

KELSO CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M.

March 1, 2016
REGULAR MEETING

Pastor Brian Cummings, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were Kim Lefebvre, Larry Alexander, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, and Todd McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/16/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes

CONSENT AGENDA: None

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Francisco Javier Uribe, 2404 Allen Street, #F323, introduced himself as a new pastor in the area and spoke about community involvement opportunities for the Spanish community.

David Pipkin, 1317 North 1st Avenue, proposed that the old library be a homeless shelter for veterans and asked to have the conditional use permit fee waived. Councilmember Hill took Mr. Pipkin's contact information.

Gloria Nichols, 125 Cedar Falls Drive, spoke about the proposed mining exploratory drilling in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cowlitz County Public Facilities Fund Grant – 2016 Southwest Washington Regional Airport Projects: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the agreement.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Proposed Mineral Exploratory Drilling in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Discussion: Charlotte Persons provided a power point presentation that showed the designated area on Goat Mountain for the proposed drilling and spoke about its potential environmental impact. She asked that the Council consider passing a resolution in opposition of exploratory drilling or mining in that area. Lengthy discussion followed. Ms. Persons distributed an informational packet of past lawsuits from similar drillings. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Authorize Staff to bring forward a resolution regarding exploratory efforts at Goat Mountain,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Abandoned Shopping Cart Regulations Ordinance Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor commented that the Council asked Staff to bring back the proposed ordinance when a full Council attended. City Attorney Janean Parker provided a shopping

cart ordinance options matrix. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Direct Staff to bring back the original ordinance that was discussed at the 2/16/16 Regular Meeting.' Lengthy discussion followed. Citizens that spoke from the audience were Anthony Currena and Francisco Javier Uribe. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Roberson, Fatcher, Hill, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and Malone voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

City Charter Workshop: City Attorney Parker opened the discussion providing three options to amend or repeal the charter. She provided an overview highlighting comparisons of certain city charter provisions to the State's Optional Municipal Code. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Direct Staff to initiate a process to engage citizen discussion for potential charter amendments.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

2016 Budget Goals and Actions Work Plan Discussion: City Manager Taylor provided an overview of an updated Budget Goals and Actions Work Plan. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Adopt the Budget Goals and Actions Work plan as presented for 2016,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending KMC 2.32 relating to the Authority to Appoint Limited Commission Police Officers: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.32 POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT LIMITED COMMISSION POLICE OFFICERS,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 16-3867 – Interfund Loan to Arterial Street Fund: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 16-3867, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE DEBT SERVICE FUND TO THE ARTERIAL STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Provided an update of the recent legislative efforts made by the lobbyists. 2) Commented on the Association of Washington Cities article regarding the Senate supplemental budgets.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Jim Hill: Reported on the County Commissioner's meeting that he attended last week.

Nancy Malone: Spoke about the Citizens' Police Academy.

Rick Roberson: Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Board meeting he recently attended.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the Lower Columbia Action Program Board meeting that she recently attended in Councilmember Malone's place.

David Futcher: Spoke about the Airport Board meeting that is scheduled March 2nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:47 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss an evaluation of an employee. The executive session is expected to last approximately 15 minutes and no action will be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 8:02 p.m., City Manager Taylor announced that executive session would be extended an additional 10 minutes.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:12 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.



MAYOR



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