



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 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:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey	Present
Councilmember Luiz	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present
Councilmember Valenzuela	Present
Councilmember Cerveny	Present (via telephone)
Mayor Thornton	Present

Staff:

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

Guests:

Doug Boff	Jim Irish	Michael Smith
Doug & Barbara Burtwell	Lori Johnson	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Skip Carlson	Jack LaBounty	Rick & Suzi Terrell
Jack & Rosemary Davis	Larry Lewton	Samantha Whitley
Danielle Gawronski	Ed & Charlaina May	Linda Workman
Richard Harris	Nelda Perryman	Steve Workman
Judy Hickman	Rebecca Royce	
Candi Irish	Cheryl Shoff	

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CHECKS PAYABLES – 04.26.17**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 04.12.17**

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA.



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5. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. MAYOR'S REPORT.

- The annual clean up and recycle day is Saturday, April 29, at Holley Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The next Mayor's Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m., Public Works Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Police Officer Jerry Lester's retirement party is May 10 at the Community Center.
- Lockwood Creek Road sewer work will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- The junction sewer line bids went out this week; bid openings will occur on or about May 25.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY**, will be available to teleconference into the May 10 City Council meeting, if necessary.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** invited interested parties to the Big Paddle organizational meeting being held this Friday, April 28, 6 p.m., at the Public Works office.
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** thanked everyone for the well wishes, flowers, and cards; The North County Food Bank is selling hanging flower baskets for Mother's Day (see Facebook page).

D. STAFF REPORTS.

- **CHIEF MARC DENNEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Chief Denney addressed traffic issues that came with Monday's opening of the ilani Casino. The resulting 8-mile backup was unexpected to all parties; however, people overall



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handled themselves well. The alternate route on Timmen Road was recommended to locals as an option to avoid junction traffic and assist in releasing traffic backup at the junction. Final details such as lane markings at the junction have been delayed due to weather and should be completed soon. La Center PD continues to work with the Cowlitz Tribe on impacts the new casino will have on the City.

Chief Denney introduced Officer Alexander (Alex) Martinez, who will be joining the La Center Police Department effective May 1.

- **DIRECTOR SUZANNE LEVIS, FINANCE DEPARTMENT.** Director Levis presented the 2017 1st Quarter Financials a copy of which is made a part of these Minutes and available online.

6. **CITIZEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

7. **PRESENTATIONS.**

A. CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Samantha Whitley presented on Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) and HOME Investment Partnerships for housing and neighborhood improvement projects.
- Rebecca Royce presented on the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) which will help determine spending decisions county-wide. She announced an open house at the Vancouver downtown library on May 18 that people can attend to learn about the 2016 Low-Income Needs Survey as well as give feedback (RSVP required).

B. JUNCTION PLANNING UPDATE – ERIC EISEMANN, PLANNING CONSULTANT. Mr. Eisemann gave a report on junction planning, a copy of which is made a part of these Minutes and available online. He presented a vision of a distinctive interchange with flexibility of use and good return on investment. Mr. Eisemann's presentation included a zoning map, concept drawings for development at the junction, roadway and street networks, and urban form designs. The Moratorium on the Junction Code expires on July 27, 2017. After Planning Commission and City Council work sessions and hearings, documents will be finalized into the complete Sub Area Plan. The Parks Plan, Municipal Code, Capital Facilities Plan and Park Impact Fees hearing is scheduled for the May 10 City Council meeting.

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



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9. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None.
 10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.
 11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.
 12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Greg Thornton

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk