CITY OF CARNATION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2019

Call to Order: Mayor Kimberly Lisk called the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Carnation City Hall and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Kim Lisk, Deputy Mayor Dustin Green, Councilmember Jim Ribail, Councilmember Ernest Fix, Councilmember Jim Berger, City Manager Amy Arrington, City Attorney Zach Lell, City Clerk Mary Madole, City Planner Amanda Smeller, Public Works Superintendent Bill Ferry, Treasurer Kelly Russell, and citizens present.

Approval of Agenda: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RIBAIL AND SECOND BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

Consent Agenda: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER FIX AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER RIBAIL TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0), THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED:

- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – June 18, 2019.
- Claims Check Vouchers numbered 34850 through 34911 in the amount of $133,675.81 and VOIDING previously approved Claims Checks numbered 34740 and 34824 in the amount of ($533.63) for a net total of $133,128.18.

Reports & Requests: Councilmember Ribail reported that he and Councilmember Berger held a Coffee with Council at Sandy’s Espresso the morning of June 22nd. Mayor Lisk reported that she attended the Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition meeting on July 12th.

Staff Reports: Deputy Scott Allen delivered a report about the crime statistics in town for Q1 and Q2 2019 as compared to 2018.

City Manager Arrington reported that she is continuing to work with King County on the proposed transfer of development rights from Carnation Tree Farm. She is also working on disposition of the recently surplused Old Maintenance Shop and hopes to have proposals from prospective buyers by the end of September.

Citizen Comments & Requests: Tim Harris, 33085 NE 42nd Place, spoke about the Notice of Application regarding the proposed MainVue Tolt River Terrace Development that was issued by the City on July 5th, and thinks that the City should have considered the 4th of July holiday when issuing the notice and waited another three days. He would like to be a party of record on all permits related to the development. He spoke about the tentative schedule for processing of the proposed development agreement and site-specific rezone and said that he believes the code requires the development agreement to be finalized before the Hearing Examiner hears the rezone. He thinks that the Land Use Map change in 2015 was made on a promise from the property owner which is not reflected in the current proposal.

Dick Kirby, 32018 East Rutherford Street, said that the Re-In-Carnation thrift store has reopened inside the Senior Center as a temporary location. The Grand Opening of the Tolt Historical Society Museum inside the Hjertoos House at Carnation Tree Farm will be held on July 20th. The Senior Center is trying to equip itself as an emergency facility
but needs additional funding. He would like to hear a report from SPU regarding the Tolt Dam following the recent earthquake.

Fred Vosk, 4775 Tolt Avenue, runs the Carnation Public Food Bank on Myrtle Street in the Old Maintenance Shop building which is rented from the City. The City has sent notice of lease termination. His organization has been part of the community for 15 years and feeds approximately 100 families per week. He believes that he fills a need that is not served by the Hopelink Food Bank, by serving everyone who comes to the door regardless of registration or paperwork. He has been trying to cleanup the property, but someone recently dumped more stuff. He understands that the City intends to sell the property, but he would like the food bank to continue to function on the property until a new owner is ready to develop the site, or at least until the end of the year.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RIBAIL AND SECOND BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREEN TO ACCEPT THE SECOND QUARTER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT. Councilmember Ribail reported that the Finance & Operations Committee met on June 12th to review the report. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments: City Manager Arrington reviewed the recommended annual amendments to Chapters 7 and 9 of the Comprehensive Plan to adopt and incorporate by reference the City’s 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan and the Riverview School District (RSD) 2019 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). Ms. Denise Stiffarm, representative from RSD, provided an overview of the 2019 RSD CFP, including the growth rate assumptions and capital cost estimates. Council authorization was given for staff to notice a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments for the August 6th regular meeting.

Tolt Avenue CBD Project status and phasing: City Manager Arrington reviewed the current project funding status and reported that the City’s recent application to PSRC for $450K in RTCC funding has made the list for recommended approval and it’s looking good. The City cannot advertise for bids until the funds are obligated which will likely be in November. Right-of-way acquisition is nearly complete, most easements are executed and the last easement in negotiation has been partially signed and is being routed for final signatures from the remaining property owners.

The City is continuing to work with WSDOT on channelization plan approval and addressing their concerns over lengthened pedestrian crossings at uncontrolled intersections where new turn lanes are proposed. WSDOT has agreed to allow marked crosswalks on the south side of Rutherford and the north side of Commercial with the caveat that the City install conduit for the future installation of rapid flashing beacons when the need is warranted. At the north side of the intersection with Eugene, verbal agreement was reached with WSDOT that the City can widen the pavement for a future southbound left turn lane onto eastbound Eugene, but the left turn lane must be filled for now to serve as a pedestrian refuge. The project engineer has suggested that left turns from southbound traffic on Tolt Ave onto eastbound Eugene be prohibited. Options to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection while still allowing left turns include: the installation of rapid flashing beacons; potentially adding a southbound left turn onto eastbound Myrtle Street in lieu of allowing left turns at Eugene; or
redesigning the entrance to the shopping center to better align with East Eugene Street which is the primary problem at that intersection. The concern with the last option is time. Discussion took place, and concern was expressed about a raised island interfering with the 4th of July parade. Councilmember Berger suggested painting the pedestrian refuge area at Eugene rather than filling it with a raised island as an interim measure while the City continues working to improve the entrance to the shopping center. Majority agreement was reached that the City wants to allow left turns from southbound Tolt Ave onto eastbound Eugene, and prefers paint over a raised island in the turn lane area if the turn lane cannot be used in the near term. Regarding phasing the project by doing the underground utility conversion first, staff recommends that the project not be phased and that the City move forward with a single bid package. Cost increases to create two bid packages are a certainty, while the potential for cost reduction in phase two is less quantifiable. Also, phasing would extend the construction phase. Councilmember consensus was reached to forego phasing and proceed with construction as a single project.

Special Events – Movie Night on August 13th and evacuation drill on September 28th: Discussion took place about the upcoming events. Consensus was reached to authorize a budget of $3,000 for the evacuation drill.

Noise Regulations: Council agreement was reached to have the Public Health & Safety Committee review the City’s noise regulations and return to the Council with a recommendation.

Other: Discussion took place about the request from Mr. Fred Vosk to extend the August 27th date for termination of the lease with the Carnation Food Bank. Agreement was reached to keep that date for vacation of the premises. Mayor Lisk said that she would like to see the City’s fee for administrative appeals reviewed to be sure it’s adequate in light of the City’s actual costs.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council adjourned into an executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation with legal counsel. The executive session began at 9:05 PM and was expected to last no more than 15-minutes without action being taken afterwards. The executive session was extended an additional 10-minutes at 9:20 PM, and an additional 5-minutes at 9:30 PM. The executive session concluded at 9:35 PM. The regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 9:37 PM.

Approved at the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council on August 6, 2019.

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MAYOR, KIMBERLY LISK

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CITY CLERK, MARY MADOLE