

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL**

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jeff Gomes	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson Bob Abramoski David Sherman	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Botello announced an Open House on Wednesday, May 6th at the Brender Creek Seasonal Farmworker Housing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Abramoski and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated April 27, 2015
Claims Check EFT 03-2015 and #35573 - #35600 totaling \$339,092.19
Manual Check #35572

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17 ZONING CODE

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. to take public comment on the amendments to Title 17 Zoning Code. With no public present to comment the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT FOR APLETS WAY

Erik Howe from RH2 Engineering explained that he had a traffic model video he was going to show. He asked that the public watch with an open mind. Erik explained that the grant is state and federal funds and the funds are designated for this project only. If the funds are not used

on this project they cannot be used elsewhere. The project includes upgrading water and wastewater lines on the north end of the project. The road project is fully funded with a small city match and the water and wastewater upgrade is city funded.

Attorney Chuck Zimmerman explained that he works for about eight other cities and is very familiar with roundabout projects and the controversy they can cause. The people in Deer Park were against having a roundabout and now they have two with a third one on the way. In the study he did for Deer Park he found out that roundabouts are actually safer; no head on collisions and no T-bone collisions, so no life threatening injuries. The only thing that may happen is a minor fender bender.

Mayor Gomes informed the public that there are 177 roundabouts in Washington State and 105 more being designed, so you'd better get comfortable with roundabouts.

Public Comments

Sherry Alford lives on Kimber Road, her comment was to do a better job with the signage than in other roundabouts she's driven. The yield signs need to be flashing to get the drivers attention.

Kameon Smith owns a business at 124 Cottage Avenue, she stated that design was beautiful, but not at the expense of losing parking. The construction and loss of parking at the Colonial Building will put the two new businesses out of business. The roundabout does not work for the downtown business owners.

John Clifford owns a business at 127 Cottage Avenue, stated that the city has talked for years about a 3-way stop. The roundabout was a total surprise and is not needed. The businesses have already lost a parking lot downtown they can't afford to lose any more parking spaces.

Joe Brown owns a business at 200 Aplets Way, he is concerned about the loss of parking spaces. He will lose one in front of his building and the two in front of the bank for the ATM. He doesn't believe that he will lose his business with eliminating a parking space, but has a lot of clients that come to his building that have limited mobility, which will be a hardship for them.

Jim Noble lives at 4528 Rank Road, which is in the county. He is not a Cashmere resident but he visits Jerry's Automotive frequently. He stated that he's looked at the roundabout design and in his opinion it will not fit. It looks good on paper but it's impossible to fit that roundabout in that intersection.

RH2 Engineer Erik Howe stated that the project was surveyed for design purposes and it does fit. The radius of the mountable circle does fit. The semi trucks will be able to drive over the top of the circle.

Kameon Smith stated that Crunch Pak trucks can do anything they want in town. Now we are building an intersection for them. They have already destroyed two of our bridges.

Rose Nowack lives at 105 Evergreen Drive, her concern is the elderly people and getting to the bank and the loss of bank parking spaces.

Don Weedman lives at 5699 Evergreen Drive, stated that the Crunch Pak trucks shouldn't be downtown to begin with. They should be driving up the highway and coming down Sunset Highway to get into their loading dock. There have been no injuries or accidents at the intersection so why are we changing it.

Director Mark Botello stated that the County will be at the May 11th Council meeting to discuss the 2 options for the Goodwin Street Bridge. The deficiencies of the bridge are not from the Crunch Pak trucks. The Angier Street Bridge has had deficiencies for 15 years; long before Crunch Pak trucks. The council has authorized a study for options on the Angier Street Bridge.

At 6:50 the Mayor called a five minute recess to allow the public to look at the maps.

At 6:55 Mayor Gomes called the meeting back to order.

Jim Blackburn lives at 319 Elberta Avenue and is concerned with the loss of parking spaces. He uses the parking in front of the bank every day.

Kameon Smith commented that with the traffic not stopping in the roundabout she is very concerned about the children walking to school and to the bakery after school.

Director Botello showed on the overhead that the crosswalks are moved away from the intersection and the distances of the crosswalks are shorter due to the bump outs and there is an island in between the two streets for pedestrian safety. This design has shown to be much safer.

Kevin Demalio lives at 7980 N. Dryden Road, he works at the Vale Elementary School. His concern is pedestrian safety. There are kids walking from three schools in the area. He believes the island in the crosswalks is crossing the street twice and doubles the chance to be hit.

Councilor Fletcher stated that he would like to look at the three-way stop sign option, we need to give thought to what we heard tonight. Fletcher asked if the current intersection would fail in 5 years, but RH2 Engineering only looks 20 years out when they are designing. Councilor Fletcher would like to see the City take the time for more public relations.

Attorney Chuck Zimmerman recapped what he heard the concerns were; loss of parking, put it on the ballot for a vote and the third concern was pedestrian safety. He explained that with his research the splitter island is safer for pedestrians if used as designed. The City could put the item on the ballot as an advisory vote. As for the loss of parking spaces he does not have a legal answer.

POOL SPECIALIST EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RICK NEWTON

The pool resurfacing project is beyond staff level of expertise so they have requested the services of a pool specialist to assist in preparing specifications and documents.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the Pool specialist Employment Agreement with Rick Newton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2015 AMENDING PARK AND CEMETERY RATES

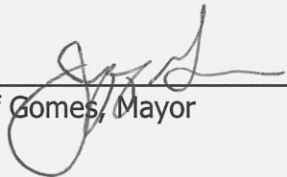
Rates needed to be set for the upcoming installation of the Niche Walls in the Cemetery. City staff decided it would be a good time to not only set rates for niches, but also to look at and possibly increase the other cemetery rates.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve Resolution 03-2015 amending park and cemetery rates. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer