

March 20, 2007

**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, Council Members Aboubakr, Davidson, Marcantonio and Smith. Staff members in attendance were, Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Drozynski, Town Planner Fortner, Street & Storm Crew Leader Cox and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

**Mayor Lucas** led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**NONE**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Yes: All

**Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and Councilman Davidson seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:**

- 1. Minutes of March 6, 2007**
- 2. Payroll Checks #41354 - #41372 in the amount of \$128,747.03**
- 3. Claims Checks #60226-#60310 in the amount of \$253,075.55 and Claims Checks #60222-#60225 in the amount of \$102,369.09**

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

**Non-Agenda Items**

**Dave Laxx**, representing Chambers Bay Homeowners Association, reported that each year there is a foot race on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that seems to create challenges regarding access for homeowners along Chambers Bay Rd. He requested that before a permit is issued that this concern be considered.

**Troy Kelley**, State Representative Legislative District 28, discussed current capital budget projects in the Legislature.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Sgt. Rod Rodriguez-  
Recognition of Service**

**Mayor Lucas** congratulated Sergeant Rodriguez for nearly 40 years of service in the Steilacoom community. Sgt. Rodriguez was hired in 1971 when there were only 3 officers and one patrol car. The first Public Safety office was located in Town Hall.

**Tree City USA Award – Joe  
Scorceo**

**Joe Scorceo**, Chair of the Washington Community Forestry Council, presented the Tree City USA Award to the Town of Steilacoom for the third year.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Hong Alternative Street Design (AB 2038)**

**Mayor Lucas** opened the public hearing and called for the staff report.

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

**Mayor Lucas** invited comments from the audience.

**Dr. Caroll Simpson**, 2424 Western Road indicated his main concern is with the possibility of runoff and drainage down Western Road.

**George Phillips**, 706 Pine Street, is concerned about the vacation of Post Road.

**Ken Davidson**, 2433 Steilacoom Blvd., felt that the vacation of Post Road would not be necessary.

**Marilyn Martinetto**, 2300 Worthington Street, stated that all future possible street vacations be in writing, from the Town, as far as what plat they exist in.

**Cherri Hong**, 104 Kim Court, stated that originally they had proposed to vacate Post Street, however, after discussing the issue with the neighbors the Hongs concluded that a private driveway across Post Street would be more advantages due to less disruption to the green belt.

**Councilman Smith** moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to close the public hearing.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Hong Alternative Street Design (AB 2038)

Yes: All

**Councilman Davidson** moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt the staff's recommended findings and conclusions, thereby approving the Hong alternative street design for Post Street with conditions.

**NEW ITEMS:**

NONE

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- Provided a Legislative update.
- Funeral tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. for Specialist Anthony Kiser from the 42<sup>nd</sup> MP Brigade.
- The fire at 6<sup>th</sup> and Champion-Wil Nelson and Pierce County Fire Marshalls are in the process of finishing their reports.
- During the funeral for Mr. Johnson, special recognition was given to the Public Safety Department from a family member.
- The Town is working on special compensation for all the volunteers that helped during the recent house fire.
- The Mayor received a call from a concerned citizen regarding increasing traffic speeds along Union and Lafayette.

- Received an E-Mail regarding signs attached to light poles in Town. He will pass the very interesting information on.
- The Mayor is in contact with Councilman Dick Muri regarding the repairs of the dock in Town and Pierce County's contribution.
- Tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Rainier Communications will hold a conference in Town Hall. A Century Tel representative will be present to talk about Wi-Fi.
- Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saltar's sidewalk presentation will take place between 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Public Works Director applications are due. Interviews will be scheduled during the week ending March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – bid opening for Rainier Street project. Review should be complete with presentation and action on Pacific Street sewer project and Rainier Street project by April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.
- The Mayor has received a letter from the Chinese government. He will probably travel to China to our sister city in the middle of April.
- Staff is working hard while the Town administrator Paul Loveless is on Superior Court Jury duty.

**Administrator/ Public Works Director**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

1. Railroad crossing status:
  - Report/Received and distributed with the Friday update.
  - Diagnostic meeting in process of being scheduled for the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Letter of intent to be filed after everyone agrees to improvements needed.
2. Rainier Street:
  - Project has been advertised with bids due on March 30 @ 2:00 pm.
  - Pre-bid meeting on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am.
  - The intent is to bring the proposal to award to the Council on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Intent is also to bring construction engineering contract to Council for action on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Saltar's sidewalk and Gove overlay:
  - Design is 90% complete
  - Open house @ Saltar's on the April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm.
  - Engineering contract amended for adding overlay currently being negotiated.

Steilacoom Blvd. project:

- Design 60 – 75%
- The library has been contacted for their input
- Critical path are the utilities and we continue to work with applicable parties.
- Title reports have been ordered for four parcels we need to acquire or obtain easements for.

4. Electric:

- Amaya continues working throughout Town. Staff has already discussed the need for better temporary patching.
- Staff anticipates they will be pulling wire within the next two weeks.
- Staff is scheduling a series of small outages to address issues raised in the work performed by Colbert.
- 6 year study has started. Consultant loaded up with information. Should be back in several weeks.

5. Sewer:

- Pacific I & I bid advertised with a closing date of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Back-ups on Eleanor Court impacting 1101, 1102, & 1103. Staff continues with our jetting program.

6. Storm/Street:

- Crew continues vactoring, ect.
- Currently active with row maintenance.

7. Public Works Director:

- Closes on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- To date, we have received seven responses and expect more this week.

8. Parks:

- Weather permitting, we will be removing moss from the Community Center and Public Safety buildings.
- With the warmer weather we have seen increased mowing.
- We are currently advertising for summer temps.
- We will be installing, replacing or upgrading sprinkler systems in pioneer, cormorant, and sunny side parks.
- Will also be reproofing Saltar's shelter at the end of summer.

9. Spring Clean-up:

- Due to the article we have received 25 new volunteers for clean-up.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Safety**

**Public Safety Director Drozynski** reported the following:

- On March 6<sup>th</sup> a residential house fire started at 6<sup>th</sup> and Champion. The fire crew were unable to enter the structure safely. One person lost his life.

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- Special thanks to the Public Works crew that helped with the fire clean-up and 118 hours of work from Public Safety volunteers.
- Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Public Safety will give Sgt. Rod Rodriguez a special send off for all his years of service.
- Sunday evening the Steilacoom Marina experienced a burglary. Four people have been arrested.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- She is also concerned about speeding traffic along Lafayette Street.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- She paid for a pet license but has not received the tag.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- On March 11<sup>th</sup> the News Tribune reported that Steilacoom was one of the communities that was able to furnish an emergency plan when asked in compliance with the open public records act.
- Asked about the power outage that occurred last Friday.
- Councilman Davidson will be running for re-election.
- Thanked Public Safety for all the hard work at the recent fire.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- Recently returned from a Mexican vacation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The March 20, 2007 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

**NONE**

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**Town Administrator**

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**Mayor**