



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2016**

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REGULAR MEETING:

1. Mayor Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Council:

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

Staff:

Police Chief Marc Denney
City Attorney Dan Kearns

Guests:

Skip Carlson	Larry Lewton
Jack & Rosemary Davis	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Maggie Jimenez	

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 12.14.16**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 11.22.16**
- C. **LIMITED LICENSE**
- D. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES**

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 14, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA.

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

A. **MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- La Center's Christmas Festival was a huge success and attended by approximately 450 people. Karen Dodds organized the event and Police Chief



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Denney was the Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated.

- Topics of discussion at the December 7 Mayor's Town Hall meeting included a visitor/welcome center for the City and traffic at the I-5 junction construction site. People were reminded to use Timmen Road to Ridgefield as an alternate route to avoid the construction at the junction.
- City offices will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday; and City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year's holiday.
- City Council will be holding a Retreat / Special Meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Consultant Lloyd Halverson will facilitate.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY DAN KEARNS. The Growth Management Hearings Board appeal is still pending. Petitioners Futurewise and Friends of Clark County filed a brief on December 1, and interveners' briefs are due December 22. Attorney Sarah Mack will be preparing La Center's argument.

Another pending case is the challenge of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Cowlitz Tribe. The Tribe has a list of revisions to the IGA for 2017 to include but not limited to the configuration of the roadway system at the junction, landscaping, and signs. This matter will be discussed in more detail at the January 28 City Council Retreat.

Attorney Kearns continued with a briefing of the Public Works and Finance Staff Reports, in the absence of Directors Sarvis and Levis (both reports made a part of these minutes and available on file).

An ordinance to issue the debt for the sewer line construction will be presented by the City's bond counsel at the January 25 City Council meeting (and not the January 11 meeting, as stated in the Finance Staff Report). The sewer line construction will tentatively begin in early 2017.

The roundabout construction is proceeding. Certification of the right-of-ways will occur in March 2017.

The City's waste water treatment plant supervisor, Sue Lawrence, resigned effective November 30. Ms. Lawrence has contracted with the City on a month-to-month basis. She will train City employee Bill Birdwell, who has a temporary Class III certification to serve in the role. Mr. Birdwell will take the Class III



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certification test within the next two months. The City is in compliance with the Department of Ecology, during this process.

The year-end budget amendment will be presented at the December 28 City Council meeting. Regarding the school grant, over \$1 million has been spent and/or reimbursed.

C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – Absent/Excused.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS** – The City engineer must remain aware of drain systems being installed by the contractors at the I-5 junction construction site to prevent liability. Also, lighting at the site should not be so bright as to impede drivers at night.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** thanked the public for being involved and attending City Council meetings. She advised everyone to be safe and check on neighbors and the elderly during the freezing weather.

D. STAFF REPORTS.

- **POLICE CHIEF MARC DENNEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Chief Denney emailed the November 2016 *Monthly Advisor* to Councilmembers which included crime statistics for November 2016 as well as other PD highlights.

Officer Jason Perkins resigned from the Police Department, after 10 years of service.

“Shop with a Cop” was again a popular community event this year. Approximately 135 children participated at the Woodland Walmart.

The La Center PD participates in a statewide task force throughout Clark County assisting with the prevention of DUI’s, seat belt safety, and distracted drivers. A grant is applied towards officers’ overtime pay.

Rookie Officer Marvitz will become a full-time staff member, when he successfully completes his probation in January.



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

SKIP CARLSON, LA CENTER, thanked the Public Works Department for de-icing the roads. He then asked about the timing of bidding for the sewer line construction. (Attorney Kearns stated the City is required to submit and process a Shoreline permit application before sewer construction begins, which is expected to take approximately two months.) Mr. Carlson then stated the Planning Commission should make certain the sewer plans will meet service requirements for the future.

7. **PRESENTATIONS** – None.

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. 16-413 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA CENTER REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10-321 AND APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES (AWC) RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGENCY (RMSA) AND ITS MEMBERS.

City Attorney Dan Kearns presented. The City participates in and pays into a risk management pool with other cities and the interlocal agreement sets forth the obligations of each city. An agreement was adopted in 2010 with Resolution No. 10-321, and will be repealed with Council's approval to adopt the new agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's insurance liability coverage, which is separate from this interlocal agreement.

Attorney Kearns requested Council's approval of Resolution No. 16-413 allowing the Mayor to execute the updated interlocal agreement with AWC RMSA.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-413 REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10-321 AND APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES (AWC) RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGENCY (RMSA) AND ITS MEMBERS.

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.



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12. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Greg Thornton

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk