



**CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 13, 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	Absent/Excused
Councilmember Williams	Present
Councilmember Valenzuela	Present
Councilmember Cerveny	Present
Mayor Thornton	Present

**Staff:**

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

**Guests:**

Dave Bodine	Jim & Candi Irish
Doug Boff	Jack LaBounty
Doug & Barb Burtwell	Larry Lewton
Skip Carlson	Colby Newton
Al Filla	Jeremy Smith
Dennis Hill	Rick & Suzi Terrell

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 04.13.16**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 03.26.16**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA.**



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**5. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- The City is accepting letters of interests until April 19 for the Civil Service Commission vacancy. A notice is available at the door and information is available on the City's website.
- People interested in volunteering at the Recycle Day Events scheduled for April 30 can go to the following website:  
<http://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/recyclingday.html>.

**B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – DAN KEARNS, CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Kearns reserved the discussion of the legal challenge against the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cowlitz Tribe for the Executive Session.**

**C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None (Absent/Excused).
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – The La Center High School girls' fastpitch team has a good chance of going to State this year, and he invited everyone to support the team.
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** – The North County Community Food Bank is holding a fundraiser this Saturday, April 23, at the Battle Ground Community Center.

**D. STAFF REPORTS.**

- **DIRECTOR JEFF SARVIS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** The Public Works report, "In the Works," provided Council with updates. Developments in the City are active, and a Work Session will be scheduled to discuss this in more detail. The City continues to work with the Cowlitz Tribe on the interchange development. Clean up of the property at I-5 and La Center Road is progressing, and an update will be provided in 30 days. The Capital Facilities update has begun and the Transportation and Parks Plan is almost complete. Building Code updates are in progress and expected to be complete by June 1. Bids for the sewer manhole repair project have been received and the HVAC



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and pavement bids are forthcoming. The SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) for the sewer line replacement will be issued next week. Plans are in development for the park and trails projects.

- **CHIEF MARC DENNEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Chief Denney presented updates as outlined in the April 2016 *The Monthly Blotter*. Patrols have increased at Aspen and Southview Heights due to speeding complaints. The public can drop off unwanted medications to the Police Department on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crime statistics were up for March.

Officer Denney then recognized Reserve Officer Ken Shefveland for his 30 years of service in the law enforcement profession in the State of Washington and most recently at the La Center Police Department where he volunteered for two years. Chief Denney and Mayor Thornton presented him an award of appreciation for his outstanding contribution to the community.

**6. CITIZEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**JIM IRISH, 1653 E. HERITAGE LOOP,** thanked Officer Shefveland for his service and positive influence on the students and citizens of La Center.

**7. PRESENTATIONS.**

- A. SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR RESERVE OFFICER KEN SHEFVELAND.** [*Moved to Item 5.D., Staff Reports.*]

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.**

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

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**11. NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PORT OF VANCOUVER FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) ZONE APPLICATION.** Finance Director Levis presented a Staff Report. The Port of Vancouver has approached La Center as well as other cities to submit a letter of support for a Foreign Trade application. Director Levis requested Council to approve the Mayor signing such a letter.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE PORT OF VANCOUVER SUPPORTING ITS APPLICATION FOR A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE.**



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**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Thornton called for an Executive Session to discuss real estate (RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)) and pending litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) and expected to last approximately 20 minutes with no action to be taken afterwards. City Attorney Dan Kearns facilitated. Mayor Thornton reopened the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. No action was taken.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Cerveny

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Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk