



City of Rockaway Beach

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 -Civic Facility

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CALL TO ORDER – Sue Wilson, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor-Sue Wilson: Present

Position #3-Kristine Hayes: Present

Position #4-Terry Walhood: Present

Position #1-Mary McGinnis: Present

Position #5-Penelope Cheek: Present

Position #2-Tom Martine: Present

CONSENT AGENDA

WALHOOD MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MARTINE TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8 2021, MINUTES AND DECEMBER 2021 CHECK REGISTER; MOTION CARRIED.

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion

Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

William Cristler, 619 S Coral was concerned about his property being blocked by the post office mailboxes. He wanted to have the Post Office move the mailboxes out of the way. He did not think it was right that the mailboxes were blocking his property and said they could be taken out with a flood. He thanked the City of Rockaway for trying to help him with this issue even though the Post Office would not. He feared that the mailboxes would end up ruining the road. Wanted to make a statement for the record.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Gelser introduced himself and gave a very detailed presentation on the latest audit for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the corresponding Action Plan. Hayes mentioned page 64 and the \$213,000 in potential damages. Gelser stated that the number came from last year's financial statement and is listed to show the potential liability. Shepard added that figure was the judgement of a lawsuit currently under appeal.

STAFF REPORTS

Undersheriff Matt Kelly stated the department had 84 calls for December. They had a search and rescue for an elderly person who walked away from their residence. The Rockaway Beach Fire Chief was able to find the missing person. Kelly reminded people about vehicle safety and to be ready to travel in bad weather and to have emergency kits, medications, and charged cell phones. He had mentioned they would increase the law enforcement presence in and around town. He added that Rockaway's newest deputy will be graduating in March.

Fire Chief Hesse stated that burn complaints were still occurring. An EMT class will be starting next week with 21 students and with 12 local department members attending. Hesse mentioned that the SCBA grant was submitted. The department received applications for the Division Chief position. Hesse made a presentation regarding calls, training reports, and recapping 2021. He detailed the department's achievements and where the department was going moving forward. Hesse talked about the department's goals and objectives for 2022.

Public Works Superintendent Dan Emerson went over his December staff report. He explained the challenges with storm drains and working around the king tides. He had mentioned there were no issues with the new pump station, and that NW 17th Pump Station is on schedule for the pump station repairs. Emerson thanked everyone for their support. Martine asked how deep the hole was at the new pump station. Emerson stated new that the new pump station depth is about 20 feet. Martine added that in previous years, the Fire Department had used the old station for rescue training.

City Manager, Luke Shepard liked the new tracking program that the fire department was using and said he was impressed with the Fire Department's volunteer hours, training and their new beach safety program. Shepard gave an update on the Salmonberry Trail

project agreement through the Oregon Department of Transportation. Shepard did not feel the agreement was ready for council to vote on at this meeting. He explained that he needed to work with ODOT to clarify some terms of the agreement first. Cheek wanted to know if the council would have a say on the design, Shepard stated that council would have little say in the design. Mary asked if the Salmonberry Trail Foundation was assisting on the project. Shepard said no, STF was not funded through this grant program. Hayes said it is disconcerting that so many entities asked if they could be involved and now, they are not allowed to be a part of decisions. Shepard stated he just wanted to give an update on where the project is, and that he would work to make sure the city would be allowed to provide input on the project. Shepard added that City Planner Scott Fregonese would give a presentation about the master planning process for city's 10 acre Public Facilities lot at the next city council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR AUDIT ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Martine made a motion, seconded by Walhood to adopt the Plan of Action for the completed Fiscal Year Audit; Motion carried.

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)

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

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

ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Cheek made a motion, seconded by McGinnis to elect Walhood as Council President; motion carried.

[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)

[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)

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

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

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Hayes wanted to talk about housing needs in Rockaway, and to expedite the process. McGinnis thanked all the department heads for the financial audit report. McGinnis said she participated in a beach cleanup and appreciated the community groups who helped. McGinnis wanted the Planning Commission to be involved in developing ordinances. Martine wanted to remind people about common sense with virus as Rockaway Beach recently lost two people to COVID-19.


MAYOR’S REPORT

Glad to see everyone survived the snow and had a great holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9th
DAY OF February 2022



Mayor, Sue Wilson



City Manager, Luke Shepard