

September 1, 2009

**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, Judson, Davidson, Marcantonio and Smith. Staff members in attendance were, Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Drozynski, Public Works Director Burlingame, and Town Planner Fortner.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

1. Minutes of August 4, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42547 - #42566 in the amount of \$178,570.75 and Payroll Checks #42567-#42585 in the amount of \$143,157.94
3. Claims Checks #65064 - #65144 in the amount of \$74,890.94 and Manual Checks #65062 - #65063 in the amount of \$386,512.40 and Claims Checks #65146 - #65214 in the amount of \$197,897.15 and Manual Check #65145 in the amount \$2,647.52
4. Set Public Hearing for 2010 Property Tax Levy (AB 2269)
5. 2009 – 2010 Mid-Biennium Budget (AB 2270)

**Yes: All**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**PSO-John Derig, Awarded the Medal of Valor**

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**  
**Non-Agenda Items**

**John Anderson**, 2311 Beech Ave. Regarding the Cherrydale water tower, he suggested that the Town put money aside to either dismantle or paint the tower.

**Pat King**, 80 Ira Light Street. She suggested that there be signs posted at the Town entrances to inform all solicitors that a business license is required.

**REPORTS:**  
**Mayor**

- Reviewed the Wayside Horn developments. Overall residents seem to be pleased with the new horns. Staff will adjust the Union Ave. horn in the near future.
- Compliments to the grounds' crew in Town. The extra student help this summer made a big difference. The grounds look great.
- The mental health facility on 36<sup>th</sup> Street is moving to Western State Hospital. The impact is unknown but discussions are taking place.
- Pierce County Sewer is anticipating cost increases to help fund future projects that are planned.
- The Mayor gave a McNeil Island Prison closure update.

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- There is a recap of the costs associated with the Wayside Horn. We came in well within budget.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported that there is new litigation that has been filed regarding the Top of the Bay development. The trial date is set for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- The Chief and Fire Marshall, Wil Nelson, met with Washington Department of Natural Resources and Fort Lewis Forestry Dept. to discuss encroachment issues and possible fire threats. Clean-up requests have taken place.
- The department is preparing for the first day of school.
- There is a future change expected with the delivery of the Pierce County Mental Health services. Meetings are taking place.

**Public Works**

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

- The Blaine Street sewer project has begun. They have 40 working days to complete the project. Our own crews are looking at enhancing the lighting down the street at the same time. More information will be in the Friday packet.
- Crack sealing is almost complete both in Town and in DuPont. An outstanding crew got this work done in record time.
- The parks do look great this year. The extra help we had over the summer along with the additional full time position really helped. Flower baskets look great also.
- The electric crew is doing spot outages to make improvements throughout Town. In August we had two unplanned outages. The new switches that were installed previously worked beautifully to isolate the outages.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- She is still concerned with bikes and pedestrians along Lafayette Street, towards the mill, with no bike lane. Twelve inches is not enough clearance for both cars and bikes.
- Councilwoman Aboubakr stated that she loves the new Wayside Horn that was installed. She has been able to sleep the entire night without interruption.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- She suggested again the need to add a study session to discuss lowering the speed limit coming into Town from Farwest.
- She also suggested that the Town move the deer sign closer to Hewitt Street.

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- The flower baskets have been beautiful this year. He suggested that they be left out until the Apple Squeeze event, if at all possible.
- He has noticed young children in Town riding bikes without helmets. Extra effort may be needed to educate kids of the requirement.
- Recently Councilman Davidson noticed an event at the Pioneer Bandstand in which they were burning candles. The concern was the possibility of causing a fire. Is it recommended that we call 911? Answer: The non-emergency number in Town is 798-4721.

**Councilman Judson** had no comment.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- The red X on the rail crossings means that the horn is working.
- Regarding the school speed sign that will be installed, will it be like Cherrydales sign? Answer: Yes
- On Gove Street, why do we still have old wooden poles with lights on them next to the new metal poles that were installed? Answer: They still work but we could look at replacing them.
- Councilman Smith asked if the crack sealing contract that we did for DuPont was time and materials? Answer: Yes
- He has noticed many people have chosen to water their lawns this year. The Town overall looks nice.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The September 1, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss a mission and vision statement with the Planning Commission was convened at p.m. The study session adjourned at p.m.

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Town Administrator

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Mayor