

Pastor Jay Peach, from Faith Center Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Keenan Harvey, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, David Futcher, and Lisa Alexander. Councilmember Mike Karnofski was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the 01/07/20 Regular Meeting. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC):** CEDC President Ted Sprague provided an overview highlighting the council's current activities. Community Engagement Director Lindsey Cope spoke about rebranding the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association.

**Thrive – Workforce Southwest Washington:** Workforce Southwest Washington Project Manager Melissa Boles spoke about the state funded program that focuses on job training for people that are within 130% – 200% of the federal poverty level, eligible for basic food assistance, and reside in certain areas in the community. Informative fliers were distributed to the Council and staff.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,515,709.51

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,515,709.51.' The vote was taken later in the meeting during Council Reports. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** None.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Authorizing Local Sales and Use Tax relating to the Senate House Bill 1406 for Affordable and Supporting Housing:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAXIMUM

CAPACITY OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, TO BE CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 3.10 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers McAllister, Harvey, Lefebvre, Malone, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Fatcher voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Reported on the Ad Hoc Committee for homelessness meeting earlier in the day. 2) Spoke about various meetings he had recently attended. 3) Provided an update on the Sister Cities Program. He commented that a Kelso delegate assignment would be forthcoming. 4) Announced that a Council Goals Workshop was scheduled for February 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM, in the council chambers.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**City Attorney Janean Parker:** 1) Spoke about a forthcoming pole license agreement with Verizon Wireless. 2) Commented that she would be bringing a franchise agreement proposal from a different company to the Council for consideration.

**Library Manager Natalee Corbett:** 1) Commented that the Kelso Library would be assisting the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments with the marketing of the 2020 Census. She commented that, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, there would be a recruitment event at the library for anyone interested in census taking.

**Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson:** 1) Commented that there were no major issues with the last weather event. 2) Provided an update on the Public Works staff. 3) Commented that Public Works was putting together their workplan for the year.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** 1) Provided an update on the police officer staff.

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** 1) Commented that the department is currently working on the year end. 2) Commented that a temporary employee would be hired to relieve certain staff for more training on the new utility billing software.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** Reported on a meeting regarding the Thrive grant. 2) Spoke about her first experience auditing the claims. 3) Reported on the Ad Hoc for homelessness meeting. She commented that the committee would be touring the selected potential homeless encampment sites on Feb 11, 2020, at 2:00 PM.

**David Fatcher:** Reported on the Library Board meeting he attended a couple of weeks ago. 2) Reported on the latest Airport Board meeting.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.


**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** Commented that Kelso police officers had attended a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting. He commented that the next meeting would be at the Family Healing Center in North Kelso, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM.

**Nancy Malone:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

  
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