



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

APRIL 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Nelson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brand, Brooks, Carlstrom, Hinchey, Nelson, Pauley, Pellegrini, Puvogel and Reid. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember George.

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day and Arbor Month

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Attorney Steve Johnson, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

A Proclamation was read declaring the month of April as Arbor Month in the City of Hoquiam and declaring April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Hoquiam.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Brooks moved to accept consent agenda items a through c and his motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of March 27, 2023;
- An Amendment to the MOUD Navigator Contract to Update Funding;
- A Renewal Agreement with Tacoma Community College to provide Fire Department/Health Care Professional Educational Services

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulatory Committee

Councilmember Pauley stated that the Regulatory Committee met and discussed meeting once per month on the second Monday of the each month at 6:15 p.m. in the Mayor's Office. Councilmember Pauley moved to change the Regulatory Committee meeting schedule to once per month and utilize the 2nd week of the month. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Sale of 1989 Fire Engine

Staff submitted a written request for Council authorization to sell the 1989 Pierce fire Engine to GHFD #6, in the amount of \$4000. Councilmember Puvogel moved to accept the report and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion with Chief Miller regarding the sale, the motion to approve the staff report passed by voice vote.



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MAYOR REPORTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Mayor Winkelman thanked everyone who worked on the Easter Egg Hunt. This is always a big event in the City of Hoquiam.

Blue Zone

Tonight he met as a representative on the steering committee of the Blue Zone. This program is moving forward in the entire county to assess improvements and different projects that they may support in our community as well as the county for healthy activities and opportunities. They are looking at things such as biking paths, walking paths, outdoor activities, etc. Please let him know if you have any ideas.

Tour de Wellness/Ride the Harbor

Tour de Wellness/Ride the Harbor will be held June 17th – it is part of Summit Pacific’s support to make Grays Harbor one of the healthiest communities in the Nation.

Walk with the Mayor

The Walk with the Mayor program is still available for citizens. Anyone interested can call the Mayor’s office and he will schedule a walk/time to stop by.

HOPE Squad Training

The Mayor is still working on setting up Training in relation to the HOPE Squad. Staff is currently working on identifying some responders and peers in our community to reach out to those who need some help.

Public Disclosure Forms

Mayor Winkelman reminded Council that their PDC forms are due April 15th.

Council Vacancy

Councilmember Puvogel stated that whoever is appointed to the council tonight will also need to file an F1 with the PDC. The Council will be appointing someone to fill the position through the remainder of the term. That person would then need to run in the general election.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Other Legal

Westport Jail Agreement

Included in the Council packet was an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Westport for jail services at the Hoquiam Jail. Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the agreement and his motion was seconded. Chief Strong stated that we currently contract with Cosmopolis and DOC and this would be the same with the City of Westport. The motion passed by voice vote.



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OLD BUSINESS

Council Vacancy

Councilmember Puvogel asked that each of the 4 individuals who submitted a letter of interest for the current Council Vacancy speak for 3 minutes on why they feel they would make a good councilmember.

Maxwell Davis, 627 Orchard Drive, Hoquiam stated that he is interested in the Ward 4 vacancy. He is a PNW native, but has lived in New York for a short period and has moved back to the coast now. He wants to build on the foundation that has already been built, with ideas such as reinstating the Community Garden, a Community Farmers Market, etc. He is very appreciative of how welcome Hoquiam and the Community have made him feel.

Greg Larsen, 626 Orchard Drive, stated that he has been in Hoquiam for many years. He came back to the Community after serving in the military. For years he has thought that our city has so much potential and hopes to see that grow. He has recently purchased two commercial properties and hopes to get those up and running soon. He stated that he believes whoever the council picks will be a good representative for Ward 4.

Angie Silvan, 511 Sunset Drive, Hoquiam, stated she is the Administrator at Riverside Place in Hoquiam. She feels she is a good observer and that she can learn quickly. She enjoys being in Hoquiam, she has been here for 20 years. It is a friendly and safe community.

Joe Brand, 829 Emerson Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that the Council has his qualifications in the letter that he provided. He is involved in Greater Grays Harbor, Inc., the 7th St. Theatre, the Hoquiam Business Association and a business owner. He is willing to step forward, step up and help improve our community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Vacancy Candidate Qualifications

Councilmember Puvogel asked if the council would like to move to go into Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the four candidates. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to go into executive session following a 3 minute recess, for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the qualifications of the interested parties. It was explained that no voting will be done in the session and



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council provided a brief explanation of what an executive session is. The motion to convene in Executive Session was seconded and passed by voice vote at 7:27 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

Council came back to order in regular session at 7:46 p.m. and Council was asked to vote for the candidate they felt should fill the position until there is a majority. Before the vote, Councilmember Puvogel and Mayor Winkelman both encouraged each individual to file to run for the position in the next election. The person being appointed tonight will only fill the remainder of the Ward 4 term. A roll call vote was taken with Greg Larsen receiving 6 votes, Maxwell Davis receiving 3 votes, and Angie Silvan receiving 1 vote. Greg Larsen received the majority of the vote and will be sworn in at the next scheduled council meeting. Council thanked each individual for their interest.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to excuse the absent member and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Councilmember Reid announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on April 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. They will discuss the corner on Riverside by the Farmers Market as well as have representatives from LOCK in attendance to discuss their product (security cameras). Chief Strong spoke briefly about the cameras and company and how other communities are utilizing this equipment.

Bill Wieland

Councilmember Pellegrini stated that Bill Wieland recently passed away. He was an avid supporter of Hoquiam, a very good guy and very involved. He will be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students in Attendance

Several students were in attendance at the Council meeting and Mayor Winkelman asked that they introduce themselves: Jackson Newton, Aberdeen, Francis Higgins, Hoquiam, Abby Messer, Hoquiam, and Colby Bomershiem, Hoquiam. All were attending for their Civics class.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Puvogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary