

City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 -Civic Facility

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor - Sue Wilson: Absent
Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Present
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Present
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Present
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Present

CONSENT AGENDA

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Cantrell to approve the March 10, 2021 and April 6, 2021 minutes; motion carried.

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion
Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: 2nd
Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

Martine made a motion, seconded by Cantrell to approve the March 2021 Check Register; motion carried.

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion
Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: 2nd
Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Elkins, 363 Longview Loop, stated his thanks and gratitude to Police Chief Charlie Stewart, Sergeant Sean Ahlers and Officer Chris Rondeau for their service in Rockaway Beach. Lisa Finkle, Rockaway Resident, discussed her concerns with a duplex under construction on NW 22nd Ave. Rosemary Hamilton, Rockaway resident, voiced her concerns about the same duplex.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director, Rob Morris, stated the main pump station is still on schedule to start and be completed by July 4th. Morris mentioned Public Works had mechanical issues with the pump station, but it is now repaired and working great. Morris said the department remains in compliance with their sewer discharge permit. Morris stated asphalt is now becoming available and Public Works will soon be patching potholes and paving roads.

Police Chief, Charlie Stewart, stated things have started to pick up and reminded the council to be careful with fraud cases. Stewart thanked Sergeant Ahlers for recently arresting a known violent offender that was wanted on multiple charges. Stewart mentioned Officer Rondeau received a second Chief's Lifesaving Citation and wanted to recognize his work over the years. Stewart stated he will officially be starting a new position on Monday March 19, 2021 at the Hospital but would still be contracted with the City a couple days a week to help with the transition of the Police Department. Stewart also thanks the VIPs who showed up to the meetings and for all their help over the years. Hayes stated he appreciated all three officers for everything they have done. Walhood wished the Chief Stewart the best.

City Manager, Luke Shepard, stated with all the recent meetings recently he has focused on making sure everything has been in order and that the proposed budget was ready for the Budget Committee. He mentioned that the next Budget Committee meeting would be held on April 21st, and that everyone is welcome to attend. Shepard said Chief Hesse is away receiving medical training and will bring the training back to train the Fire Department. Shepard stated some of the items being discussed with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. City is asking that the county provide four dedicated deputies to serve Rockaway Beach; In addition, County to provide 24/7 emergency coverage. Shepard mentioned the County would cover all special events and perform code enforcement. Shepard stated that the negotiations are now centered around the transition period as the County takes over service and works to increase staffing to the high level requested by the City. Shepard stated losing Charlie Stewart is a big loss for the City, and he appreciates that Stewart has agreed to help the City through the transition period. He added that the City is doing everything it can to make the transition as smooth as possible. Shepard said the City has received a sample intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Revenue for the collection of Transient Room Tax and believes the City should contract with them. Shepard stated \$300k in funding will likely be included in the

Tillamook County budget for the Rockaway Beach Wayfinding Plan and thanked Nan Devlin for taking the plan to the County budget meeting and presenting the plan. Shepard mentioned that most City staff are union members, and their contract expires at the end of June. He added that the Union has agreed to roll the current contract over for one or two years. Shepard said the State of Oregon is still holding the permit for the Fourth of July fireworks while they watch the State's COVID-19 infection statistics. He stated this makes planning for the event difficult. Martine stated this year the fireworks show will be bigger since the fireworks from last year will carry over. Hayes stated she liked how the new Police Officers will be stationed in City Hall and will be dedicated to serving in Rockaway Beach. Cheek asked if it would only be a specific officer that would go and look for ordinance violations. Shepard stated once a complaint has been submitted any officer could investigate.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-970 A RESOLUTION DECLARING REAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY

Walhood read the following: The Rockaway Beach City Council considers it necessary and convenient to further the public interest to sell the property, as it is no longer needed for public use.

Shepard stated the City received a cash offer for three hundred twenty-five thousand and referred to the City's realtor for discussion on the main points concerning the offer. The realtor Valerie Shuman stated the buyer shall have through Friday May 14th, 2021 for the Buyer's Property Inspection/Due diligence period, to accept all aspects of the property including the current condition, for any intended future use and/or modification of the property. Shuman also mentioned during this time the City may continue to accept back up offers and commencing May 3, 2021, if buyer has not removed all contingencies to closing, the buyer's offer shall become "bumpable", whereby seller can provide a seventy-two-hour notice to buyer should seller receive another bonafide offer to purchase. Shuman said at such time after providing proof said offer, to buyer, buyer shall have seventy-two hours to remove all contingencies to closing and close, or the transaction shall be terminated. Cheek stated she thinks the deposit is too low and it should be a ten-thousand-dollar offer. Hayes said she is not willing to go any lower on the price and thinks Shuman should do more open houses and keep accepting offers. Shuman stated she does not think open houses should still be done while there is an offer. Shepard stated he and Shuman could counter with a ten-thousand-dollar deposit.

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Hayes to approve Resolution 21-970 and counteroffer for the \$10,000 -thousand-dollar deposit; motion carried.

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: 2nd](#)
[Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Approve](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER TO FILL PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Walhood read the following: The City received one eligible application for the position #6 vacancy. The application was included in your council packets.

Hayes stated Sterling's resume looked excellent.

Hayes made a motion, seconded by Cantrell to appoint Sterling Anderson to the planning commission; motion carried.

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Motion](#)
[Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: 2nd](#)
[Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Approve](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Hayes stated she would like the other councilors' emails on the City website so people can reach them. Cantrell mentioned he had recently received a scam email from a fake account impersonation Mayor Wilson. Cheek suggested that Shepard write a letter of recommendation for Officer Rondeau for his life saving award. Martine mentioned Wilson has been getting "hammered" by people at her house and phone calls because the police department is leaving, and it is getting out of control. Walhood wants citizens to know all meetings are open to the public to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Martine made a motion, seconded by Cheek to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm; motion carried.

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: 2nd](#)
[Position #1 - Keith Cantrell: Approve](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2021



Mayor, Sue Wilson



City Manager, Luke Shepard