

- 1462 Mayor Barbara Larsen called the Regular Meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Greg Marcil, Julie Bean, Ed Smith and Jeff Skeie. Councilmember Khembar Yund was absent.
- 1497 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2006 Regular Council meeting. By roll call vote, Councilmember Marcil abstained, the rest 'Aye', motion passed.
- 1548 Mayor Larsen presented a proclamation to Margaret Strueby, Daughters of the American Revolution, declaring September 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Week in the City of Castle Rock. September 17, 2006 marks the two hundred nineteenth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.
- 1705 City Attorney Tom O'Neill reports that payment of \$25,000 for damages to the Studebaker Well House has been received from the driver's insurance company.
- 1740 Chamber of Commerce Past President Linda Bauska read a letter announcing that the signage committee is in the final stages of a new sign program designed to attract more visitors to Castle Rock. The Chamber of Commerce showed a draft design and estimated cost for the signs. Bauska asked if the city council would consider paying one-half the cost for these signs.

Public Works Director David Vorse reviewed the proposed location for each sign. The signs are designed to assist people unfamiliar with the area with finding services. In response to Councilmember Smith's concerns, Vorse stated that the signs must be large enough to be visible to traffic.

In response to a question from Councilmember Bean, Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington stated that the logo is to create a "brand" identifier which was recommended by consultants through the Business & Marketing Feasibility Plan.

Vorse specified that the signs will be a minimum of five feet off the ground. There will be a total of seven signs. The 'Easy Thru to I-5' feature will assure travelers of the ease of return to the interstate. Decals delineating individual available services will also be displayed on the signs.

Covington noted as an example, that when using SR411, access to I-5 from the intersection of Huntington Avenue and A Street can be confusing to those unfamiliar with the area.

Chamber of Commerce President Coni Bush voiced her surprise at the number of travelers asking directions to services, particularly those in large, hard to maneuver vehicles. She spoke of the importance signage is to travelers.

Councilmembers Smith and Bean are concerned with the size of the sign that will be located at Huntington Avenue, near C Street. This one sign could be relocated, if needed.

2324 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve 50% funding of City Center Signs from the Arterial Street fund, not to exceed \$2,000. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2433 Police Sergeant Scott Neves reports that the lumber to start construction upstairs at City Hall has been delivered. Framing will begin on Saturday. Windows will be installed within the next two weeks.

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0010 Public Works Director David Vorse presented the Chemical Procurement bid results. The low bidder to supply:

- Chlorine Gas was Airgas at \$225 per cylinder or \$1.50/pound
- Sodium Fluoride was Cascade Columbia Distributing at \$.60 per pound
- Sodium Hypochloride (liquid chlorine) was Cascade Columbia at \$5.80/gallon
- Aluminum Sulfate was NorthStar Chemical at \$.72 per gallon

0185 Councilmember Skeie made a motion, seconded by Bean to obtain these chemicals at the low bid price as specified. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

0219 Vorse reports there are two Washington State Department of Transportation grant programs with applications due in September. One is the Safe Routes to School grant and the other is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. Both grants are for 100% funding.

Last year an application was submitted for Safe Routes to School in partnership with the Castle Rock School District. That application for a paved and lighted trail from the High School to the Cowlitz River Bridge came close to being funded. In addition to providing a safe route to school for pedestrians and bicyclist, this trail would also offer an emergency evacuation route. Currently when evacuating the High School students must walk SR411 which does not have a safe area for pedestrians to travel.

An application was also submitted last year for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. That application was to fund phase 1 of a pedestrian bridge over the Cowlitz River. That application was misplaced by WSDOT.

Castle Rock School District Superintendent Rick Wilde spoke in favor of the projects and offered assistance from the school district, as needed.

- 0412 Wilde extended an invitation to Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday. The CARE Coalition is also sponsoring a Health Resource Fair during this event and Department of Corrections Kevin Renter will speak on child safety and sex offenders.
- 0765 By consensus Councilmembers directed Vorse to prepare an application for the WSDOT Safe Routes to School and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program.
- 0790 Vorse reports that the pedestrian bridge over Whittle Creek was installed last Friday. This placement was accomplished through the volunteer efforts of Charlie Duff Trucking, Horsley Timber & Construction, Triple S Excavating & Grading and Toutle River Welding for a total donation of approximately \$5500. Thank you letters will be sent to these companies. A picnic table and interpretive sign will be placed near the bridge. This bridge enables pedestrians and bicyclist to travel to Arkansas Creek. Mayor Larsen and Charlie Duff's Granddaughter Talise Duff were the first to cross the bridge after placement. Mayor Larsen requests that a thank you letter also be sent to Tali.
- 0950 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington would like to schedule the next Budget Workshop meeting for utilities on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Bean and Public Works Director David Vorse are unavailable on that date. Vorse will be unavailable the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question from Councilmembers Marcil and Bean, Covington answered that she has not been able to meet with the Police Chief regarding the Police Department Budget.

- 1167 Report of Meetings  
Mayor Larsen and Covington attended a Department of Emergency Management meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The State Auditors Office will perform the Exit Audit on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Mayor Larsen attended the Senior Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 1397 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to hire a negotiator for the Clerical Bargaining Contract.
- During discussion: In response to a question from Councilmember Marcil, Covington stated that the negotiator will cost approximately \$100 per hour.
- Vote on motion: Councilmember Skeie 'Nay', the rest 'Aye', motion passed.
- 1473 Councilmember Smith and Mayor Larsen expressed concern that Ordinance 2006-08 regarding dangerous animals is not strong enough to protect the citizens

of Castle Rock. Councilmember Smith stated that he finds it absurd that a dog that has bitten someone is left in town while an investigation is conducted. Councilmember Marcil received a report of a dog acting aggressively toward people and the Humane Society did not respond.

City Attorney Tom O'Neill points out that the definition of a dangerous dog is missing from this ordinance. This ordinance provides the owner of a dangerous dog with an infraction instead of a criminal offense.

Councilmember Smith stated that he wants to be assured that a potentially dangerous dog is not left in town while that determination is made.

Mayor Larsen tabled Ordinance 2006-08 until the next meeting.

1662 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Skeie to approve Resolution 2006-14 asking qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock, Washington to fund by special excess levy for the furnishing of public library services to the citizens of Castle Rock and will submit the following question: Whether or not a special excise levy on real property shall be had for the purpose of funding library services to the citizens of Castle Rock during the year 2007, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1698 Public Works Director David Vorse reports that the Public Works Department has attended National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, IS-100 and IS-700. In addition to IS-100 and IS-700, elected officials are required to take one other course, IS-200, and department supervisors are required to take two other courses, IS-200 and IS-800. Failure to complete this requirement will eliminate the possibility of receiving federal funds. This training is also required to access the countywide Emergency Operation Center.

This training is available online. Covington will send a website address to councilmembers. Compliance documentation must be completed and returned by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

2020 Covington reports that she has been attending Cowlitz River Flood Control meetings. Impact from the Toutle River Sediment Dam to Flood Protection Levels on the Cowlitz from Castle Rock to the Columbia River is a concern. The Army Corps of Engineers propose dredging the river but funds are not available. This committee will be contacting legislators to schedule a meeting in October. They may ask constituents for a financial contribution for local cost share split of the required match. This match would be come from stormwater funds or tax based through the flood control district.

2193 Vorse stated that he has been contacted by the property owner at 455 Michner Street SW regarding a large cottonwood tree on that property. The resident, Susan Mattson, is concerned that this tree which is dropping limbs into the park

has become a hazard. Ms. Mattson has requested that the city assist with the removal of this tree.

2323 Councilmember Marcil reports that he has received requests to place a stop sign on the south section of Third Avenue SW. Vehicles are regularly exceeding the speed limit in the south section of Third Avenue that does not contain a stop sign. Vorse suggests contacting law enforcement for speeding vehicles. The City Engineer could also evaluate traffic flow on this street.

2400 There being no further business, Mayor Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor Barbara Larsen

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Clerk-Treasurer