

Note: Meeting not recorded due to tape recorder malfunction.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the November 23, 2015 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, Mike Davis and Ellen Rose.

Department Reports

1. Public Works Director David Vorse provided a summary report of the November 18th and 19th storm event. Last Wednesday the city received 1.75 inches of rain, followed by an additional 2.25 inches on Thursday. Vorse reported there were some issues with catch basins. A few residents requested and were provided with sand bags.

Councilmembers were provided pictures of the storm's impact at the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch. One roller on the ramp was damaged and debris on the ramps. The major issue was sand accumulation. Vorse stated they measured sand depth of 20" below the water line, with another 20" of accumulation above the water line. Currently the ramps are closed; however public works personnel will be working tomorrow to remove the sand and try to get at least one lane open for boaters.

2. City Engineer Dominic Miller reported the Front Avenue sidewalk project is now considered substantially complete. Tomorrow they will be conducting a walk-through with the contractor and develop a final punch list.
3. Reported that contractor C-More Pipe began work today on the Trenchless Sewer Repair project.
4. Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington stated city staff has been meeting to develop a balanced budget for fiscal year 2016. She noted the first public hearing to take testimony on the 2016 proposed budget; including capital projects and rate increases will be December 14th. Covington requested councilmembers consider scheduling a Special Meeting to review the proposed budget prior to the December public hearing. In addition, Covington requested councilmembers consider rescheduling the December 28th final regular council meeting for December 21st to allow for publication requirements for adoption of the ordinances.

By consensus, councilmembers directed the clerk to schedule a Special Meeting on November 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to review the 2016 proposed budget.

By consensus, councilmembers also directed the clerk to reschedule the December 28th regular council meeting to December 21st at 7:30 p.m. This would be the final meeting

of the City Council for the current fiscal year.

5. Mayor Helenberg reported he attended the Port Summit meeting, sponsored by Cowlitz Economic Development Council. Other city attendees included Public Works Director Dave Vorse, Councilmember Ellen Rose, and CRCDA representative Nancy Chennault. Helenberg provided a brief summary of the meeting, adding that the methanol plant project to be sited at the Port of Kalama is estimated to bring in 20% more in property tax revenue to the county.
6. Councilmember Kessler stated he is currently researching pricing and specs for tablets to be used by councilmembers. He will have a proposal ready for review at the next regular council meeting.
7. Nancy Chennault also reported on the Port Summit meeting. She noted that available family housing is in need of improvement in this county. She also provided some information on the Port of Woodland's railroad and marine projects.

- Announced that Castle Rock America In Bloom have received enough sponsorships to purchase Christmas lights for all of the hemlock trees.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the minutes to the November 9, 2015 regular council meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Davis made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the minutes to the August 31, 2015 Budget Workshop Special meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-10, an ordinance amending the compensation for city councilmembers, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11, an ordinance fixing the estimated amount to be raised by Ad Valorem taxes for the 2016 budget in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 84.55.120, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-12, a public emergency ordinance amending, in part, several sub sections of Castle Rock Municipal Code Chapters 18.10 (Critical Areas) and Chapter 15.24 (Flood

Damage Prevention). By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2. Councilmember Davis made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the Managed Services Agreement between the city and Jayson Rogen, Technalytix Corp for management of city IT services as outlined in the agreement. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Paul Helenberg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington