



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2017**

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REGULAR MEETING:

1. Mayor Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Council:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey	Present
Councilmember Luiz	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present
Councilmember Valenzuela	Absent/Excused
Councilmember Cerveny	Present
Mayor Thornton	Present

Staff:

Marc Denney, Police Chief
 Dan Kearns, City Attorney
 Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk
 Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director

Guests:

Doug & Beverly Boff	Sandra Day	Larry Lewton
Lissa Boynton	Al Filla	Dennis & Gail Nuttbrock
Doug & Barbara Burtwell	Theresa Filla	Ron Ostrander
Skip Carlson	Richard Harris	Rod Sweet
Rick Chase	Judy Hickman	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Jack & Rosemary Davis	Dennis Hill	

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 2.22.17**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 2.8.17**
- C. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 2.13.17**

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CURREY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA.



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5. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. MAYOR'S REPORT.

- Mayor Thornton recognized Councilmember Sandra Day from the City of Ridgefield who was present.
- The next monthly Mayor's Town Hall meeting is Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Office.
- This year's annual AWC conference will be held in Vancouver on June 20-23, 2017.
- There will be a City Newsletter coming out in March sewer utility bill.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT. None.

C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – (Absent/Excused).
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** – None.

D. STAFF REPORTS.

- **DIRECTOR SUZANNE LEVIS, FINANCE DEPARTMENT.** Director Levis presented the final 2016 financial report. The staff report and attachments are made a part of this public record and available on file.

6. CITIZEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT.

RON OSTRANDER recommended doubling the size of the Police Department and recommended forming a committee to research federal grants to pay for the entire Police Department.

SANDRA DAY, CITY OF RIDGEFIELD COUNCILMEMBER addressed "common interests, goals and legislative interests" of the two cities; promoted National Trail's Day which is June 1st; and complemented the Council on the Work Session.



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AL VILLA complemented the Public Works staff for a job well done in keeping La Center's roads pothole-free.

7. **PRESENTATIONS** – None.

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

A. **PUBLIC HEARING – SIGN CODE.** Planning Consultant Eric Eisemann presented. The staff report and attachments are made a part of this public record and available on file.

MAYOR THORNTON opened public comment at 7:44 p.m.

JACK DAVIS expressed appreciation for the work of the Planning Commission but has reservations about the variances and the sign code as presented. His written public comment is made a part of this public record and available on file.

JOHN BOCKMIER spoke on behalf of his clients, the cardrooms. He thanked the Planning Commission for a difficult job and expressed a desire that the sign code help promote the businesses in the downtown area.

MAYOR THORNTON closed public comment at 7:50 p.m.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03 REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY TITLE 18 (DEVELOPMENT CODE), CHAPTER 275 (SIGN REGULATIONS) OF THE LA CENTER MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SIGN CODE AS TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), CHAPTER 60 (SIGN REGULATIONS).**

Council expressed concerns about adopting the regulations in its current form and discussed including language in the motion for the Planning Commission to continue reviewing the Code and to make further recommendations. The Planning Commission would be required to hold additional public hearings to accomplish this. Additional discussion ensued with the City Attorney and the City Planner providing legal clarification.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO: APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03; AMEND LCMC 8.60 TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF ALL SIGNS IN THE CITY TO 20 FEET FROM GRADE AND LIMIT SIGN VARIANCES TO NO GREATER THAN 20% OF THE BASE STANDARDS; DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO LCMC 8.60 CONSISTENT WITH THE DISCUSSION TONIGHT AND TO RETURN REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8.60 WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM THIS DATE.



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Mayor Thornton called for a Roll Call vote:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey	Yes
Councilmember Luiz	Yes
Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Valenzuela	Abstain (absent/excused)
Councilmember Cerveny	Yes

A. PUBLIC HEARING – NARAY ZONE CHANGE. Planning Consultant Eric Eisemann presented. The staff report is made a part of this public record and available on file.

MAYOR THORNTON opened public comment at 8:12 p.m.

RICK CHASE spoke on behalf of his daughter and commented that the proposed development is an attractive one.

MAYOR THORNTON closed public comment at 8:14 p.m.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04 APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE FOR A 10,004 SF LOT FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR 7.5) TO RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL (RP); AND AMENDING THE LA CENTER ZONING MAP TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE. (NARAY, PARCEL NO. 63620-000, CITY FILE NO. 2016-019-ZONE.)

Planning Consultant Eric Eisemann presented and moved Council to adopt Ordinance 2017-04 amending the La Center zoning map for the purpose of re-zoning Parcel 63620000 from LDR 7.5 to RP and further direct the City staff and consultant to communicate the zone change information to Clark County and, thereafter, revise the City’s official zoning map.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CURREY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04.

Mayor Thornton called for a Roll Call vote:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey	Yes
Councilmember Luiz	Yes
Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Valenzuela	Abstain (absent/excused)
Councilmember Cerveny	Yes

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.



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11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Greg Thornton

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk