

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the April 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:34 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen, and Ellen Rose.

Also present: Librarian Vicki Selander, Police Chief Scott Neves, City Attorney Frank Randolph, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, City Engineer Carol Ruiz, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes made. Approval by consensus.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Joe Willis, Waste Control Recycling (WCR), - checking in with the City to make sure WCR is servicing as expected. WCR services are broken down into city contracts and our area falls into the G permit, which is the utilities and transportation permit that WCR operates under for Cowlitz County, who controls the rates and conducts audits.

Mr. Willis announced the upcoming retirement for Ken Young, who manages all the routes and drivers. Rick Ensign handles the roll-off and trucking sites and will be splitting the duties of Mr. Young between himself and Rolly Ensign. Rick Ensign will be the individual we would contact for assistance.

Mr. Willis thanked Mayor Helenberg for his part in the fight to save the asset of the landfill. He stated this landfill is our low term rate for 100 years.

Mr. Willis then asked if there were any questions regarding recycling. He noted there are way too many plastics in the market. There are two paper mills in Cowlitz County that buy all of the paper, and there is a glass plant in Kalama. There is a demand for metal, paper and glass, but plastics is a mess. China used to take almost everything that came from the west coast, then it switched to India, but now they've stopped as well.

Mayor Helenberg stated he thinks WCR does a great job and that with a little work and a camera at the recycling center, we can get that under control. He then stated Rick's driver who assisted with the logging job we had was an outstanding guy and did a heck of a job. We appreciate that.

Councilmember Kessler stated that of all the things he's ever heard being complained about, he has never heard a complaint about WCR.

Mayor Helenberg also thanked Mr. Willis for his major part in the work to save the landfill. It was good team effort between the cities and WCR.

Mr. Willis stated they did a four-week survey among the transfer station users, asking, "Should the County give the landfill over to Republic and take the annual fee, or should they keep it?" 96% said keep it.

Councilmember Rose stated that a lot of the outside truck drivers stay the night at the motel and eat at the restaurants. Having the landfill brings revenue back to our area.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse thanked Ken Young for his many years of service with Waste Control Recycling and wished him the best in his retirement.

Vorse added that WCR donates the dumpsters for Clean-Up Day, including the hauling and the tip fee. They have done so every year for the last 14 years.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Dave Vorse

- April 27th will be the 14th Annual Clean-Up Day. Last year there were close to 400 volunteers turn out. Once again the crew is putting together projects and we are seeking project leaders.
- Dougherty Dr Water Main Project is begins next week on the 15th. We anticipate three weeks, but are hoping it only takes two to complete the project.
- New employee, Anthony Knudsen started today. He is another Castle Rock graduate.
- Vorse requested assistance with regular maintenance during the water main project. He asked council for the approval to re-hire summer help for this time. Approval by consensus.

City Engineer Carol Ruiz

- Dougherty Dr NE Full Reclamation Project update; in process of getting additional federal funding authorized. Vorse added that the anticipation is in early May, there would be project information distributed.
- Exit 49 Pedestrian Improvement Project Phase 2 update; waiting for the flashing beacons to arrive. Lights are to be shipped in early May and we anticipate the project will be wrapped up sometime in May. We are waiting for the contractor to make some changes to their pay request; minor discrepancies in quantities that we are working through. Will be contacting the contractor to do a little bit more cleanup, as there is some debris in the gutters.
- Powell Rd Water Main Project update; contractor will be onsite tomorrow to complete the WSDOT required erosion control. Will also do compression seal between the existing bridge and the concrete approach slab. Gibbs & Olson will not be onsite, however WSDOT will be.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

- attended the legislative briefing today – down to about 2-3 weeks left in the process. House is \$1.3 billion over anticipated revenues. Senate is \$750,000 over in anticipated revenues. The overages are without any new taxes added. Governor Inslee still wants to add new taxes.
- one legislative item they discussed was distributing the REET Fund (Real Estate Excise Tax) differently. Unsure how it will work, but change would be to put money aside for fish culverts for the state highways. Vorse added that the City receives around \$15,000 annually from the REET Fund. It pays for things like the ductless heat pumps, replacement of windows, etc. Mayor Helenberg added it was difficult to tell how the changes would affect the amount the City receives.
- another item discussed was a bill for unfunded mandates related to mental health and housing – could be huge for every city, which would have to participate.

Councilmember Earl Queen

- Lakeside Industries will be at the Eagles Hall to prep the parking lot for paving. Public Works Director Dave Vorse will contact Lakeside to make sure the drainage is unaffected by the work.

CRCDA Representative Nancy Chennault via Mayor Helenberg

- AIB judges will be in Castle Rock July 22nd and 23rd. One of the judges is new to Castle Rock, but the other is returning, having judged once before. All baskets have been planted. Chennault sends a “Thank you!” to Councilmember Rose for housing the judges.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the March 2019 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary, in the amount of \$475,466.11, further described as the following:
 - a. General Expenditures
 - i. Adjustments EFT 654-3/2019, EFT 659-3/2019, EFT 660-3/2019
 - ii. Check numbers 50158 - 50239
 - b. Payroll Expenditures
 - i. Adjustments EFT Payroll Draw 3/15/19, EFT Payroll 3/31/19
 - ii. NACHAs Draw Batch #2019572, March Pay Batch #2024076
 - iii. Check numbers 25482 – 25503.

Councilmember Lee reviewed the March invoices prior to the meeting. No discrepancies were noted.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2019-02, 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 2020, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Works Director Dave Vorse the City has another "1st". We are the first city in Cowlitz County to receive such a grant, and thanked Councilmembers Queen & Simonsen for participating with the Complete Streets Committee. This work has paid off, as we have been offered a \$200,000 grant. The work will complement the work that is currently being done at Exit 49. This will be the final piece that helps bring pedestrians safely from the east side of the freeway over to the Visitor Center and further down to tie into the trail over the railroad bridge. This is instrumental along with updating 27 ADA ramps in order to bring them to current code. The City has received approval to allow day labor to complete some of the work, which will save around \$100,000. The grant is awarded by the Transportation Improvement Board. Mayor Helenberg presented the award the TIB the City received.

Councilmember Rose asked about the pedestrian relief island near the SB ramp to I-5 at exit 49, on the west side. She stated it should be on the east side. Public Works Director Dave Vorse responded stated they will end up being on both sides, but this one is needed earlier due to the crosswalk being 40 feet down from where it needs to be for pedestrian traffic. This will tie into the realignment of the crosswalks to be pedestrian and bike friendly. There will be a wide shoulder on both sides of the overpass, with a rumble strip and delineators separating the vehicle traffic from the pedestrian traffic. The design of flow is such that pedestrians will be able to walk from the east side of the freeway, to the west side, and connect them to the River Front Trail.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to accept the TIB grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Complete Street. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the Boy Scouts Troop #313 notice of intent to sell fireworks within the city. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
3. Public Works Director Dave Vorse requested the rates for dredge spoils be reviewed and possibly adjusted. The rates were reviewed and compared to other current contracted rates. Councilmember Kessler confirmed the dredge spoils are a commodity. Vorse concurred and further stated the revenue from the sale of the dredge spoils funds the maintenance and improvements for the Lions Pride Park, Bike Park, Skate Park, North Trail Head and could even be used for the Boat Launch.

Discussion ensued between Councilmember Kessler, Public Works Director Dave Vorse and Mayor Helenberg. After the discussion, Councilmember Kessler made a motion to approve an increase as follows:

Fee Rate Description	Current Rate	Proposed New Rate
a.) Occasional Haulers – Those hauling between 21 cubic yards and 10,000 cubic yards.	\$1.20/cubic yard	\$1.30/cubic yard
b.) Occasional haulers – Those hauling less than 20 cubic yards.	\$35.00 minimum charge	\$35.00 minimum charge
c.) Annual Haulers – 10,000 cubic yard minimum Applicant must pay for total yardage hauled.	\$1.05/cubic yard	\$1.10/cubic yard
d.) Annual Haulers – 50,000 cubic yard minimum Applicant must pay for total yardage hauled.	\$0.95/cubic yard	\$1.00/cubic yard

Prior to the motion being seconded, Councilmember Kessler **amended** his original motion as follows:

Fee Rate Description	Current Rate	Amended Proposed New Rate
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Councilmember Queen seconded the amended motion to approve the rates as listed. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

4. City Engineer Carol Ruiz stated this change order request is different from Change Order #001, as this is an additional existing pipe that was located that we were unable to get around. Councilmember Rose asked if funding is available for this change order. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated that there is funding available.


Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Change Order #002 in the amount of \$2,160.00 for the Exit 49 Pedestrian Improvement Project Phase 2 for connection of an existing drain pipe to the proposed catch basin. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.



Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro



Mayor Paul Helenberg