

- 000 Mayor Barbara Larsen called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:32 p.m.; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Greg Marcil, Julie Bean, Ed Smith and Jeff Skeie.
- 012 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve minutes for the June 27, 2005 Regular Council Meeting. By roll call vote, Skeie abstained, the rest 'Aye', motion passed.
- 022 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve payment of June 2005 invoices in the amount of \$336,582.60, as described in the Summary of Claims and further described as check numbers 33480 through 33598 for general expenditures and check numbers 18318 through 18399 for payroll expenses. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 031 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve Ordinance 2005-07 stating intent to initiate the annexation to the City of Castle Rock into and to join Cowlitz County #6 Fire Protection District and making a finding that the public interest will be served thereby and providing for severability, on second reading.

During discussion: Councilmember Skeie stated that the City's Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program provides a high level of service but has financial difficulties. He does not want to see the level of service reduced, therefore, the city should proceed with seeking annexation. This annexation would consolidate service and provide the opportunity to pursue additional funding if needed. Citizens should be allowed to decide this issue at election time.

Vote on motion: By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

- 075 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Skeie to approve Resolution 2005-10 the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 083 Mayor Larsen reports that Councilmember Yund's work schedule has changed and he will not be able to regularly attend council meetings. He has requested that council excuse him from those meetings that he is unable to attend. This meeting conflict is expected to continue until fall or the end late winter.

City Attorney Tom O'Neill reports that RCW 35A.12.060 states that the position will become vacant if a councilmember fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council.

Councilmember Smith expressed concern with the length of time that this rotating shift will require absences. Councilmember Skeie stated that input from Councilmember Yund is beneficial and particularly helpful in the budget process. An attempt should be made to schedule budget meetings on dates that Councilmember Yund can attend. Councilmember Smith expressed a willingness to excuse the absences until the end of the year.

- 157 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Marcil to excuse any council meeting absences of Councilmember Yund due to work obligations through the end of the year. By roll call vote, unanimous, 'Aye'.
- 180 Fire Chief Eric Koreis stated that the Fire District #6 Commissioners meeting has been moved to 5:30 pm, on the second Monday of each month.
- 200 City Attorney Tom O'Neill reports that Municipal Court jail costs have exceeded appropriations due to mandatory jail sentencing. A budget amendment from the General Fund to the Police Department will be needed.
- 236 Police Chief Bob Heuer reports that Officer Brandon McNew attended a two week Firearms Instructor Class. Officer McNew is now a Certified Firearms Instructor.
- 250 Public Works Director David Vorse delivered a PowerPoint presentation on optimizing water quality, which means improving the quality of water to the greatest extent possible.

Vorse explained that water safety is achieved through partial removal, disinfection treatment and testing for constituents. Water cleanliness is determined using turbidity measurements (NTU).

State turbidity requirements were reduced in 2005 to <.3 NTU 95% of the time and never above .5 NTU. Optimizing water quality is to exceed state requirements with <.1 NTU 95% of the time and never above .3 NTU.

Vorse explained that optimizing water quality further serves to protect the public from parasites which are attached to small

particles. At lower turbidity levels the risk of “breakthrough” disease bearing parasites significantly decreases.

The way to achieve lower turbidity levels is through process control. Process control is any activity required to develop a capable plant and take it to the desired level of performance. A capable plant is supported through administration, design, maintenance and operation.

The majority of process control is achieved through Performance Based Training (PBT). PBT is free training provided by the Washington State Department of Health to surface water treatment facilities. PBT establishes high expectations of operator and plants.

Water quality optimization requires a mindset of not just meeting the minimum requirements. The training and exercises will take a commitment on behalf of the Public Works Department. Vorse disclosed that he expects optimization standards to be required within the next decade.

In response to a question by Councilmember Bean, Vorse stated that he does not know what expenses will be required to establish a capable plant until after he has gone through this training and process. The water treatment plant was designed to meet water quality standards twenty years ago and may require some upgrades. Council understanding and support is vital to the administrative portion of this process.

Councilmember Smith stated that everyone would like to achieve the cleanest water possible. After training, capital expense needs could be evaluated to determine how best to meet those needs. Councilmember Bean supports the training and low cost capital improvements but any major capital expense could be difficult to meet.

Vorse stated that the ½ day training sessions are held every other month in Longview and Chehalis. This training will take place for the next 12 to 15 months.

- 558 Vorse reports that the Relay for Life will be held on August 13th and 14th at the Exposition Center in Longview. This is a fund raising event for the American Cancer Society in which teams walk a track for 24 hours. Vorse would like to form a team of city elected officials and employees.

Vorse requests that council support a Castle Rock Relay for Life team as part of a workplace wellness plan. A \$150 registration fee is required. Councilmembers Smith and Bean expressed concern with the precedent that would be set by supporting this cause. Vorse stated that he is presenting this as a workplace wellness program. A team could be formed bringing together city employees from different departments while promoting physical activity.

- 681 Councilmember Marcil made a motion, seconded by Smith to sponsor a team in the Relay for Life to promote workplace wellness and to expend \$150 for the registration fee. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 736 Vorse announced that he has hired full time temporary Public Works Maintenance employee Todd Turner. Turner started on July 10th and his employment will last for ten months. Part time Summer Help employee Paz Clearwater began working on June 20th.
- 772 Councilmember Smith reports that trees are blocking the attraction of a river view at Lions Pride Park. Vorse will check with the Army Corps of Engineers to see what rules now apply for cutting or topping riverside trees.
- 795 To answer a question from Councilmember Bean, Vorse reports that the painting on Cowlitz Street W which was scheduled for the morning of Sunday July 10th was canceled due to rain.
- 806 Vorse stated that an additional \$229 was collected from the RV Dump donation box.
- 812 Councilmember Marcil commented that weeding and adding bark chips at Lions Pride Park greatly improved aesthetics at the park.
- 830 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington reports that the Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn their request for a May 22, 2006 street closure of First Avenue.

Report of Meetings

- 833 Councilmember Skeie and Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington attended a CAPIC meeting on July 6th in which a presentation of ideas for bringing projects into the city was given by past fifth graders.

Mayor Larsen complimented the Mosquito Board on their quick response to mosquito reports.

874 Mayor Larsen stated that the Fair Board Parade is at 6:30 p.m. on July 14th. A Meth Summit meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the high school on July 13th.

887 Covington reports that effective this month, the city no longer qualifies for 'Criminal Justice High Crime' revenues. Washington State Treasurer's office re-evaluates crime statistics on an annual basis, every July. Statistics indicate that the crime rate has reduced from 109.3 crimes per 1000 people in 2004 to 55.3 crimes per 1000 people in 2005. The city's Criminal Justice Fund had estimated receiving \$7,600 in 'Criminal Justice High Crime' revenues.

Councilmember Smith pointed out that the crime rate is reduced due to the incarceration of a few offenders but the city lacks funding to keep them incarcerated.

Covington stated that we are receiving criminal justice funding from the .01% sales tax increase. That funding should increase as a result of Community Revitalization projects

907 Mayor Larsen adjourned regular session at 8:40 p.m. for a fifteen minute and five minute executive session to discuss litigation, with possible action being taken.

915 Mayor Larsen resumed regular session at 9:04 p.m. with no action being taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Barbara Larsen

Clerk-Treasurer
Regular Council Meeting

July 25, 2005

Meeting cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Pending agenda items will be addressed at the August 8, 2005 Regular Council meeting.

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