

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the November 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present via phone: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen, and Ellen Rose.

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.*

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Dave Vorse

-reported that the City was awarded a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for the Small City Pavement Preservation Plan, in the amount of \$46,890, for the chip seal project.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

-has attended a couple CWCOG meetings

CONSENT AGENDAPUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Helenberg closed regular session at 7:45 PM to convene a Public Hearing to take testimony on the proposed budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, including a proposed 4% increase in water base, 1% increase in sewer base and 2% in consumption utility rates.

First Public Hearing was held November 9, 2020 at 7:45 PM.

Public Comment: Councilmember Simonsen stated with the current economy, he would like to see the 2% proposed increase on the consumption rate is not added and that the City absorbs the costs. Mayor Helenberg added that no increase this year could potentially mean a higher increase next year. He added that five or six years ago, the engineer that did the water system update recommended a 6 or 7% increase each year just to keep up with the expenses and infrastructure. Additionally, staff did a really good job of trying to keep the increase to the base rates to a bare minimum. Public Works Director Dave Vorse added that the 2% proposed increase to the consumption is \$0.28 per 100 cubic feet (this includes both the water and sewer portion).

Lori Gallow, 224 Kirby Ave, stated that though times are hard, she would rather pay the smaller increase now, rather than a bigger increase later. Mayor Helenberg clarified that on a 500 cubic foot bill, the increase would be \$3.69 with the proposed increases. Ms. Gallow added that this summer the Public Works crew fixed the water main in front of their house and she appreciated how wonderful the crew

was. She added that when the lines need to be repaired or replaced, they need to be done now and not later, adding that you're just going to pay more later.

There being no other public comment offered, Mayor Helenberg closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 PM and reconvened regular session.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2020-07, a resolution relating to setting rates and minimum charge for water and sewer services to City of Castle Rock customers, and amending Resolution No. 2019-06, on second reading.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, approved by Queen to approve Resolution No. 2020-07, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

2. Ordinance No. 2020-06, an ordinance amending the budgetary appropriations for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 for the City of Castle Rock, Washington to include the following funds: General (Planning, Non-Departmental), Streets, Building Department, Library, DOT Spoil Site, PW Vehicle Replacement, Swimming Pool Construction, Water/Sewer Operating, Regional Water, Regional Sewer, Stormwater, Stormwater Capital, Municipal Sewer Capital Improvement, and Boat Launch, on second reading.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Ordinance 2020-06, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

3. Ordinance No. 2020-07, an ordinance amending, City of Castle Rock Municipal Code Chapter 13.16 Retail Water Sales, on second reading.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

4. Ordinance No. 2020-08, an ordinance adopting the budget of the City of Castle Rock, Washington for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, on second reading.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Ordinance No. 2020-08, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

5. Ordinance No. TBD-2020-01, an ordinance adopting the budget of the Castle Rock City Transportation Benefit District, Castle Rock, Washington for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, on second reading.

Councilmember Simonsen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Ordinance No. TBD-2020-01, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Helenberg adjourned regular session at 8:05 PM to convene a 15 minute Executive Session for the following issue: to discuss qualifications of an applicant for public employment per RCW

42.30.110(1)(g). Executive Session attendees: Mayor Helenberg, Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Queen, Simonsen and Rose, City Attorney Frank Randolph, and Police Chief Scott Neves. Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro stayed during set-up of meeting, then departed prior to any discussion. No action is anticipated following the Executive Session.


Mayor Helenberg reconvened regular session at 8:21 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.



Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro



Mayor Paul Helenberg