



**CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2016**

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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:

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

Staff:

Marc Denney, Chief of Police
Suzanne Levis, Finance Director
Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director

Guests:

Doug & Beverly Boff	Judy Hickman	Colby Newton
Doug & Barb Burtwell	Jim & Candi Irish	Chris Swindell
Brittney Tracy Curry	Jack La Bounty	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Jack & Rosemary Davis	Larry Lewton	Ben Tracy
Al Filla	Ed May	Morgan Wentworth
Emily Haasl	Hallie Nelson	

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 03.09.16**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 02.24.16**

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA.



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4. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. MAYOR'S REPORT.

- The deadline to apply for the Planning Commission vacancies is Friday, March 11, at 5 p.m. Information is available on the City's website. A Commissioner and two Alternates will be selected by the end of March.
- The City Council Retreat held February 27 and facilitated by Lloyd Halverson of Camas was a productive meeting and several action items were identified. The meeting minutes were provided to Councilmembers.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None (absent/excused).

C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – The La Center Historical Museum has photos from their yearbook project on display at the La Center Marketplace, and more are coming soon.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – Council will be working on a number of goals, as a result of the Retreat held February 27 including the redevelopment of downtown as well as the I-5 junction. Public input is welcomed.
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** cautioned everyone to stay safe in the high winds and wet weather.

D. STAFF REPORTS.

- **POLICE CHIEF MARC DENNEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Chief Denney presented updates as outlined in the February 2016 *The Monthly Blotter* which covered officer training, staff shortages, monitoring traffic at the I-5 junction, PD vehicles, kennel rebuild, MDC equipment replacements, and crime statistics.
- **DIRECTOR JEFF SARVIS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** Director Sarvis presented updates as outlined in his March 2016 *In The Works* staff report. He noted the LED signals at 4th Street and Stonecreek Drive will be completed by the end of April and also reviewed subdivision developments. Surveyors



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have been working in town for the installation of the LED signals and the sewer design.

5. CITIZEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT.

HALLIE NELSON, 967 E. HERITAGE LOOP, and EMILY HAASL, 4505 NE 379TH ST., representing the Miss Teen La Center organization, objected to the reduction in the City's budget for the float this year. Members of the Teen Court represent the City in various events with the float, which was purchased in 2004.

LARRY LEWTON, 1109 W. C AVE., has new concerns about the Cowlitz Tribe casino and their wastewater treatment plans referring to recent newspaper coverage. What is Plan B, if their sewer system fails? The Tribe should be allowed to hook up to La Center's treatment plant, since they are paying for the sewer extension.

DOUG BURTWELL, 34608 NW 11TH., asked if something could be done about the growing amount of unsightly debris and materials that has been placed across from the gas station and south of the I-5 intersection.

6. PRESENTATIONS – None.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

A. 2016 GREEN NEIGHBOR RECYCLING DAY. Public Works Director Sarvis presented. The event is tentatively set for April 30; however, Clark County lost important grant funding that paid for most of the recycling costs. The collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) has been eliminated. Director Sarvis asked Council for guidance as to whether La Center should co-sponsor the event this year with the elimination of HHW and bulky items. Residents can take their recyclables to other events or drop-off stations in Clark County. The cost for City staff to work the event last year was approximately \$2800. Council commented that, since two of the most popular services have been eliminated from the event, perhaps the City should consider cancelling the event and instead educate the public and provide information on how they can recycle on their own.

This matter will be discussed again at the March 23 City Council meeting, after a determination has been made whether the County requires City staff to work the



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event. The event will not be officially announced until April 1. Public comment is welcomed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Greg Thornton

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk