

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the April 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present via phone: Art Lee, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Lee Kessler joined via phone at 7:39 PM.

Also present: Police Chief Scott Neves, City Attorney Frank Randolph, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

*Please note:*

1. *This meeting was a call-in meeting due to Washington State Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 which includes temporarily prohibiting in-person public attendance at meetings subject to the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA). Call-in instructions were provided on the Agenda.*
2. *City Attorney Frank Randolph experienced connectivity issues and was not able to hear the meeting.*

AGENDA APPROVALBUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No reports given.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

No reports given.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes & Invoices

1. Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Special Council Meeting.
3. Approve the March 2020 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report, in the amount of \$413,485.64.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2020-02, a resolution of the City of Castle Rock, Washington designating applicant's agent for emergency disaster assistance funds, on second reading.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2020-02. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Kessler joined the meeting via phone at 7:39 PM.

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the acceptance of The Health Care Foundation Grant Award in the amount of \$5,500 to fund the purchase of three Zoll AED Plus Heart units for the Operation Heart Saver Program. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Resolution No. 2020-03, a resolution asking qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock to fund by special excess levy the furnishing of public library services and will submit the question of whether

or not a special excess levy on real property shall be had for the purpose of funding library services during the year 2021, on first reading.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2020-03. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

- 3. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the Castle Rock Eagles' notice of intent to sell fireworks within the City. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 4. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County to receive funding in the amount of \$160,000 from the Rural County Public Facility Funds to cover costs of economic development for a utilities extension on Huntington Ave S. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 5. *\*Added Discussion Item\** Discussion regarding current federal funding availability for COVID-19 relief. Currently, funding is available for cities greater than 500,000 in size. All of Cowlitz County is facing a large deficit in revenue. Businesses are being severely impacted. Police Chief Scott Neves stated he is assigned as the Liaison Section Chief of the Incident Management Team (IMT) for Cowlitz County. Some highlights from the IMT: Dean Takko visited the command post today, everyone is concerned about getting everybody back to work, still two weeks out from the Governor's order being lifted, Governor signed a pact with the States of California and Oregon to mirror re-openings, anticipate movement on the building permit process, anticipate a big hit to the food banks. Public Works Director Dave Vorse added that this morning Cowlitz County had 25 cases testing positive for COVID-19. "Point of Care" testing is beginning to be used to test those with less severe symptoms and if those test positive, they will be tested again with the full test for confirmation. There is a 30% chance a Point of Care test could produce a false positive or negative result. Mayor Helenberg stated that practicing social distancing has helped stop the spread. Neves added that we don't know if this will be seasonal, and noted it could come back in the fall. The IMT is phasing out parts of the team but the core will continue to operate until the State of Emergency has been lifted across Cowlitz County.

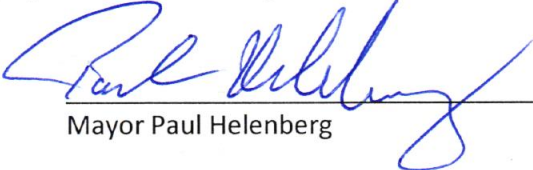
Mayor Helenberg thanked Chief Neves for his work with the IMT and Chief Neves added that the work Public Works Dave Vorse has been an integral part of the IMT since the beginning as well, representing the north end of the County. Kessler stated the City has a really good showing, especially for a City of our size. In addition to Neves & Vorse, Fire District 6 Fire Chief Bill LeMonds and Assistant Chief Andy Ogden are also serving on the IMT. There are a lot of good people doing good things. Mayor Helenberg added that Cowlitz 2 Fire Chief Dave LaFave (IMT Incident Commander) is doing a great job.

- 6. *\*Added Discussion Item\** Police Chief Scott Neves shared that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Cowlitz County Sheriff Deputy Justin DeRosier's line of duty death. Tonight at 9:45, the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office will be holding a remembrance through Facebook Live.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

  
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 Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro

  
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 Mayor Paul Helenberg