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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, Judson, 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

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

1. Minutes of May 1, 2007
2. Payroll Checks #41422 - #41440 in the amount of \$147,973.11
3. Claims Checks #60553 - #60642 in the amount of \$128,062.82 and Manual Checks #60548-#60552 in the amount of \$5,845.45
4. Interlocal Agreement – Pierce County – Road Maintenance (AB 2057)
5. Confirm Re-appointment of Wolf Fletter to Planning Commission #6 (AB 2058)
6. Utility Tax – Definition of Gross Revenues (AB 2060) (Ordinance 1419)
7. Washington State Department of Information Services Agreement (AB 2059)

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

John Bethencourt, 610 3rd Street, suggested that the 20 MPH Steilacoom school zones were excessive from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Final Plat St. Andrews (AB 2052)

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.

Barb Kohler, 822 Shannon Street, being a homeowner of Shannon Glen she is concerned about the large amount of water accumulation in her backyard. She asked that the Town maintain and monitor water levels through periodic site inspections in this neighborhood.

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Elizabeth Turpin, 1997 Bragett Street, **Mark Turpin**, 807 Galloway Street, they have lived on Galloway Street for 50 years and have never seen this amount of water accumulation.

Fred LaMotte, 821 Shannon Street Ct., has lived on Shannon Street for 15 years. He suggested that the water accumulation is no mystery. He suggested that the wetlands were destroyed when the trees were removed. The responsibility should be on the builder and the Town not between the two neighborhoods.

Marilyn Martinetto, 2300 Worthington Street, stated that the Town has a requirement to abide by State laws through maintaining storm water management ordinances. She feels that the developer should have responsibility to determine if the water is flowing into the storm drainage system. The homeowners' association needs to maintain the system not the Town.

Lowell Bier, 2312 C Street, he has lived in the area for years and feels that the developer has changed the contour of the land which has created the excess water accumulation.

Vince Beyette, 622 Galloway Street, asked if once the water flows out of this development if it is connected to the Lexington system here in Town? Yes, the overflow does feed into Stevens Street and then on down to Lexington.

Jeff Hill, 6869 Kimball Drive, Gig Harbor, when the preliminary plat was engineered an 18 inch culvert was installed. To deal with the excess water a pipe was installed 6 inches above the top of the city water line. With no results, it was determined that a 12 inch pipe needed to be installed 2 feet lower. Mr. Hill believes that by adding the 2nd pipe water levels should be restored.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Final Plat St. Andrews (AB 2052)

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to approve the final plat of St. Andrews, and authorize the Mayor to sign the plat upon receipt of the final 'as built' drawings from the developer with the requirement that additional language be added to the covenants, conditions and restrictions that in addition to the homeowners association be required to maintain the storm water system allowing for the drainage out of the Shannon Glen wetlands. If that system is found to be inadequate due to the impacts caused by this plat of St. Andrews that the homeowners association shall also be required to improve this system to manage the flow of drainage out of the Shannon Glen wet

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lands so that it is not of a greater impact from the Shannon Glen properties than it was prior to the improvements caused by St. Andrews.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6-Year TIP (AB 2056) (Resolution 1069)

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

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

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience. There were none.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

6-Year TIP (AB 2056) (Resolution 1069)

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilwoman Marcantonio** seconded to adopt Resolution Number 1069 adopting the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2008-2013.

Yes: All

NEW ITEMS:

Utility Tax – Applicability to Cellular Services (AB 2061) (Ordinance 1420)

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

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience.

Dave Laxx, 2869 Chambers Bay Dr., commented that he is being taxed on his phone bill he would like to see the Town get the money.

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to approve Ordinance Number 1420 amending SMC 3.043.040 expanding the utility tax to all “Telephone Business” regardless of the method of service delivery.

Yes: All

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Rainier Street construction will be built in 2 sections. The intent is to start construction on June 1st.
- Young citizen award closes May 25th.
- After spending time at the entrance of Farrell’s Marsh the Mayor found that many residents are concerned about the amount of dogs off leashes. Signage is needed.
- The Mayor has asked for a report from the Board of Health regarding for a fluoride update.
- The Nisqually Tribe is looking for support to acquire the Fort Lewis golf course.

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Administrator/Public Works Director

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Pre-construction meeting was held last Friday regarding Rainier Street project. Construction will be done in two phases starting June 1st.
- PSE/Petelco Steilacoom Blvd project – 70 days to provide the final design and documents. Much more lighting will be required with the crosswalks.
- Gove Street overlay and Saltars School Zone Safety Award is currently with the State under consideration.
- Pacific I & I project work starts Monday.
- AWC conference coming up in June. Delegates appointed.
- Chevron Station has applied for a new sign using LED lights
- Hanging baskets have been installed around Town. They were provided by the school district.
- Mr. Loveless had a diagnostics meeting with railroad officials. Summary/report will be provided in 2-3 weeks.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Public Safety Director Drozynski reported the following:

- Recently attended a bill signing ceremony with the State Governor.
- Currently working on several agreements of cooperation with State of Washington Department of Corrections and McNeil Island. They will be forthcoming.

Council

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Approached by a neighbor recently regarding speeding along 1st Street.
- Items of interest – green power is gaining popularity. Where people are generating their own power.
- Slide along Steilacoom Blvd. – owner should be responsible for future clean-up or repairs.
- Councilman Smith will not be at the June 5th council meeting.

Councilman Judson had no comments.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Surprised that one of the school crossing zones still reads “when children are present”. Suggested that it needs to be changed.
- Recently attended a memorial service for Ruth Foster. She had lived in Steilacoom since 1933. An old Steilacoom resident.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- A citizen living on Lexington is concerned about speeders.

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Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- The crosswalk signs are really helping to keep pedestrians safe.
- On Saturday the Town had an old train go through. Mrs. Aboubakr shared a digitally recorded video.

ADJOURNMENT:

The May 15, 2007 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Real Property Acquisition

An executive session to discuss Real Property Acquisition was convened at 9:03 p.m. for an estimated length of 20-25 minutes. The executive session adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor