



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 25, 2017**

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**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. Mayor Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Councilmember Birdwell-Currey | Present |
| Councilmember Luiz            | Present |
| Councilmember Williams        | Present |
| Councilmember Valenzuela      | Present |
| Councilmember Cerveny         | Present |
| Mayor Thornton                | Present |

**Staff:**

Dan Kearns, City Attorney  
Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk  
Marc Denney, Chief of Police  
Tony Cooper, City Engineer

**Attendees:**

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dennis & Judy Hill    | Colby & Marcella Newton     |
| Larry Lewton          | Kelly Moyer                 |
| Charlaina & Ed May    | Markey Duensing             |
| Doug Boff             | Al & Therisa Filla          |
| Jack & Rosemary Davis | Marc & Wendy & Makala Chord |
| Brittany Bagent       | And & Jake Wise             |
| Rick & Suzi Terrell   | Barbara & Doug Burtwell     |
| Steve Horenstein      | Richard Harris              |
| Judy Hickman          | Nelda Perryman              |

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **OATH OF OFFICE – SERGEANT ROBERT SCOTT**
  - B. **RECOGNITION OF COMPLETION OF PROBATION – OFFICER ANDY MARVITZ**



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Meeting briefly adjourned at 7:15PM; Meeting commenced at 7:30PM

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 01.11.17 & 11.25.17**
- B. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 12.14.16**
- C. APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA.**

**6. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- The next Mayor's Town Hall meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Office.
- The Clark County Historical Museum is planning a "History Town Hall" at the Community Center on Mon., Feb 6, 6-9 p.m. and everyone is welcome. A panel of members of the community will tell historical stories and memories of La Center followed by questions from the audience. More information can be found on the Clark County Historical Museum website.
- The City Council will be holding a Retreat/Special meeting this Sat., Jan. 28 at the Public Works Office from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. Lloyd Halverson will be facilitating discussions of the City's goals and objectives, vision, and the City as an enterprise.

**B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- Reported on re-scheduled GMHB meeting to Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – it would be beneficial to elected officials to attend

**C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – during snow event, the PW team did an outstanding job keeping the roads passable.



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- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – also commended the PW team on keeping the roads clear during the snow event
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – encouraged citizens to participate in community leadership
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** also commended the PW staff for keeping the roads clear – very impressive, especially compared to other cities.

**D. STAFF REPORTS.**

- Clark County Fire & Rescue, Fire Chief John Nohr – reported on the snow events. Thanked Mayor Thornton for his assistance with the Fire District's strategic plan.
- **POLICE CHIEF, MARC DENNEY.** Chief Denney thanked Mayor Thornton and the City Council for the recognition and appreciation ceremonies earlier in the meeting. Chief Denney also presented a letter of appreciation for Sgt. Scott and Officer Pavelko for their handling of an attempted suicide. A copy is part of this record.
- **PUBLIC WORKS, TONY COOPER** – City Engineer Cooper presented an update on the roundabout project. A copy of the report is part of this record.
- **DIRECTOR SUZANNE LEVIS, FINANCE DEPARTMENT.** Director Levis provided an update on year-end procedures; reported that she will present final 2016 financial reports at the Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting; a 2017 Budget Amendment will be brought to Council in February to move all revenues and expenditures related to the sewer line up to the junction to a new / separate fund. Also provided an update on the iPads and proposed a Feb 8<sup>th</sup> work session to provide training.

**7. CITIZEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Larry Lueton – expressed appreciation for the PW employees plowing County Hills Estate roads during the snow events.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A SPECIAL REVENUE BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 TO FINANCE A SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT; FIXING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE BOND; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BOND TO COLUMBIA STATE**



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**BANK; SUPERSEDING THE FINANCING AGREEMENT; AND APPROVING VARIOUS AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECT.**

Bond Counsel Nancy Nerrass presented the Ordinance; a copy of the staff report is part of this record.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01.**

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey - yes  
Councilmember Luiz - yes  
Councilmember Williams - yes  
Councilmember Valenzuela - yes  
Councilmember Cervený - yes

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 17-414 REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 08-302 AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LA CENTER.**

Director Levis presented; the staff report is a part of this record.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-414.**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02 A 6-MONTH MORATORIUM TO JULY 27, 2017 ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OR SIGN PERMITS IN THE CITY’S C-2, L-I AND M-X ZONES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

City Attorney Dan Kearns presented the extension of the development moratorium in the City’s C-2, L-I and M-X zones – basically the Junction and Timmen Road area - the sign code moratorium is not being extended.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Thornton opened the public hearing at 8:30PM

Steve Horenstein, 500 Broadway, Vancouver, WA spoke on behalf of the Carlson family and requested that the City approve a three-month the moratorium rather than the six-month as was proposed. He also requested that the Industrial Zone not have a moratorium at all.

Public Hearing closed at 8:40 PM



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City Attorney Kearns responded to the comments: the risk that a development application could be submitted before the new regulations are adopted and effective should be avoided at all cost. He explained that, given the substantial amount of city and community effort that has gone into planning for the Junction subarea, it would be detrimental to all of this effort if a development application were to vest under the currently inadequate development regulations for the junction. Councilmember Luiz asked about accommodating the three-month request. Mr. Eisemann responded that the vendors doing the environmental and brownfield analysis and market-based design concepts for the subarea junction still have approximately 10-12 weeks of work to do.

Mr. Eisemann further addressed the industrial zone regulations; he recommended approaching the Junction land area, which is small in area, as a “unified whole” will produce more useful results than will excluding some land which would result in a piece-meal approach to planning.

Councilmember Cervený recommended the City take the time needed to design the vision of the junction and the message sent to the community and the developers.

Councilmember Valenzuela commended the Planning Commissioner’s work and requested that the work needed to expedite the removal of the moratorium continue.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENÝ, SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY MAJORITY TO APPROVE  
ORDINANCE 2017-02.**

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey - yes

Councilmember Luiz - yes

Councilmember Williams - yes

Councilmember Valenzuela - no

Councilmember Cervený - yes

9. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**



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**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL, SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMEMBER VALENZULA AND CARRIED BY MAJORITY TO APPROVE  
COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AS MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR 2017.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Mayor Greg Thornton

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Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk