

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 7:00 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 Donna Wynne Derek Knutsen John Bryant	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Gomes proclaimed February 2012 as Kiwanis Children's Cancer Cure Month, coinciding with Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International's Children's Cancer Cure Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director of Planning and Building Mark Botello reported that he issued two demolition permits. The Sunset Laundromat and the Sunset Car Wash will be demolished. Once the buildings are demolished Crunch Pak will be applying for a building permit to extend their office buildings.

Councilor Moore reported on a new bill being proposed titled, Voting Rights Act, which refers to minority-majority wards within voting districts. If this bill passes it will greatly impact cities, schools and possibly public utility districts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Bryant asked that the following item be added to the agenda; Item #8 Cashmere Chamber request for lodging tax funds.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of item #8. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 9, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 31, 2011 Year End  
Claims Check Nos. 31719 through 31759 and EFT 12/2011 totaling \$345,151.15  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated January 23, 2012

Claims Check Nos. 31760 through 31794 totaling \$262,521.12  
MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

MAYOR STEVE LACY – FUNDING FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT BOND ISSUE

East Wenatchee Mayor Steve Lacy asked the council to picture the Town Toyota Center boarded up, the City of Wenatchee in municipal bankruptcy and all of the jurisdictions of the Public Facilities District in litigation.

Mayor Lacy presented the proposed solution for funding the debt service on the bond issue for the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District. The public has a right to be heard on this issue and decide for themselves if they want to save the Town Toyota Center by approving a 0.2% increase in sales tax to pay the bond debt on the center.

The Public Facilities District (PFD) has a statutory right to place the increase in sales tax on the ballot, but in the interlocal agreement the PFD agreed not to put anything on the ballot unless all of the jurisdictions in the PFD agreed first. The deadline for putting the issue on the ballot is April 18, 2012.

Mayor Lacy stated that he is asking the jurisdictions for a letter by the end of January stating that they agree to explore entering into an agreement regarding a possible debt solution. The jurisdictions would then have final approval on the actual terms of the agreement.

The entire council agreed this is a Wenatchee and PFD legal issue, but agreed to move forward with the potential proposed community solution instead of resolving the matter through litigation.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize Mayor Gomes to correspond with East Wenatchee Mayor Steve Lacy confirming the City of Cashmere City Council is willing to explore entering into an agreement consistent with East Wenatchee Finance Director Nick Gerde's December 28, 2011 memorandum to Mayor Lacy, with the actual terms of the agreement to be subject to final City of Cashmere City Council approval. The letter should include confirmation of the payment for any authorized election by a third party not the City of Cashmere.

Chris Carlson residing at 100 Pioneer Avenue stated that he attended all of the meetings regarding the Town Toyota Center and gave testimony against the construction of the center. His concerns regarding the possible debt solution include; the Mayor of East Wenatchee is presenting the solution instead of the Mayor of Wenatchee, is the 0.2% going to be enough to pay the debt, how is this increase in sales tax going to affect future city or school bond levies, what if the Wild leaves the center when their contract is up, and what is the guarantee that the jurisdictions will get paid back when the City of Wenatchee isn't able to pay their debt now.

Motion carried, authorizing Mayor Gomes to correspond with Mayor Lacy.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2012 POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman explained that you don't want policies and procedures to get in the way of getting the work done. Attorney Zimmerman revised the policies and procedures for council meetings, removing several sections that were not necessary and amending the section regarding abstaining to make it legal.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to adopt Resolution 02-2012 Policies, Procedures and Rules of Conduct for City Council Meetings. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2012 WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director of Planning/Building Mark Botello explained that the City has an adopted comprehensive park plan. The plan identifies four development phases of Riverside Park. Director Botello would like to apply for grant funds to complete the first two phases.

The Washington Wildlife Recreation Program requires a 50% match, which can be a combination of in-kind services and any other donations or funding from other sources. The WWRP program requires a resolution authorizing the application for funding to ensure that the entity understands the 50% match.

The estimated costs of the Riverside Park improvements are \$327,752. The city's 50% match will be \$163,876. The goal is to provide approximately 15% (\$24,581) as in-kind services. The city's cash match will come from the Capital Improvement fund. If the city is awarded the grant construction will start in 2013 or 2014.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve Resolution No. 03-2012 authorizing staff to apply for funding. Motion carried.

LETTER FROM BUSINESS OWNERS AT MISSION DISTRICT REQUESTING THE CITY TO POST SIGNS LIMITING PARKING

Director Botello explained that the City received a letter from some of the business owners at the Mission District requesting that the city post signs limiting parking in front of the businesses to four hours.

Consensus of the council was to take no action and allow the business owners to work together on the parking problem. The Chamber will provide friendly awareness regarding parking on Mission Street.

CASHMERE CHAMBER REQUEST FOR LODGING TAX FUNDS

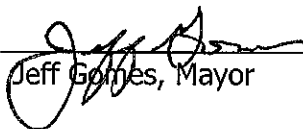
MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve lodging tax funds in the amount of \$1500 for the Cashmere Chamber in 2012, pursuant to a written contract. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Gomes reported that the Sheriff's office issued 22 citations over the weekend for illegal parking under the winter parking restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:   
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer