

**CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 27, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

Roslyn Council Chambers, 109 S. 1st, Roslyn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, AGENDA UPDATE: 7:00pm

Mayor Lockett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, led the flag salute and asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Neal Lockett, Councilmember Andy Januskiewicz, Councilmember James Begley, Councilmember Laura Osiadacz, Councilmember Geoff Scherer, Councilmember Karen Flowers, Councilmember Nolan Weis, and Councilmember Derek Gruber

STAFF PRESENT: Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer; Lisa Haley, City Planner; Mitch Long, CAC Staff Liaison; Margaret King, City Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1.) Manual Checks #11365 - #11366, in the amount of **\$160,036.56**
- 2.) Accounts Payable Checks #11367 - #11388, in the amount of **\$108,301.99**
- 3.) Payroll Checks of February 29, 2012, #7765 - #7788, in the amount of **\$16,764.58**, and March 15, 2012, #7789 - #7801, in the amount of **\$12,745.29**

Mayor Lockett read items one through three on the consent agenda and then asked for Council's decision.

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to approve consent agenda items one through three. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0**.

Councilmember Scherer informed the Council and public that the high amount of manual checks and accounts payable checks was due in large part to the Old City Hall Project which is funded mainly by grants.

- 4.) Minutes: Special City Council Meeting, 12/20/2011; Regular Council Meeting, 1/10/2012; & Regular Council Meeting, 1/24/2012

Mayor Lockett read item number four from the consent agenda and then asked for Council's decision.

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to approve consent agenda item number four. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0**.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: (non-agenda items)

Vince Hansen, Roslyn – Mr. Hansen Passed out copies of Roslyn Municipal Code related to their topic of nuisances. Mr. Hansen set up a slide screen and showed photos, of a

property located at the corner of Dakota Ave and Third Street and read a statement about the property which is a major concern to them and neighbors.

Mayor Lockett – I believe there's an open enforcement case on this property, Lisa can you tell us where we are at?

Ms. Haley – they have been sent several letters with no response.

Mayor Lockett – so where do we go from here?

Margaret King, City Attorney – it's a decision of the Mayor and certainly Council but we do have a couple of options such as enforcement with daily penalties or abatement. For abatement we would need to get an order from the court and then we can go onto the property and clean it up and put a lien on the property.

Mayor Lockett – this person has paid the property taxes up to date so it probably means that this property means something to them and they have some kind of attachment to it and so I'm interested in moving the ball forward. We have been moving along at a relatively slow pace as the legal system requires but this is going to be cured.

Ms. King asked Mayor Lockett to contact her after everyone discusses it and let her know which direction to proceed in.

Lennie Mosiman, Roslyn – Thank you for addressing that, we wondered why that property was like that. On another note, I had applied for the tourism grant to put benches in the park. I talked to some people and we have downsized the project a little, I am working with the high school to get some benches and picnic tables made. Also, I wanted to know if the city council is addressing the ordinance that prohibits people from making things on their properties. I think it is important to allow cottage industries as I think it will promote tourism.

Peg Bryant, Roslyn – I'm here to ask that Mitch be allowed to present the CAC's annual report. We are really proud of our work and we've brought in over a quarter of a million dollars in in-kind contributions. The second thing I would like to ask is to have the City send the letter addressed to Gray & Osborne out. It is in regards to the storm water research work we have done on the Urban Forest and think it would be helpful for Gray & Osborne to include in their storm water study they are currently working on.

Mayor Lockett – before we move onto item number 5, I would like to ask Mitch if he has anything to report on the Old City Hall Project.

Mitch – currently all the interior walls have been finished, the drywall is up and they are starting to do some of the finishing touches. It looks quite different under there and they are moving right along. We've also found that it is holding heat quite well now.

Mayor Lockett – there were quite a few RFI's (request for information) which resulted in many COR's (change order requests) and I'm wondering if you can update us on those.

Mitch – basically the contractor had submitted numerous RFI's, typically these are questions that are asked of the architect for clarification. Oftentimes when they do bidding on these projects, the architect does the design but they don't necessarily tell you exactly how the board needs to be cut, that's up to the contractor to figure out. Because

this is a phased project, the contractor has to try to fit with the previous plans from phase one and they also have to be aware of how their work will affect the next phase. So they need to coordinate with all that stuff and it's not that unusual to have that many RFI's. We are still in negotiations over the COR's and I'm viewing them with the thought that if it is an actual benefit to the City and is above what the scope of work was then I'm willing to look at it and consider the request. The Mayor and I have sat down and talked about them with the architect.

Mayor Lockett – towards the end of this particular phase of this project we will have some unknown costs for data-communications and right now you are getting bids on those? Will we have an idea pretty soon of how much it will cost?

Mitch – We are currently working on the costs for data-communications, but I feel that we will have the money for that portion of the project.

Mayor Lockett – Mitch is really doing a great job on this.

INTRODUCTION:

5.) AB12-019 Discussion – Ronald Park Proposal (Use of Roslyn Property)
Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

Jim Boyle, Resident of Ronald – I would like to say that the proponents of the park say they have the support of the residents of Ronald. Ronald has been declared a class 1 LAMIRD (limited areas of more intense rural development) and its boundaries cannot be expanded. After making several inquiries around town, no one living within the limits of the Ronald LAMIRD that I talked to had been told about the park and most were opposed. I have 30 signatures of people in town that are opposed to the park. Also, the Coal Mines Trail Association is said to support the project, instead of supporting the park they should support the recreational loop.

Tim Milbert, Ronald; Fire District #6 Chief – I don't speak for the district but a group did come in as visitors to a Fire Commissioners meeting. They asked if we would be open to hosting a playground. They were informed to present a proposal and come back to the next Commissioner's meeting with it. Four months later as a no-show we took it off the agenda.

Mayor Lockett – in the literature that was sent to me it lists that this is a collaborative effort with Kittitas County Fire District #6, the Rotary of Upper Kittitas County, and the Kittitas County Parks & Recreation District #1. Is that a correct statement Chief Milbert? Chief Milbert replied no.

Councilmember Begley – if I may interject here, it lists support by the Coal Mines Trail Commission of which I am a member of and representative for Roslyn and this has never come up as an agenda item. There is currently no support from that commission.

Fire Chief Milbert – the district doesn't oppose any kind of playground in Ronald, but probably not on our property. It would be discussed in a commissioner's meeting if it came as a proposal.

Dave Chase, Ronald – this park idea was very poorly proposed to Ronald, we knew nothing about it until we heard from Roslyn. It seems to us that they came to Roslyn first. First of all, we don't have a crew that could maintain a park. Yes we have kids and they play by the old school in a field by my house and we even put in a jump and we can keep an eye on them there. This piece of property is a great piece that goes up to our water towers and the access is greatly needed. The property does have great potential as it lies within the Ronald township and it has the ability for water, sewer, and power to be hooked up for a building site and there are a lot of things in the future that Roslyn will probably have a use for it. It's a terrible location for a park because nobody can see it. We all have children and would we let them go up there and play, no. It sits behind a six foot fence driving down SR903 one lot away from it and you can't even see it. That's no place for kids to play. This proposal is all based on assumptions. I do believe that the people who started this had their heart in the right place but badly guided. As far as Ronald goes, most of us are 60-65 years old and I don't think cross fit is something we all have on our mind. I think these people had good intentions, but went about it the wrong way. The people that vote don't have a use for this park.

Shannon Cernik, Ronald – I am opposed to the park; my mom contacted me from Yuma, AZ to tell me about this. We are all opposed to this park.

Raymond Miller, Cle Elum – President of the Rotary Club; I am here to reconfirm the Rotary's involvement in this project. Each year we hold an annual fundraiser golf tournament and the money raised is put to different community projects. We not only donate money but time as well, for example we've helped Dick Watts clean up the cemeteries. About a year ago a group of Rotarians came to us and told us about the idea of a playground. Our support at that time and still is financial and sweat equity only. From tonight's discussion I'm getting that there is not the support for this project and that's fine. We are here only to help fund it if there is a desire for it.

Ken Selzler, Fire District #6 Commissioner – we were approached by a few members of the Rotary and we asked them to write up a proposal and bring it to us but they never did. By no means are we against any parks, the proposal just hasn't been made.

Mayor Lockett – I did a lot of research on this and at this point I'd like to ask if the Council has heard enough. Cheri Marusa told me that the Roslyn Downtown Association (RDA) is not involved in this and does not support it. Susie Weis has also emailed me stating that she is backing away from this. Mr. Storch has stated that the Rotary is backing away.

Mr. Miller replied that if no one wants the park the Rotary will move onto the next project.

Councilmember Osiadacz – I've heard enough

Councilmember Flowers – I think this is an issue between the Ronald residents and Rotary or whoever wants to work on that project.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – I noticed there is a letter here and at the last meeting the Mayor had mentioned he had this letter and wanted to send it.

Mayor Lockett – it was a letter to Mr. Storch because he was supposed to be at the February 28th meeting; I wrote that letter to give Mr. Storch an answer and to let them know that the piece of property we own in Ronald is very important and is part of the continuity of the recreational loop.

MOTION: Councilmember Januskiewicz made a **MOTION** that Mayor Lockett send his letter regarding the City’s property to all interested parties. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** 7-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Osiadacz – I received a letter in my email from one of our business owners in town, I think everyone got that letter in regards to the Sunday market. It seems that there is enough people including myself that think Pennsylvania Ave is not the most appropriate place for the market. This person made a good point about the business owners not having parking on that day. I think there have been enough people voicing concern that we should look into other locations.

Mayor Lockett – I met with Chief Osiadacz and it seems we came to some conclusions for recommendations for fire lanes and access for emergency vehicles and people with residences there. It turns out that most of the people along there are in favor of it and it is only on Sundays. A controversy has arisen between Jonine Collins, market owner, and RDA who has the NWI building. Jonine used to put the portable toilets and storage sheds on the NWI building property which isn’t turning out to work so great. So there is a proposal to put those items at the Coal Mines Trailhead and the portables would be available to recreationalists seven days a week. I would like the Council to think about that a little bit and maybe we can make a decision down the road.

Councilmember Scherer – I would like to remind RDA that I helped do a survey and everyone I talked to that spent money at the market also spent money in the community.

Councilmember Begley – I don’t oppose looking for other areas to hold the market but don’t want it to go away.

Mayor Lockett – if we move the market then it will displace the potential customers away from the other businesses and I don’t think we’ll have as many people going to our other businesses.

Councilmember Osiadacz – maybe it’s not a change of location but work together to make it work for everyone.

Mayor Lockett noted that he felt Roslyn Rags who does tie dying, Fused who make glass, and Higglebottoms with gifts all benefit from it.

Councilmember Flowers – as a business owner and seasonal right now, I believe that if they move that market away it’ll affect the business owners negatively.

Mayor Lockett – I would like to congratulate the library; I put up a challenge that for every \$2 they raised I would put up a \$1, up to \$500. They achieved that goal and so here is my check for that.

Mayor Lockett – I had a meeting with Susie Weis about a Spring Spruce Up; they want to put in a dry creek down by the round-about and will be holding a fundraising event with a party on May 18, 2012. She wanted to know what the City could do to participate and I came up with the idea of sweeping the sidewalks, planting flowers, and maybe the Fire Dept could do a chili cook off. People could also clean windows, sweep their sidewalks and others too, plant a tree, or do some painting on your buildings.

Mayor Lockett – I was contacted by a woman from a magazine in the Seattle area and last year we put an ad into that publication and it cost \$1500 and she couldn't give me any facts or numbers as to what it did for us so I turned it down. Dick Watts is going to be putting on a heritage festival that will be honoring a former teacher but he doesn't have any money for advertising. I would like to ask the Council if they feel that this would be a reasonable investment for those funds. Mr. Watts expects around 175 people to come to the community for this event.

Councilmember Januszkiewicz – this would be for advertising?

Mayor Lockett – yes, to advertise this event to bring people into our community.

Councilmember Januszkiewicz – at this point I would support using some of those funds, but I would like to know where it is going.

Councilmember Scherer – I think we should send it to the Budget Finance & Administration Committee.

Mayor Lockett asked Mitch Long to talk about what they have for the Transportation & Public Works Committee.

Mr. Long – we have the regional sewer committee issues, water comp plan update with a 6 & 20 year capital outlay that we'll need to start discussing, there is also the storm water study, and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund money we applied for.

STAFF REPORTS:

6.) Staff Reports

Mr. Long – Regency is doing an excellent job and they are doing quality work. They are very thorough and thoughtful of what we are going to be moving into. I would also like to bring Council's attention to the yearly accomplishment report, from the Citizen's Advisory Committee, that is in your packets. We have brought in over a quart of a million dollars in in-kind contributions.

Councilmember Begley – when it comes time to do the cultural assessments, you might want to talk to Steve Haffenburger from CWU.

Mitch – I've also talked with a gentleman here in town that works with the tribe and we've been considering going that way as well.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – I'd like to speak to the request that was made in regards to the letter going to G&O, I would like to elicit some discussion, should we do it?

Councilmember Begley – I think it makes sense, especially an area like the forest that will have a considerable impact.

Councilmember Gruber – it makes sense to me.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – this wasn't in the scope of work so there will probably be some additional cost incurred.

Council would like staff to ask Gray & Osborne for an estimate.

Peg Bryant – the intention was to make Gray & Osborne aware of the work that has already been done and take it into consideration.

Mr. Long – we just want them to look at our work not add to their scope of work.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – that's not how I read the letter.

Mr. Long – ok we'll clarify that.

MOTION: Councilmember Januskiewicz made a **MOTION** that Mitch Long sends the letter after it is clarified to Gray & Osborne. Councilmember Gruber **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7.) 42.30.110 (1)(i) Pending and/or Potential Litigation

Mayor Lockett announced that the Council would be going into an executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation with no action to take place after.

After 20 minutes Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer went to inform the public that is would be approximately another 30 minutes; there were no public waiting.

After the public left the room Mayor Lockett called the executive session to order at **8:46pm** and adjourned the executive session at **9:43pm**.

Margaret King, City Attorney – I would like the record to show that Councilmember Weis and Councilmember Osiadacz did not participate in executive session; they recused themselves.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:44pm

MOTION: Councilmember Begley made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:44pm. Councilmember Januskiewicz **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** 5-0.

Neal R. Lockett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer