

CITY OF CARNATION

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Carnation City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jim Berger in the Council Chambers at Carnation City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilmember Dustin Green.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jim Berger, Deputy Mayor Fred Bereswill, Councilmember Kim Lisk, Councilmember Lee Grumman, Councilmember Dustin Green, City Manager Phil Messina, City Planner Tim Woolett, Public Works Superintendent Bill Ferry, City Clerk Mary Madole, Treasurer Kelly Hankinson Russell, and citizens present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LISK AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GRUMMAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Mayor Berger requested that the Council hold an executive session prior to adjournment to review the performance of a public employee. No objection was raised to adding an executive session. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR BERESWILL AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LISK TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0), THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED:

- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – October 18, 2016.
- Claims Check Vouchers numbered 32902 – 32934 in the amount of \$263,004.98.
- October 2016 Payroll Direct Deposits and Checks numbered 13706 – 13720 in the amount of \$84,278.26.

REPORTS & REQUESTS: Councilmember Lisk reported that the Chamber of Commerce held a Halloween trick-or-treat event on October 29 and it was a lot of fun. The Christmas in Carnation celebration is scheduled for December 3. She and Deputy Mayor Bereswill attended the Exit Conference for the 2015 State Audit on October 27. She will be attending the Friends of Youth breakfast on November 2.

Councilmember Green reported that he attended the earthquake preparedness class at city hall on October 20. He also attended the CERT quarterly meeting on October 26.

Deputy Mayor Bereswill reported that he attended the Exit Conference for the 2015 State Audit on October 27. He will be attending the Friends of Youth breakfast on November 2, and the American Legion meeting that evening. The Senior Center is holding a Veterans Day Breakfast on Veterans Day.

Mayor Berger would like to discuss the funding strategy for the Tolt Avenue CBD Improvement Project under Other Business, and potentially hiring a lobbyist to assist the City with funding efforts.

STAFF REPORTS: City Manager Messina reported that staff conducted an evacuation drill at City Hall at 10:20 AM on October 20 for the national Great ShakeOut, and he also attended the class on earthquake preparedness that evening. The 2015 State Audit went well, and the Exit Conference was held on October 27. The East Rutherford Street Improvement Project is almost complete. The Draft 2015 Comprehensive Water System Plan will soon be distributed to the Council for review. Staff sent letters to the eight property owners in the potential annexation area on East Entwistle Street and has received two responses, one yes and one no.

City Planner Woolett reported that he has one short plat in process, and final plat approval for Brook Tree Estates is expected to be on the Council's November 15 meeting agenda. He will be attending a King County meeting regarding the requested expansion of the City's Urban Growth Area (UGA) north of The Estates at

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STAFF REPORTS: Snoqualmie Valley Trail. There may be a problem with road access to the three parcels that were requested to be added to the UGA. He has been looking around town for a potential parking area, and may have identified capacity for 60 angled parking spaces in areas adjacent to the CBD.
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CITIZEN COMMENTS & REQUESTS: Stuart Lisk, 4135 327th Circle NE, is glad to hear the City Council starting to discuss a funding plan for construction of the Tolt Avenue CBD Improvements Project, and supports the proposal for a lobbyist. A new radio station, KAPY 103.1 FM, is coming to the Valley and is planning a test broadcast on December 3 with launch on January 7. He supports the Council's decision to reinstate a contribution to the Senior Center in the 2017 Budget as long as it's not being funded from a tax increase. He is concerned by the proposed increases to water and sewer utility rates resulting from the rate study. He would like to see the detail behind what's causing such large increases.

Robert Cox, 32218 NE 16th Street, spoke about the approval of October Payroll and noted that calculating that amount out over a year indicates more than \$1 million expense per year in payroll for a small town.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND REVENUE SOURCES. Mayor Berger asked if all persons who wished to be heard during the public hearing had signed-in to speak, introduced the hearing subject, opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM, and referred to the Rules of Order which were posted at the sign-in sheet and speakers' rostrum. City Manager Messina delivered the staff report and reviewed the Budget Message. Mayor Berger called for public comment at 7:37 PM.

Robert Cox, 32218 NE 16th Street, spoke about street fund expenditures and questioned the 2016 expenditure for HVAC improvements at city hall. He also thinks that the 2017 budget for crack sealing and roadway preservation is too low. Treasurer Russell replied that the HVAC line item erroneously included other expenditures, and that error has since been corrected.

No more speakers had signed-in to speak. Mayor Berger called for additional persons who wished to speak during the public hearing. No further speakers came forward. Mayor Berger closed the floor to public comment.

Councilmember discussion took place. Councilmember Grumman spoke of the Budget Message and said that both Savor Snoqualmie Valley and Sno-Valley United are part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, so that paragraph needs to be clarified. Councilmember Lisk would like the Council to consider keeping port-a-potties year round at the more heavily used parks, such as Memorial Park and Hockert Park. Councilmember Grumman would like to find out what other cities are budgeting for economic development efforts, and would like to learn more about the role of a city in economic development. Councilmember discussion took place about the 2017 property tax levy and possibly adopting less than the 1% maximum increase.

Mayor Berger closed the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING: RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING SITE SPECIFIC REZONES. Mayor Berger asked if all persons who wished to be heard during the public hearing had signed-in to speak, introduced the hearing subject, opened the public hearing at 8:04 PM, and referred to the Rules of Order which were posted at the sign-in sheet and speakers' rostrum. City Planner Woolett delivered the staff report, described a site specific rezone, and said that this is a housekeeping issue that came up during his review of the Earth-to-Earth development proposal for which the Future Land Use Map was amended as part of the 2015 Update to the Carnation Comprehensive Plan. He found some conflicts in the municipal code as to whether site specific rezones should be heard by the City Council or Hearing Examiner. Some concern had been raised at the Planning Board about public comment being "cut-out" from the process, but that is not the case since the public would be heard by the Hearing Examiner

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**PUBLIC HEARING:
RECOMMENDED
AMENDMENTS TO
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PROCESSING SITE
SPECIFIC REZONES.
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PAGE 2)** under the proposed amendments. Adoption of the amendments is not proposed until December at the earliest, to allow time for the required agency review period prior to adoption. Mayor Berger called for public comment at 8:12 PM.

George Newman, Barghausen Consulting Engineers, 18215 72nd Avenue South – Kent, expressed support for the recommended code amendments. Use of a hearing examiner is standard practice in many other cities. The City Council will still have the final say, and it will not change anything with the Comprehensive Plan or policies.

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Councilmember discussion took place. Mayor Berger said that he had initial concerns about having the Hearing Examiner conduct the public hearings for site specific rezones, but that he now supports the recommended amendment.

Mayor Berger closed the public hearing at 8:16 PM.

**ADDITIONAL
BUSINESS &
DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The Councilmembers reviewed and discussed the items on the upcoming business list.

Other: Mayor Berger spoke about construction funding for the Tolt Avenue CBD Improvement Project, and potentially hiring a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session in Olympia. City Manager Messina reported that he has spoken with Mr. Mark Brown, an experienced lobbyist, and his proposal would cost \$3K per month beginning in December and continuing through the legislative session. The total cost would be approximately \$18K for six months. Councilmember discussion took place. Consensus was reached to hire the lobbyist, and staff was directed to include \$21K in the 2017 Budget when it is presented for adoption.

Councilmember Lisk spoke of traffic congestion at the intersection of Tolt Hill Road and SR 203, and said that in her observation it is caused by more than just people going to Remlinger Farms for events. It appears to be just heavier traffic on weekends. She would like the City to discuss options for improving the situation with County and State.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the City Council held an executive session to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session began at 8:47 PM, and was expected to last no more than 10-minutes with possible action being taken afterwards. The executive session concluded at 8:55 PM. Mayor Berger called a 2-minutes recess. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:57 PM.

MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR BERESWILL AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LISK TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENDLETON CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 TO CONDUCT A LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 8:59 PM.

SIGNATURES: Approved at the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council on November 15, 2016.

MAYOR, JIM BERGER

CITY CLERK, MARY MADOLE