



**Regular Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
November 19, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Dennis presided.

FLAG SALUTE:

COUNCIL:

Present: Anderson, Dietzman, Gerde, Higgins, Hogan, Pike, and Smith.

Excused:

STAFF MEMBERS: Bourquin, Brachmann, Copsey, Durgin, Halverson, and Knapp.

PRESS: None present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Council Member Gerde, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the Consent Agenda of November 19, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approve minutes of the November 5, 2007, Camas City Council Meeting and the work session minutes of November 5, 2007.
- b. Approve claim checks numbered 4576-4761 in the amount of \$658,069.90 as approved by the Finance Committee.
- c. Authorize Mayor to sign amendment to the S & S Janitorial Services Contract.
- d. Authorize Pay Estimate #1 for Project S-495, 2007 Street Reconstruction, NE 3rd Avenue to CivilWorks NW, Inc., in the amount of (\$118,874.50) one hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty cents.
- e. Authorize Pay Estimate #3 for WS-636A, Well #13 Improvements, to Rotschy, Inc. in the amount of (\$123,653.25) one hundred twenty-three thousand six hundred fifty-three dollars and twenty-five cents.
- f. Authorize Award of 2007 Chemical Purchase and Service to the low bidder, Northstar Chemical in the amount of (\$201,500) two hundred one thousand five hundred dollars.
- g. Authorize Mayor to sign Safety and Compliance Program Contract with the Clark County Fire District 5, Northwest Regional Training Center.

- h. Authorize Pay Estimate #1 for Project P-800A, Prune Hill Sport Park-Soccer Field Trail to CivilWorks NW, Inc., in the amount of (\$19,117.80) nineteen thousand one hundred seventeen dollars and eighty cents.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Public:

Penny Wagoner, 36710 SE 20th St., Washougal, WA:

Wagoner stated that she is representing the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society in Washougal, and gave Council a brief update on the animal shelter.

Wagoner explained some projects, fundraising events and grants they are working on.

Staff:

Stephanie Nicholson, Camas Youth Advisory Council:

Nicholson stated that the Camas Youth Advisory Council is looking at the Camas ordinance regarding fireworks. They are receiving input from a variety of sources throughout the community. Nicholson also noted that one of their goals for the beginning of next year is to hold a public hearing.

Higgins stated that the Camas Youth Advisory Council is doing a great job, and Stephanie has been a big part of why this group is successful.

Council:

Pike wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Hogan echoed Pike's comment.

MAYOR:

Mayor also wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.

FINANCE:

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2497:

Joan Durgin, Finance Director, stated that Ordinance No. 2497 is the annual property tax levy for the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds. These are the voter approved bonds for both the Library and the Parks Bonds that were issued in 1989. The levy amount is \$745,743, which is 1.65 percent less than last year.

Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. as there was no public testimony.

It was moved by Gerde, seconded by Dietzman that Ordinance No. 2497 levying the ad valorem taxes for the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Anderson that Ordinance No. 2497 levying the ad valorem taxes for the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2498:

Durgin stated that Ordinance No. 2498 is the annual property tax levy for the Emergency Rescue Fund. Last year the voters approved a 35 cent levy. This year the City will levy the same property tax as last year, with an up to one percent increase of \$10,426.75. Durgin noted that she estimates that the levy will decrease to approximately 33 cents next year.

Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. as there was no public testimony.

It was moved by Dietzman seconded by Anderson that Ordinance No. 2498 levying the ad valorem taxes for the Emergency Rescue Fund for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gerde, seconded by Smith that Ordinance No. 2498 levying the ad valorem taxes for the Emergency Rescue Fund for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2499:

Durgin stated that Ordinance No. 2499 is the annual property tax levy for the General Fund. There are two options for Council to consider. The first is for a zero percent increase for next year and the second is for a one percent increase. The one percent increase is \$91,003.77. In addition to the \$9,191,380.57 property tax levy, the City will also receive taxes from new construction next year. The estimation of new construction next year is \$68 million, which equals approximately \$207,000 in taxes. The Emergency Rescue Fund levy also benefits from new construction and will receive approximately \$24,000.

Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. as there was no public testimony.

Smith inquired if the General Fund Levy was increased last year. Durgin responded that there has been a one percent increase every year since the passage of Referendum 747. Mayor noted that this is the first year that a zero percent increase has been proposed.

It was moved by Pike, seconded by Higgins that Ordinance No. 2499 levying the ad valorem taxes for obligations of the General Fund with a zero percent increase for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be read by title only. Councilmembers Pike, Higgins and Hogan voted yes, and Anderson, Dietzman, Smith and Gerde voted no.

Mayor stated Ordinance No. 2499 with a zero percent increase could not be read by title only and asked Council for further discussion or motions.

It was moved by Dietzman, seconded by Gerde that Ordinance No. 2499 levying the ad valorem taxes for obligations of the General Fund with a one percent increase for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be read by title only. Councilmembers Anderson, Dietzman, Smith and Gerde voted yes, and Pike, Higgins and Hogan voted no.

It was moved by Gerde, seconded by Dietzman that Ordinance No. 2499 levying the ad valorem taxes for obligations of the General Fund with a one percent increase for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, be adopted and published according to law. Councilmembers Anderson, Dietzman, Smith and Gerde voted yes, and Pike, Higgins and Hogan voted no.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Public Hearing for
Plat Alteration 07-02
Hunter's Ridge
Subdivision:

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, stated that the public hearing is for a plat alteration of the Hunter's Ridge Subdivision. The request is to modify the plat in regards to the side yard setbacks to be consistent with the current code. Staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends approval as requested. Bourquin noted that one of the plat maps in the Council packet did not show the revisions and that he had a corrected one.

Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. as there was no public testimony.

It was moved by Dietzman, seconded by Gerde to approve the plat alterations for the Hunter's Ridge Subdivision. Councilmembers Pike, Dietzman, Gerde, Higgins, Hogan, and Smith voted yes, and Anderson voted no.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk