

# City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Agenda



**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
**Time:** 6:03 P.M.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, City Hall

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[Mayor - Sue Wilson: Absent](#)  
[Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Present](#)  
[Position #2 - Kristine Hayes: Present](#)  
[Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Present](#)  
[Position #4 - James Doyle: Present](#)  
[Position #5 - Tom Martine: Present](#)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Doyle to approve the October minutes and check register; motion carried.

[Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)  
[Position #4 - James Doyle: 2nd](#)  
[Mayor - Sue Wilson: Absent](#)  
[Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve](#)  
[Position #2 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)  
[Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)  
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[Position #5 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

## **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Julian Macassey 8305 S. Stark Street spoke about getting broadband internet access to the residents and corporations of Rockaway Beach.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Melissa McCarty, Park and Rec. Director announced the success of the Halloween party with an attendance of 50 people. She mentioned they would be making holiday gift ornaments for the Holiday Gift Fair. She said they would be serving that morning. She said the next event will be the Italian Dinner.

Shawn Vincent, Interim Fire Chief reported things were slowing down. He discussed the fire report that was given to the Council.

Charlie Stewart Chief of Police stated they had a typical fall month during October with criminal cases, arrests, and events that matched their annual projections. He mentioned with the assistance of Officer Hanratty it had allowed them the flexibility to manage their call load while maintaining their training and special event needs. He stated from December 23rd through January 1<sup>st</sup>, the police department office would be closed for record keeping, lost & found, small projects, and

annual cleaning. He mentioned officers would still be available. He said on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the police department would begin the state mandatory reporting for STOP (Statistical Transparency of Policing). He stated starting January 1<sup>st</sup> illegal fireworks would be considered a Class A Violation. He addressed that April 2020 the Rockaway Beach Mobile App would be terminated due to increasing fees. He said if anyone was interested in the Elected Officials and Community Partners Academy to reach out to him and he would take a group.

David Elkins Emergency Manager reported that Emergency Radio Classes were conducted in October. He mentioned additional classes would be held in December/January time frame. He spoke about the Great Oregon Shakeout which was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He said Emergency Management Volunteers were located at the assembly sites and greeted 43 residents and visitors who had participated in the event. He stated he participated in the Tillamook County Incident Command Team Winter Preparedness meeting that was held in October. He said twenty-nine agencies reported on their readiness for the winter months ahead. He stated he had published an article in the Preparedness Facebook page and also via email about the Cannon Beach Tsunami survival plans. He mentioned he planned to meet with Cannon Beach's Emergency Manager to discuss how their plan would take effect. He reported 300 Emergency Management volunteer hours for October.

Luke Shepard spoke about the public hearing back in April on proposed City ordinances to regulated single use plastic bags, that house bill 2509 passed and would take effect January 2020. He spoke about the Tree Lighting Ceremony that will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. He spoke about getting Phase II of the Boardwalk finalized. He stated the City received another \$100,00.00 dollar paving grant, paving Beacon, Coral and Dolphin between Nehalem and S. 2<sup>nd</sup> also Nehalem street from Dolphin to Hwy 101. The City is still working on the land acquisition of the 10 acres but the County is now in support. In January 2019 there was a public hearing to amend parts of the Zoning Ordinance, the planner had asked Shepard to bring this back in the form of an Ordinance for the Council to vote on. Shepard stated the Council should expect this at the December or January meeting. He mentioned it's Rockaway's turn to get their Wayfinding signs; the draft would be available in December.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO 19-438 EMERGENCY SERVICE FEES.**

Beeman read a summary discussing Ordinance No. 19-438: an Ordinance relating to Emergency Services fees, enacting municipal code section 34.60 Emergency Services fees and stating an effective date. Shepard mentioned this Ordinance would enact a fee that would generate dedicated revenue for the Fire Department. Shepard stated only premises within the City limits would be charged the fee. He mentioned the monthly Fire Service fee would be set at \$5.00 for a typical single-family home, buildings with larger water meters would pay a larger fee as described within the ordinance. Shepard read from the evaluation and strategies plan developed by the Fire Consultants. He emphasized that there is an immediate need for a full time Fire Chief, and the City needs to take quick action to remedy the deficiencies laid out in the report.

Beeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

Karen M. stated that in order to have efficient public safety, her opinion is that the City needs atleast one paid full time Fire Chief. She strongly supports the \$5.00 dollar fee. She stated she hoped tonight the Council would vote to enact the Ordinance of the Emergency Service Fee.

Mary McGinnis 133 S. Harbor Street mentioned she was in favor of enacting the Emergency Service Fee for Ordinance 19-438. She mentioned Rockaway is a growing town, the City needs a quick response time.

Keven Morse 1304 Lake Blvd said he is for the Fire Department all the way. He mentioned he was curious if the revenue had been explored enough. He said the Utility bill in Rockaway Beach is high. He questioned if this had been explored enough?

William Criteser 619 S. Coral Street said he was neutral on the surcharge. He mentioned he hoped the Council had done their due diligence.

D.Halling 201 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street she said the State and the County usually provides money for Emergency Services. She wondered how this fee would improve the Fire Department.

Beeman read a letter from Janet McIntire. She wrote she was in support of the fee. She hoped the citizens would continue their support by adopting the Ordinance which would allow the City to take one more step forward in creating a sustainable Fire Department for our Community.

Berry Mammano 630 N. Pacific former Rockaway Beach Fire Chief spoke about regulations and not enough volunteer man hours to do all the paper work.

Julian Macassey 8305 Stark Street suggested he would like to see Garibaldi and Rockaway Beach come together and form a district.

G. See 216 S. Beacon Street said she wanted to get her voice heard and hopes the Council is studying all their alternative solutions to fundings.

Mike H. 335 N. wanted to thank everyone for their attempts at leadership and all the volunteers over the years.

Shawn Vincent stated all the comments that have been said are true. He said the members of the Fire Department sat down and realize they are not keeping up with the time and can not physically do it with the man power they have. He said they needed to evaluate their department and find out what the needs are and move on into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He stated they came to the City and told them what they wanted. He said last year there were two calls that nobody showed up to. He said hiring a Chief is lighting a fuse and would only grow from there. He said this cannot be done by volunteers. He mentioned Rockaway Beach is the only City without a paid Chief.

David Elkins 363 Longview Loop said the need is there. He stated his homeowners insurance in a different town was three times as much due to lack of adequate fire services. He said this has nothing to do with the water bill, its just a way to get the fee out. He mentioned Emergency Management personal are usually paid, the Police Department is under staffed for what they have to do. He said the town is growing and the City needs the services to support it.

D. Halling 201 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street mentioned she doesn't dispute the fact that the City needs a Chief. She stated she just wants to make sure all avenues of fundings are explored.

I. George 553 N. Miller mentioned she understands the City needs to improve the situation, she is concerned the fee is an open door.

G. See 216 S. Beacon Street said builders in Washington had to pay fees and she wants to know if contractors within the City had to also.

Robin McDonald 1095 Hwy 101 S. said she wanted to know why only people within City limits would be billed and not all water bills? Shepard said people outside of City limits already pay an additional tax that the City residence don't.

Rita Loucks 206 S. Beacon Street wondered if the City had considered lowering the whole payment system and spread it out eventually.

Beeman closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-438 EMERGENCY SERVICES FEES.**  
**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 19-436**

Walhood mentioned she had been looking into a bond, and a fire district.

Hayes read a message from a citizen. She mentioned she liked the idea of joining with Garibaldi. She would like to see something put on the ballot for the voters. She stated she appreciates the volunteers. She said the citizens should read the ordinance before she votes on it.

Vincent said having a Chief here would allow him to take over and look for grants or look at merging with Garibaldi, volunteers simply can't do it.

Beeman said the City needs that leadership in place in order to move the Fire Department into the next phase.

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 19-438 Emergency Services Fees by title only; motion carried.

[Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)

[Position #5 -Tom Martine: 2nd](#)

[Mayor - Sue Wilson: Absent](#)

[Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve](#)

[Position #2 - Kristine Hayes: Disapprove](#)

[Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - James Doyle: Approve](#)

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

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Hayes mentioned she attended the Tillamook County housing summit. She said the ADUs were passed and wanted to know what those fees may look like. She mentioned beach access at the Wayside.

Walhood said she wanted to remind everyone about the Gift Fair that on November 29<sup>th</sup> and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree. She mentioned Santa would be arriving by train at 6:30pm. She mentioned the Lions had a bake sale on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Beeman said he was just sitting in for Wilson. He mentioned putting stuff on social media is not a way to help our community, putting misinformed information doesn't serve any purpose.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Putman said to the City Council that they have help within this process, to answer questions within the Ordinances and could help citizens by asking staff with targeted questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hayes made a motion, seconded by Martine to adjourn at 8:00 pm; motion carried.


[Position #2 - Kristine Hayes: Motion](#)

[Tom Martine #5: 2nd](#)

Mayor - Sue Wilson: Absent  
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve  
Position #2 - Kristine Hayes: Approve  
Position #3 - Terry Walhood: Approve  
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Position #5 - Tom Martine: Approve

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2019.

  
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Mayor, Sue Wilson

  
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City Manager, Terri Michel  
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Terri Michel