing on the ballot for the August 3, 2021 special election a proposition for a tax levying for emergency medical care and services.

**Appointment of Mayor (AB 3055)**

**Yes: Franklin, Smith**  
**No: Neal, Henderson**  
**Mayor Pro Tem: Yes**

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

**Councilmember Smith** moved and **Councilmember Franklin** seconded to appoint an individual as Mayor to serve the remainder of Ron Lucas' term (2021).

**Yes: All**

**Councilmember Smith** nominated and **Councilmember Neal** seconded to appoint Dick Muri as Mayor to serve the remainder of Ron Lucas' term (2021) effective April 7, 2021.

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Town Sponsored Summer Events (AB 3061) (\*)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilmember Neal** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to cancel the Town sponsored 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and delay the decision on having an abbreviated summer concert series to the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting.

**Interagency Agreement with WA State Dept. of Enterprise Services (AB 3062)(\*)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilmember Franklin** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to adopt the interagency agreement between the Town of Steilacoom and the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Energy Program for the purpose of providing energy savings performance contracting services on behalf of the Town.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Pro Tem**

**Mayor Pro Tem Crumley** reported the following:

- He offered his congratulations to Dick Muri.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- The swearing in of Dick Muri as mayor will take place on April 7, 2021 at Town Hall.
- Confidential document shredding event will take place April 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until the truck is filled) at Public Works. They are looking for three volunteers to help from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until the truck is filled). Public Works Director Burlingame is the point of contact for interested volunteers.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Yabe** reported the following:

- A concerned out-of-state citizen reported that an elderly resident may have unintentionally and unwittingly sold an investment property to an unfamiliar party. The supervisor contacted the elderly resident, verified that the allegation was founded, and then coordinated assistance from adult protective services to address the transaction and provide for the ongoing welfare of the resident. Even during times of COVID, all manner of predatory practices remain ever-present upon our seniors, and our officers remain committed to the enforcement of law and the welfare of our citizens.
- In response to reported ongoing concerns from residents, officers have begun a stop sign emphasis in the area of Beech Ave and Pierce St. Over the past 2 weeks, 17 vehicles have been observed driving through the area, with 0 violations observed. As frustrating as it may sound, pursuant to state law, officers are not able to perform enforcement action for traffic violations they do not observe themselves. He is coordinating with some residents in the area to better understand their perspective of the ongoing issues.
- In response to additional concerns submitted to the traffic complaint email address, increased attention has been directed to the following areas: Union Ave and Sequalish St, regarding pedestrian crosswalk safety; Main St and Sequalish St, regarding stop sign violations; and Lexington St and Stevens St, regarding speeding.
- He appreciates the feedback to the traffic concern email address and hopes residents will continue to utilize that email address for future concerns. That email address is located upon our town website, and it is also published within their weekly blotter report.
- He recounted a use of force incident. During an arrest for alleged shoplifting, the individual, who appeared to be intoxicated, expressed intent to harm both himself and others. A counter-joint control hold was used. This type of technique is considered by the state criminal justice training commission as being within the least severe category of types of force to be used, and there was no reported injury to the suspect or the officer following the force use. The individual was ultimately transported

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to the emergency room in order to address the higher priority issue at hand: the immediate safety of the individual.

- Last week, he met both with our legislative district representatives and insurance authority lobbyists regarding several police reform bills currently in the legislature. While not opposed to change in police practices, he asked for clear expectations for those proposed changes, as well as reasonableness in the amount and type of change proposed.
- Pierce County has a new telephone number for residents without computers to call and schedule a COVID vaccine appointment. That phone number is being published in the weekly updates. It is (253) 798-8900.
- In February, he stated his intent to have two entry-level candidates attending the police academy within 90 days of that time. Unfortunately, that goal will not be met. Multiple candidates backed out of the process very suddenly. He's hoping candidates will be in the academy by the end of spring. The officers have been extremely patient and resilient through this process, and he can't thank them enough.

**Public Works**

**Public Works Director Burlingame** reported the following:

- They are still working on the final design of the roundabout. They have received preliminary authority to bid, but are still working with adjacent property owners and answering questions from, primarily, Anderson island residents.
- Pierce County has created a very nice webpage devoted to informing residents about the potential impacts and benefits of the roundabout project.
- He had a meeting with BPA concerning an interconnection agreement between BPA and Tacoma Power. Connecting with Tacoma Power occasionally will allow BPA to do maintenance on our substation without the Town losing power. Making this arrangement would be a sizable investment. He will continue to do more research on what the best arrangement might be.

**Council**

**Councilmember Smith** had no reports.

**Councilmember Franklin** reported the following:

- He extended congratulations to Dick Muri and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Crumley for serving in the interim.
- He suggested adjusting the school zone speed limit times now that schools have kids present all day most days.

**Councilmember Henderson** reported the following:

- There have been two work parties at Farrell's Marsh recently, one of which had 26 volunteers. A group of medical histology students from Clover Park composed the other. She is grateful to them all.

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- She also offered congratulations to Dick Muri and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Crumley for his service. Additionally, she congratulated the Town for earning the WellCity Award once again.
- She thanked Public Works Director Burlingame for refreshing the paint on the road at Rigney Rd and Steilacoom Blvd. She also offers gratitude to Public Works for taking care of the park entrance at Farrell’s Marsh.
- She made an enquiry as to the status of the Code Compliance/Building Inspector position. An individual has not been hired at this time and the job will be relisted.

**Councilmember Neal** reported the following:

- He congratulated Dick Muri and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Crumley. He also thanked the citizens for their participation that evening.
- The current legislative session has three weeks left. He encouraged all to continue to monitor the AWC legislative information and reach out to our delegation on various issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The April 6, 2021 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley** called an Executive Session at approximately 9:10 p.m. to discuss the Acquisition of Real Estate in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) for approximately 20 minutes. No decisions would be made in the Executive Session and no additional action would be taken by the Council after the Executive Session. The session adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.

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Town Administrator

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