

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the July 10, 2017, regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen and Ellen Rose.

(Recording not available due to recorder malfunction)

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR –BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Joel Royce requested council permission to hold the annual I Topped The Rock event on city right-of-way and to request permission to place event signage on city right-of-way. Mr. Royce stated he intends to use the same route as last year, which was along the Riverfront Trail system. In response to Royce's question, Mayor Helenberg agreed to be present awards to the participants. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to allow Mr. Royce to use the Riverfront Trail for his event and to use city right-of-way for event signage. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

DEPARTMENT REPORTSOfficer Charlie Worley, representing Castle Rock Police Department

- reported Castle Rock Reserves have graduated from the academy, with honors.
- the new patrol pickup will be ready to lead the parade on Thursday.

Public Works Director David Vorse

- announced that the Water Treatment Plant staff was recognized by the State of Washington Department of Health for their outstanding performance and treatment optimization and received a Silver Certificate of Achievement for five years of outstanding achievement for years 2012-2016. Vorse praised his staff for attaining this goal.

City Attorney - Frank Randolph – no report

Council And Ad Hoc Committee report -

- Councilmember Art Lee stated he should have the results next month on the city's dog park grant application.
- Councilmember Kessler and Mayor Helenberg will meet tomorrow with the Humane Society of Cowlitz County Director.

Nancy Chennault, Castle Rock Community Development Alliance (CRCDA) Board Member

- ribbon cutting and community celebration for completion of the Huntington Avenue South entrance feature will be July 21st beginning at 5:30 p.m. She noted the project received a value of over \$100,000 in volunteer labor and donated materials. Contractors and volunteers who worked on the project will be recognized at that time. The America In Bloom judges also will be in Castle Rock on July 20th and 21st and will participate in the event.
- July 19th will be an evening reception at The Vault to welcome the AIB judges. Judging will begin July 20th through the 21st.
- Chennault stated CRCDA has received an offer of old logging equipment to be placed at the Timber Grove Historical Display, located by the Visitor Center. A picture of the equipment was reviewed by council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Mayor Helenberg tabled approval of the June 26th city council meeting minutes until the July 24th meeting.
2. Councilmember Lee reviewed June invoices prior to the meeting; no issues were noted. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the June expenditures in the amount of \$355,928.94 as described on the Fund Transaction Summary report and further described as adjustment number EFT 517-6/17 and check numbers 48372 through 48464 for general expenditures and adjustment number EFT Payroll Draw 6/15/17, NACHA Draw Pay Batch#1836462, EFT Payroll 6/30/17, NACHA June Pay Batch# 1845611 and check numbers 25035 through 25054 for payroll expenditures. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2017-07, a resolution asking voters to approve a special excise levy to fund library operations in 2018, on second reading. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carey Mackey, Red Canoe Credit Union Business Development Representative, requested council approval to place banners on city right of way to inform the public of their annual Fill The Canoe School Supply Drive, July 24th through August 11th. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Mackey's request to place event banners on city right-of-way. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Simonsen voiced concern over the amount of fireworks within the city limits during the Fourth of July week. He stated there were several instances where the explosions rattled the windows at his house. Councilmember Queen also stated he had quite a bit of debris from adjacent fireworks in his backyard. Simonsen proposed that city council consider a ban on fireworks. Councilmember Kessler stated he has never had so many people complain to him about the fireworks. Officer Worley explained there were several pockets of concentrated fireworks within the city. He explained that many of those are still legal and he briefly summarized State regulations. Worley also explained that it is difficult to catch people using 'illegal' fireworks because when a patrol vehicle is in the area, people only ignite the legal products.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Kessler recommended a committee review fireworks regulations and the city's options to regulate operations. Councilmember Kessler and Councilmember Simonsen will serve on the committee, along with a member of the Police Department.

3. Mayor Helenberg announced several upcoming events for the month of July:
Castle Rock Fair Parade; July 13th and Fair; July 13th – 15th
Seattle To Portland Bicycle Run (STP); July 15th and 16th
America In Bloom Judging; July 20th and 21st
Community Picnic and Entry Feature Ribbon Cutting; July 21st
Rod Run To The Rock Car Show; July 22nd
Castle Rock Senior Center Annual Breakfast; July 22nd

4. Officer Charlie Worley announced that Castle Rock Police Department will partner with Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office for the annual National Night Out event on August 1st, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Paul Helenberg, Mayor

Ryana Covington, Clerk-Treasurer