

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the February 25, 2013 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Ray Teter, Glenn Pingree, Earl Queen, Mike Davis and Ellen Rose.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**Fall Chinook Production on the Cowlitz River**

Sean Orr, Washington West Fishing Adventures, LLC, Olympia, Washington, on behalf of Sport Fishing Guides of Washington, shared concerns regarding fall Chinook production on the Cowlitz River. The Sport Fishing Guides of Washington and Coastal Conservation Association collaborate to restore, maintain and enhance sport fishing opportunities in Washington State with the Cowlitz River identified as the premier river for sport fishing. He stated that sport fishery is a major economic contributor in Castle Rock. Mr. Orr requests council support to work with legislators to maintain fall Chinook production on the Cowlitz River.

Orr explained that historical fall Chinook production on the Cowlitz River averaged 10 million juveniles per year until 2000. In 2000, fall Chinook production was reduced to about 5.2 million juveniles released per year and have typically generated an adult return of 8,000 to 15,000 fish each year. These fish provide a major in-river sport fishery on the Cowlitz River and support sport and commercial fisheries on the Columbia River and ocean. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife announced last year that as part of the update to the Cowlitz River Fish Hatchery Management Plan, Cowlitz River Fall Chinook production will be decreased from 5.2 million juveniles released to 1.5 million juveniles released from the salmon hatchery each year. This planned reduction would result in a return of less than 3,000 fish; of which the hatchery would need at least 1,000 to maintain brood stock. This means that less than 2,000 fish would be available for in-river fisheries effectively eliminating the fall Chinook fishing on the lower Cowlitz River. With low survival rates, 2,000 fish will not support a sustainable fishery that will generate a revenue stream for the communities that currently depend on sport fishing in southwest Washington. This reduction will begin next year, with a resulting major decrease in returns of adult fish starting in two years. The reduction of fall Chinook released from the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery from 5.2 million to 1.5 million, combined with recent reductions at the Toutle facilities, will virtually eliminate the fall Chinook fishery in the lower Cowlitz River. This, combined with the reduction in Coho Salmon production, will destroy salmon returns on the Cowlitz River system. It will also substantially impact the lower Columbia River, Buoy 10 and ocean sport salmon fishing seasons. The resulting economic loss will be in the millions of dollars for numerous communities in southwest Washington with Castle Rock being the central location for the Fall Chinook and Coho Salmon sport fishery on the lower Cowlitz River. Orr stated that legislators did not fully understand the significance of these cuts.

He noted that legislators are now considering a proposal to produce two million fall Chinook in Lake Mayfield. This addition could provide a reasonable fishery for the 80 to 150 clients per day that fishing guides bring to Castle Rock. Mr. Orr requests a letter of support for this proposal which would improve production and help sport fisherman from all across Washington continue to utilize the Cowlitz River.

Mayor Helenberg specified that he was shocked when he learned of the cutback in hatchery production. The boat launch is a major source of revenue for the city and the number of hatchery fish cannot continue to dwindle. Mr. Orr added that in the past, hatcheries would dump excess fry in creeks, which was not included in production counts.

Dale Scott, Coastal Conservation Association, clarified that when addressing Senators, the larger the numbers supporting a proposal; the greater the voice. The Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission has voted 9 to 0 to make recreational fishing a higher priority and increase allocations in the Columbia River. A higher allocation is also needed in the Cowlitz River.

Public Works Director David Vorse suggests contacting Cowlitz Game & Anglers and the Friends of the Cowlitz. These groups have been instrumental in stocking local creeks.

By council consensus, a letter of support to increase salmon production on the Cowlitz River will be drafted. Councilmember Rose stated that we have always been proud of the fact that there is always something to fish for in the Cowlitz River, year round.

Cowlitz County Comprehensive Plan Update

City Planner T.J. Keiran specified that Barbara Kincaid is not available to give her report and presentation. At this time, no substitute date has been requested by Kincaid.

Car Show

Donna Grose, 149 Delameter Lane, requests street closures on Front Avenue (A to Jackson), Cowlitz Street West (Huntington to 2nd Avenue) and 1st Avenue (A Street to Cowlitz Street) for a car show on July 27th. The Car Club will provide event insurance and latrines. Mayor Helenberg advised that Front Avenue NW will be under construction and unavailable for use. A street closure also requires approval from both the Police and Fire Chiefs. Mayor Helenberg stated that the Mountain Mania Festival Committee also is planning a street closure within the same timeframe. Helenberg voiced concern that business owners have indicated they do not want two street closures.

By council consensus, the Car Club can continue to move forward with their organizational plans. Mayor Helenberg specified that this request will be placed on the agenda for further council consideration during the next regular meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Attorney Frank Randolph

Randolph requests a ten-minute executive session following agenda items, to discuss potential litigation.

Police Chief Bob Heuer

Chief Heuer noted the Fox 12 news did a broadcast last Monday, followed by an article in The Daily News, regarding the rash of vehicle prowls and burglaries that have been occurring in Castle Rock. Heuer stated he is proud to report that two arrests have been made and another is pending. These arrests should clear ten cases. Some property has been return and more should be returned soon. In addition, the Longview Police Department arrested a suspect in 30 burglaries who admitted to the Castle Rock burglary case at the Moviehouse.

Public Works Director David Vorse

Vorse reviewed the list of projects completed by the Public Works Department in 2012 and the projects proposed for 2013. The Public Works Department applied for numerous grants in 2012 and successfully secured \$952,287 in grant funding. To date in 2013, two Cowlitz County Rural Development grant applications have been successful:

1. The Front Avenue North Improvement Project in the amount of \$200,000 and
2. Implementation of the Strategic Marketing Plan Phase 2 in the amount of \$25,000.

Mayor Helenberg specified that he would like to see the Park and Ride camera brought online this year.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rose, Vorse detailed that the proposed improvements at the Jackson Street Retention Pond are designed by Nancy Chennault with assistance from Castle Rock High School students. Students will complete wetland plantings as part of an outdoor classroom project.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rose, Vorse clarified that the Pilot Compost Program will take place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Biosolids will be composted with yard debris to form a Class A product that could be given back to the community. This pilot program will determine the feasibility of using the community's yard trimmings, grind it and mix it with our biosolids to form a Class A compost.

Librarian Vicki Selander

Selander reports that the last weekly winner was drawn for the "Reading is Hot" adult winter reading program. This was an eight week program with prizes generously donated by local businesses. All of the winners will be included in the Grand Prize drawing to be held in Longview, in conjunction with other county libraries. In response to a question from Councilmember Pingree, Selander detailed that over 20 adults participated in this program.

COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**Mayor Paul Helenberg**

Mayor Helenberg will attend the Bonneville Power Administration Stakeholders meeting on Friday along with City Attorney Frank Randolph, City Planner T.J. Keiran and Cowlitz County Commissioners.

Community Economic Development Council Representative Nancy Chennault

Mayor Helenberg reviewed the written report submitted by Chennault. During the last Castle Rock Community Development Alliance Meeting, Alice Dietz of CEDC gave an analysis of the Buxton Data Report. The analysis indicates that the Castle Rock community does a remarkable job of keeping dollars local by shopping Castle Rock businesses.

The CEDC in partner with the U.S. Forest Service will host Music on the Mountain this year. There will be four or five music events.

A 2013 Mt. St. Helens Tourist Season Planning Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on March 22nd in the Coweeman Room at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center.

Councilmember

Councilmember Rose reports that Castle Rock will have a signature "Rockets' Red Glare" basket this year. These baskets will be hung throughout the city for our America In Bloom project and featured on the Proven Winners website. The "Rockets' Red Glare" baskets are available for sale at Castle Rock Nursery.

Student Representative Elle Gallow

Gallow reports that spring sports began today. The girls basketball team have qualified for the State Championship Playoffs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

OLD BUSINESS**Front Avenue NW Improvement Project**

City Engineer Mike Johnson reports that bids for the Front Avenue NW Improvement Project were opened on February 11th. Ten bids were received, with the low bidder being Tapani Construction from Battle Ground, Washington in the amount of \$1,685,554.68. Qualifications have been reviewed and have met the responsibility criteria. This project is funded from a variety of sources:

- 2 grants from the Transportation Improvement Board;
- WSDOT Surface Transportation Program grant;

- Grant from Cowlitz County Rural Development and
- Public Works Trust Fund loan

Johnson stated there is sufficient funding to complete the project and he recommends awarding the project to Tapani Construction.

Councilmember Teter made a motion, seconded by Queen to award the Front Avenue NW Improvement Project to Tapani Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,685,554.68.

Discussion: Councilmember Pingree expressed concern that Tapani may have overlooked something, as their bid is lower than the engineer’s estimate of \$1,722,759.34. He does not want to see change orders coming in because of any oversight.

Vote on motion: By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

Carpenter Road Booster Pump Station

Vorse reports that the application submitted for a Cowlitz County Rural Development grant for construction of the Carpenter Road Booster Pump Station was unsuccessful. A loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$583,881 is the only funding available for this project.

Councilmember Pingree made a motion, seconded by Davis to refuse the loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$583,881 for the Carpenter Road Booster Pump Station. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

2013 Residential Street Improvements

Vorse stated that the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) recommends overlay and chip seal improvements in 2013 on the following residential streets:

Street	Segment
OVERLAY	
Cowlitz View Ct. NW	Entire length
Brierwood Ct SE	Allen Ave – pavement change
1 st Ave SW	C St – D St
4 th Ave SW	Warren St – Shear St
6 th Ave SW	Entire length
Hibbard St SW	5 th Ave – 6 th Ave
CHIP SEAL	
Little Ave NE	Entire length
Ramsey St NE	Entire length
McCoy St NE	Entire length
Searl Ct NE	Entire length

Walsh Ave NE	Entire length
Green St NE	Entire length
Northwood Ct NE	Entire length
North St NE	Entire length
Barr St NW	Entire length
Shintaffer St NW	Entire length
Jackson St NW	Entire length
Kalmbach Rd	Entire length
Bond Rd	Entire length within city limits

This list includes Transportation Improvement Board grant funded sections.

Councilmember Teter made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve funding of the above listed overlay and chip seal improvements in 2013. Those sections not grant funded will be funded through the Transportation Benefit District sales and use tax revenues. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Intent to Sell Fireworks

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington reports that the Castle Rock Eagles #556 has submitted a Letter of Intent to request a permit to sell fireworks in 2013. Councilmember Pingree thanked the Castle Rock Eagles for all the work they do in the community.

Safe Routes to School Project

City Engineer Mike Johnson reports that bids for the Safe Routes to School Project, Roake Avenue South and C Street SE pedestrian improvements, were opened last December. Award of this bid was tabled to coincide with the Front Avenue Improvement Project for efficiency of project management services. Thirteen bids were received for a base bid and an alternate 1 bid. The low bidder for Base and Alternate 1 is Five Rivers Construction, Inc. from Longview in the amount of \$173,980. Qualifications have been reviewed and have met the responsibility criteria. This project is funded with a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program. Johnson recommends award of project to Five Rivers Construction.

Councilmember Pingree made a motion, seconded by Davis to award the Safe Routes to School Project to Five Rivers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$173,980.

Discussion: Councilmember Pingree is proud to award this contract to Five Rivers Construction as many of their employees live in our community.

Vote on motion: By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

Safe Routes to School Construction Management Services

Johnson detail that the revised Engineering Supplement #3 for Safe Routes to School Construction Management and Engineering Services was reduced by approximately \$20,000 as one inspector can oversee both this project and the Front Avenue Improvement Project at the same time. The Safe Routes to School project receives federal funds and must meet all of the associated requirements.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Pingree to approve Engineering Supplement #3 for Safe Routes to School Construction Management and Engineering Services with Gray & Osborne, for a total engineering amount of \$81,403. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

Front Avenue NW Construction Management Services

Johnson reviewed the Consultant Agreement for Front Avenue NW Improvement Project Construction Management Services. The Project Inspector will oversee this project and the Safe Routes to School Project at the same time. This project receives federal funds and must meet all of the associated management requirements. This agreement is in the amount of \$250,000, plus \$10,000 for the Management Reserve Fund.

Councilmember Teter made a motion, seconded by Pingree to approve the Consultant Agreement with Gray & Osborne for Front Avenue NW Improvement Project Construction Management in the amount of \$260,000. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.

In response to a question from Vorse, Johnson confirmed that Ken Harris will provide project inspection services for these two projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Helenberg adjourned regular session at 8:15 p.m. for a ten minute executive session to discuss potential litigation, with possible action to follow.

Mayor Helenberg resumed regular session at 8:24 p.m. By council consensus, the Planning Commission will continue working to update the Wireless Communication Tower Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington