

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the September 26, 2016, regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:31 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Ellen Rose, and Earl Queen. Mike Davis was absent.

Mayor Helenberg requested a moment of silence for the victims of the Burlington, Washington mall shooting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Cowlitz Fire Protection District #6 Chief Bill LeMonds requested council approval to close Second Avenue SW; between Cowlitz Street and A Street SW on October 8th. Their department will be planning a community kick-off for Fire Prevention Week. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve closure of Second Avenue SW for the fire department kick-off event on October 8th. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

Mayor Helenberg introduced the new superintendent for Castle Rock School District, Jim Mabbott and Castle Rock School Board member Vila Sundberg, Mr. Mabbott stated he was hired in July, has been working to establish a strong partnership between the city and school district. Mayor Helenberg stated he has attended several meetings with Mr. Mabbott and feels that this partnership will help to create a better quality of place for our community.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington presented councilmembers with the August 2016 Cash Report. She noted they still have not received reimbursement from RCAC for the Water Treatment Plant upgrade project.

COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mayor Helenberg reported that he attended a joint meeting with School Superintendent Mabbott, Castle Rock Police Chief Heuer and Fire District Chief LeMonds regarding several proposed committees.
2. Covington noted that Nancy Chennault provided a written report summary dated September 26th regarding Cowlitz Economic Development Council activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion seconded by Rose to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular council meeting. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Castle Rock Pharmacy requested permission to close First Avenue SW, on October 15th, from noon to 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of operations. Mayor Helenberg announced he will be drafting a proclamation declaring October 15th as 'Ken Davis Day'. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the street closure request. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

2. Public Works Director Dave Vorse requested council table consideration of the engineer's recommendation to accept the Exit 49 Pedestrian Improvement project as physically complete. Vorse noted he is still in discussion with the funding agencies for final review of the project.
3. Mayor Helenberg requested approval to complete additional paving at the Boat Launch entrance road. There are five main areas where the pavement has cracked and is in need of repair. Vorse stated the estimated cost for this additional paving is \$5,500 and would be completed with city and county work forces. Vorse noted the original paving was done in 2006 and the areas of cracking are significant. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the project as described. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Helenberg adjourned the regular session at 7:43 p.m. for a ten-minute executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Helenberg reconvened the regular council meeting at 7:49 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Helenberg announced that Councilmember Mike Davis has resigned from his council position, effective immediately. The mayor stated this was a verbal resignation; Councilmember Davis did not submit a written resignation. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to accept Mike Davis' resignation from city council. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

Mayor Helenberg directed the city clerk prepare a public notice advising the city is now soliciting applications from persons interested in filling the vacant council seat. The mayor stated he would like to interview potential applicants at the October 24th council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington