

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Port Angeles, Washington

May 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER-REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dexter called the regular meeting of the Port Angeles City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Dexter, Deputy Mayor Carr, Council Members French, Meyer, McCaughan, Schromen-Wawrin and Suggs.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager West, Attorney Bloor, Clerk Martinez-Bailey, C. Delikat, K. Dubuc, B. Smith, A. Brekke, T. Hunter and S. Carrizosa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor opened the virtual public comment period, hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the public comment period. No written comments were received.

LATE ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THIS OR FUTURE AGENDAS

It was moved by Schromen-Wawrin and seconded by Meyer to:

Move the North Unit Morse Creek Property – City/North Olympic Land Trust Negotiations item from L-2 to I-1 on the Agenda.

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, the motion carried 6-0 with Carr recused from the vote.

It was moved by Schromen-Wawrin and seconded by Suggs to:

Add a discussion on the Snake River Dam Removal.

Motion failed 3-4, with Meyer Schromen-Wawrin, Meyer, and Suggs in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by French and seconded by Schromen-Wawrin to approve the Consent Agenda to include:

1. City Council Minutes of May 5, 2020 / *Approve*
2. Expenditure Report: *From April 25, 2020 to May 1, 2020 in the amount of \$1,773,768.15 / Approve*

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. COVID-19 Health Emergency – Rental Assistance Funding & Interest Waiver

City Manager Nathan West provided background on the item, saying there had been a high demand for rental and utility assistance funding since it was made available. He shared that \$37,000 of uncommitted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds could be used for rental assistance. He asked Council to ratify the Emergency Order that would enable the program to continue by using the CDBG funding and it would also extend the waiver of interest on accounts receivable through June 30th.

Mayor Dexter read the resolution by title, entitled,

RESOLUTION NO. 08-20

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, affirming and ratifying the Emergency Order issued by the City Manager on May 12, 2020.

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by French to:

Pass the resolution as read.

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion carried 7-0.

2. Adoption for Use of Federal CARES Act CDBG Funding

Community and Economic Development Director Allyson Brekke provided background on the additional CBDG funding that would come from the CARES Act and noted corrections to the Council memo. She outlined four ways the funding could be used and recommended Council set a policy for how the City uses all CARES Act CDBG funding. Finance Director Sarina Carrizosa discussed how the City evaluates the utility and rental assistance applications. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Dexter read the resolution by title, entitled,

RESOLUTION NO. 09-20

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, adopting policy for use of Community Development Block Grant funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

It was moved by Schromen-Wawrin and seconded by French to:

Pass the resolution as read, to include a correction to the resolution to read “(less than 5 employees)”.

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion carried 7-0.

3. Ennis Creek Fish Passage Grant Application

Director of Public Works and Utilities Thomas Hunter shared background on the agenda item and shared there are environment benefits to the project. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Dexter read the resolution by title, entitled,

RESOLUTION NO. 10-20

This resolution/authorization authorizes the person(s) identified below (in Section 2) to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of our organization and to legally bind our organization with respect to the above Project(s) for which we seek grant funding assistance managed through the Recreation and Conservation Office (Office).

It was moved by Suggs and seconded by McCaughan to:

Pass the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant application in support of the Ennis Creek Fish Barrier design grant.

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Dexter recessed the meeting for a break at 7:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Short Course on Housing Affordability

Manager West shared background on the webinar and shared it was a valuable experience. He then turned the meeting over to the Council for a discussion. Council held a lengthy discussion on the topic.

Mayor recessed the meeting for a break at 8:18 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Carr recused herself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

2. North Unit Morse Creek Property – City/North Olympic Land Trust Negotiations

Mayor Dexter opened discussion on the item. Council member Schromen-Wawrin provided background on the agenda item. Council discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Carr rejoined the meeting.

CONTRACTS & PURCHASING

1. Essential Vehicle Purchase – Public Works and Utilities Vehicles

Director Hunter provided background on the agenda item and spoke of the vehicles that needed to be replaced. He discussed replacement costs versus repair costs. Council discussion followed.

It was moved by Schromen-Wawrin and seconded by McCaughan to:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign contracts for the purchasing and outfitting of new vehicles 2040, 2041 and 2050, for the Public Works and Utilities Department for a combined total of \$792,210.30 including tax and accessories, and approve and authorize the City Manager to make minor modifications to the purchase contracts if necessary, and approve and authorize the City Manager to surplus vehicles 155, 1579 and 1603 once the new vehicles are placed into service.

The Mayor asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion carried 7-0.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member McCaughan shared an update on the Boys and Girls Club.

Council member Schromen-Wawrin spoke about a presentation on housing by the Washington State Low Income Alliance. He spoke about housing challenges brought on by the virus. He announced the upcoming virtual conference through Association of Washington Cities, and asked to add *Save our Wild Salmon* to the next agenda. He shared there were a number of issues the Council needs to address and OPMA needs to be phased out so Council could deal with important Council matters. He added comments about the importance of live public comment.

Council member French spoke about his tour of the 1010 Recovery Center building and spoke about Chamber of Commerce budgeting and potential effects that could be had on the Winter Ice Village. He referred to a letter of support that was being drafted by the Chamber in support of the Dupar project.

Deputy Mayor Carr provided an update from her experience on the Board of Health and provided information relative to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor Dexter spoke about Emergency Operation Center messages from Clallam County Health Officer Dr. Allison Unthank.

No other reports were given.

INFORMATION


Manager West spoke regarding the reports included in the packet and reminded Council and spoke about the relationship with the North Olympic Land Trust. He reminded Council about the upcoming CFP meeting. Manager West stated the *Save our Wild Salmon* discussion would be on a future Council meeting.

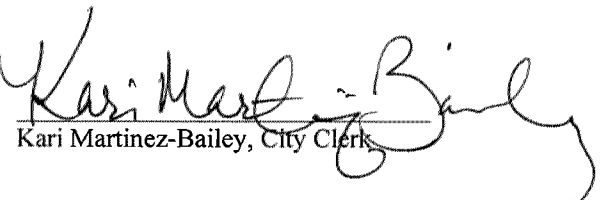
SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor opened the virtual public comment period, hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the public comment period. No written comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dexter adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.


Kate Dexter, Mayor


Kari Martinez-Bailey, City Clerk