

City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Time: 6:04 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Councilor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor - Joanne Aagaard: Absent
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Present
Position #2 - Sue Wilson: Present
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Present
Position #5 - James Doyle: Present

Also present: City Manager Terri Michel and City Attorney John Putman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to approve the September 12, 2018 City Council meeting minutes and the September 2018 check register; motion carried.

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Mayor - Joanne Aagaard: Absent
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Sue Wilson: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - James Doyle: Approve

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Councilor Walhood presented a two-hundred and fifty dollar check to the Parks & Recreation Department which she said the Rockaway Lions had raised at the Old Fashioned Carnival in the Park.

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Fire Chief Barry Mammano said that there had been three false alarms at the concrete Manhattan Beach condominiums and a total of ten false alarms at that location since the beginning of the year. He explained that the Fire Department was no longer legally responsible for turning off the alarm but added that people would continue to call 911 until the alarm would get shut off. He said that something needed to be done and asked that the City Attorney get involved and put a stop to the problem. Wilson commented that there was once a scheduled visit to the condominiums from a State elevator inspector and asked about the outcome of that inspection. Mammano replied that Former City Councilor Richard Riley had once called an inspector about the condominiums. Mammano explained that the elevator would stop every time the alarm was triggered and that a response from the Fire Department was always required. He added that fines had not been enough to make the property owner resolve the issue and said that the Seaview condos had a similar issue in the past, but had managed to stop the issue. He said the Fire Department membership was down from twenty-one to fourteen members, and that there were 105 man hours for the month.

Police Chief Charles Stewart said the Police Department had spent most of the last month trying to close on last summer's case investigations and gave some statistics. He further explained about the investigations and the described the nature of crimes being investigated. He said the Police Department received a ballistic vest grant which would be good for two years. Wilson asked about new Police Department policy manual and asked Stewart to explain what was different in the new manual. Stewart answered that there were multiple manuals in the past and the new policy did have significant differences and added that the manual was created with the professional help of Lexipol. He stated that the document was fluid and would continuously change with the creation of any new State or Federal laws. Wilson asked if there would be a copy of the manual available for the public to view and Stewart said that he had provided one to City Hall and had one at the Police Department and also reminded everybody that the document would continuously change.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard said that September was a busy month and S. Breaker Ave. to S. 7th Ave. had been paved as the conclusion to the Breaker Avenue Waterline Project. He explained that intersection of Juniper St. and S. 2nd Ave. had also been completed as the final part of the Rock Creek Culvert Project. He explained that the parking lot of the Nature Preserve Trail would be striped in about a week and though the project would not be completely finished, it would be open to the public in approximately one week. He said he would be happy to give City Council members a sneak peak of the project in the meantime. He added that the project had started about four years ago and that phase one was nearing completion. He said that Visit Tillamook coast offered to furnish all signs for the project and had already shown him some impressive designs adding that the signs would not be complete until the following spring.

City Manager Terri Michel said she would soon attend a tsunami go-bag class offered by Emergency Management and stated her enthusiasm for teaching the importance of tsunami preparedness. She said the ordinance which was created to address the Manhattan Beach condos included increasing steps for ongoing violations. She explained that the last violation was sent to the owner via certified mail, but added that the owner failed to sign for the letter and added that the letters were being sent to the correct mailing address. She added that because the owner would not accept the certified letters he was eventually turned over to a collections agency and described the fines for violations. Michel said Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Vincent had suggested that the City approach the condo property manager to shut down for a day to get the alarms repaired. Michel said that the Police Department policy manual was a fluid document which would continuously change which was typical of any kind of working document. She handed out to the City Council packets of short-term rental information which was provided by the City's Finance Officer and asked that Council

read and familiarize themselves with the materials. She explained that the plan was created because short-term rentals take a great deal of work and said that the City Planner had reviewed the plan and suggested that possible zoning amendments and definitions would need to be worked on in the future. Michel said she had received a letter from Jennifer Holstrom which gave kudos to Officer Rondeau for recovering the stolen Tonka trucks which belonged to her four-year-old son. She said that stainless steel bike racks would soon be installed at the Wayside as part of an ongoing bicycle grant. She said she would like the City to consider creating some new system development charges for different things such as parks and storm water drainage to help with the general fund and added that the City Engineer would need to review the idea. She said that new City employee Michelle Hebert would soon begin to work at City Hall.

Parks & Recreation Director Melissa McCarty said that in October there would be a Halloween dance with live music and also a youth Halloween party hosted by Parks & Recreation. She explained staffing changes and said that after twenty years Kathy Kammerer had resigned. McCarty stated that due to health concerns she would possibly need to resign in the future. Michel told McCarty that the Rockaway Beach Lions club had Terry Walhood present a check earlier at the meeting to the Parks & Recreation Department.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-673 ADOPTING THE ROCKAWAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to adopt Resolution No. 18-673 adopting the Rockaway Beach Police Department Policy Manual; motion carried.

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Mayor - Joanne Aagaard: Absent
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Sue Wilson: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - James Doyle: Approve

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h)

City Council met in closed chambers for the executive session from 6:29 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to hire Attorney Gary Bullock to assist City Attorney John Putman with upcoming litigation; motion carried.

Position #5 - James Doyle: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Mayor - Joanne Aagaard: Approve
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Sue Wilson: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Disapprove
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

Position #5 - James Doyle: Approve

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wilson said she had heard a rumor that the Police Department was disbanding and Chief Stewart replied that it was just a rumor. Hayes said she wanted to work on a dusk-to-dawn ordinance for parking at Wayside as well as other locations. Michel said she recommended using signage but did not recommend a new ordinance. Hayes said she wanted an ordinance and added that she would like to see violators receive tickets and stated her concerns about camping within the city limits. Hayes asked when the next Fire Department consultant meeting would be and Michel said she would be meeting the consultant the following week but did not know when the next official meeting would take place. Hayes said that the auditors had asked for more details about credit card receipts and Michel stated that the City did track down each credit card purchase by department but did not remember the auditors requesting a breakdown. Doyle stated that he had concerns that the homeless from Astoria would migrate down the coast to Rockaway Beach. Walhood said that she had seen a homeless man in Rockaway Beach three days after he came into the Hope Chest for clothing despite saying that he was only passing through town. Doyle asked Chief Stewart if he dealt with many homeless and Stewart explained that homeless camps were usually in the woods on County land but crimes were usually inside City limits. Stewart said that Astoria had temporarily delayed a new camping ordinance. Hayes said some homeless had lived in the Nature Preserve in the past and she was worried that it could end up being trashed in the future. Wilson said that the City already had the power to cite under trespass and destruction of property adding that while the tools exist to write a ticket the homeless would still not have the ability to pay.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion

Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd

Mayor - Joanne Aagaard: Absent

Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve

Position #2 - Sue Wilson: Approve

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

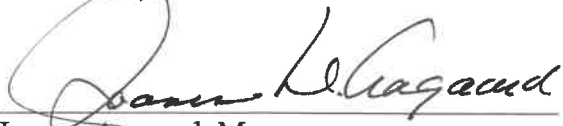
Position #5 - James Doyle: Approve

Councilor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017



Terri Michel, City Manager



Joanne Aagaard, Mayor