



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 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:

Daniel Kearns, City Attorney
Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk
Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director

Guests:

Doug Boff	Larry Lewton
Doug & Barbara Burtwell	Nelda Perryman
Al & Theresa Filla	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Judy Hickman	Rick & Suzi Terrell
Jim & Candi Irish	

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 08.24.16**
 - B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 08.10.16**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SALARY COMMISSION MEMBER, MARTI LARSH**

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 24, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA, AS AMENDED.



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5. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. MAYOR’S REPORT.

- Mayor Thornton welcomed Marti Larsh as the newest member of City’s Salary Commission. Ms. Larsh will be filling a vacancy that became available when a former member moved out of the city limits. All City committee members were recognized for volunteering their time.
- The Our Days Celebration was a successful event the previous weekend in La Center. Mayor Thornton thanked Wendy Chord, the Our Days Committee, and all the volunteers who diligently donated their time to organize and work at the events. Also recognized were the businesses and organizations that made donations, Mona Bean for organizing the concerts at Sternwheeler Park, and City staff for working to make the Our Days Celebration weekend fun and safe for everyone.
- City Council is scheduled to have its Retreat on Saturday, August 27 at 9 a.m., Public Works office. Former City of Camas Administrator, Lloyd Halverson, will be facilitating. The topic of discussion is strategic planning for the City.
- City Council Work Sessions were scheduled:

Date/Time	Place	Discussion
8/31/2016, 6:00 p.m.	Public Works Office	Joint session with the City’s Planning Commission to discuss planning for parks and City Code for residential development of parks.
9/1/2016, 6:00 p.m.	Public Works Office	2017 Budget.
9/8/2016, 6:00 p.m.	Public Works Office	2017 Budget.

- The next Mayor’s Town Hall Meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., Public Works office.
- City offices will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



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B. ATTORNEY’S REPORT. City Attorney Dan Kearns reported that the index to the record was filed in the Growth Management Hearings Board appeal.

C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** enjoyed attending the Our Days Celebration.
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** advised people to check up on relatives and neighbors while the heat wave remains in effect.

D. STAFF REPORTS .

- **FIRE CHIEF JOHN NOHR, CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE (CCF&R).** Last Friday and Saturday were designated as red flag days by the National Weather Service, so an extra unit was put into service—they responded to grass fires in the area. CCF&R is beginning their strategic planning process which should be finalized in January 2017 for review by the Clark County Board of Councilors. Their 2017 budget process has also begun. Citizens voted to merge Fire District 2 with CCF&R. Chief Nohr reminded people of potential dangers in public recreational areas and to use life vests and other floatation devices. Donations are needed to restock life vests.
- **DIRECTOR JEFF SARVIS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** The August *In the Works* Staff Report was provided to Council previously. Of note: The annexation of the gas station is complete; the annexation of the 57 acres at La Center Junction will be completed on August 27; a preapplication conference is scheduled for the new Waliezer Subdivision which is located west and south of Hanna’s Farm on Pacific Highway; the sewer line project is completed; work on the Water Trail Park at the end of Pollock Road is in progress and construction is planned to begin in the Spring of 2017; and the roundabout project is currently in right-of-way consultations.

6. CITIZEN’S PUBLIC COMMENT.

CURTIS CARLSON, 35915 NW JENNY CREEK ROAD, thanked CCF&R for their quick response to his report of a grass fire.



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7. **PRESENTATIONS** – None.
 8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None.
 9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.
 10. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.
 11. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-410 INITIATING VACATION OF A SECTION OF NW 31ST AVENUE; AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING TO CONSIDER SUCH A VACATION.**

Public Works Director Jeff Sarvis presented. NW 31st Avenue is no longer in use by the traveling public, and the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority has petitioned to vacate a portion of the road. As part of the process, approval of Resolution 16-410 is required to set a date and time for the petition to be heard. A permanent easement the entire length of the right-of-way will be maintained. After approval, an appraisal will be arranged to determine the compensation amount to the City for land. The compensation will be used for road funds. There will be no changes to the City limits, with this vacation.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-410 ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF NW 31ST AVENUE.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
 - A. **RCW 42.30.140(4)(B) – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE STRATEGY TO TAKE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

Mayor Thornton called for an Executive Session regarding collective bargaining strategy at 7:29 p.m. and expected to last 30 minutes with action to be taken afterwards. Consultant Bruce Bischoff facilitated telephonically.

Mayor Thornton reopened the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. The following actions were taken:



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MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE JOINT MOU-MEDICAL WITH THE LA CENTER POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION (CIVILIAN AND SWORN).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE JOINT MOU-COWLITZ CASINO IMPACT WITH THE LA CENTER POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION (CIVILIAN AND SWORN).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE LA CENTER POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION (SWORN) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Greg Thornton

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk