

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
PARTICIPATE VIA WEBEX USING
THE INFORMATION BELOW:

6:30 PM Tuesday, September 1, 2020

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor burger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Audience and council stood for the pledge to the flag.

3) ROLL CALL:

Those in attendance were:

Hert, Rhodes, Stram, Longbotham, Burger, McDonald & Edenfield

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda. Stram seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/Stram

YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, McDonald

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Burger reminded everyone of COVID-19 Safety precautions. Social Distance, Proper Hygiene.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator

Admin read report

b) City Clerk

Council seats:

2-vacant. Last day to file is Friday, September 4th at 12 noon.

Election day is October 6th

Absentee Voting will begin September 8th and last until October 5th

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Priscilla Goulding discussed concerns regarding the City using CARES funding for Capital Improvement projects.

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Apologize for my comment last week about meeting with a city official, I wasn't trying to call anyone out, I just meant that with so many special meetings, it is hard for everyone to be aware of them, especially those who live on South Thorne Bay
- On the bid for the construction, I have been researching and found that the city could put a clause on the bid that required the company to provide local hiring.

Wes Craske commented on the following:

- Here to answer any questions that anyone may have. We have rounded up a good crew to put the playground equipment up.
- The drawing you received on the Davidson Landing construction is the most accurate of what we will be moving forward with.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rhodes commented on the following:

- Have we come down to a hard number to allocate?
- Do we feel confident that we could allocate this money now, or should we wait and get a better idea of what the needs are?
- With what Priscilla said, I expected this. I didn't expect the state to provide much guidance. We are walking a tight pier and understand, but I don't expect that we will ever get a tight response, the state doesn't have that authority.
- I am confident that the plan we have now, they Treasury or OMB will not come after us...

Carter comments:

- Regarding budget for Davidson Construction. We do not have a solid budget, so we are aiming at the higher end now. However, if the City did not move forward with QT Facility, those funds could be reallocated. Right now, we don't have anywhere to park the ambulance.

Hert commented on the following:

- A little confused here, if we cannot use for capital gain then we really cannot move forward on a community center or clinic.

Stram commented on the following:

- Think we should back off this quarantine facility for now. We do not want to get stuck with this large expense or building that we may not be able to use.

Edenfield commented on the following:

- I have a couple of questions on the southside facility? I have not seen a list of who is done anything on that. Who is drawing, are they licensed? If community building, it has to have certain requirements.

McDonald commented on the following:

- With what is happening with the state not giving us the guidance and answers we need; I don't want to see us get stuck paying the money back.

Burger commented on the following:

- With everything we have heard, I would propose the council redirect those funds to medical facilities, EMS crew, etc. Right now, it may be next year or 20 years before we would use that quarantine facility. Since we cannot use for something, we cannot generate revenue out of, it is a good idea to scrap.

Stram commented on the following:

- The upkeep on a building on that even small, would be a big expense to us.
- Sadly, the government has done this before. The government is not going to go to each community to approve each project. Feel like this is kind of a "Boon doggle"

Hert commented on the following:

- With all that being said, will us purchasing ambulance backfire since we plan to use those and later down the road bill for EMS expenses?
- About Davidson, will that hit the grey area??

Les Carter:

- Ambulance is a validated use
- Davidson Landing is an existing building used to house emergency equipment

Rhodes commented the following:

- Agree with Jon. We will not get any reassurances; the new plan is less risky.
- I am comfortable with plan B. I feel for PK, CBC and Back Country who have stuck with us the entire time.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approving the minutes of the August 17, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
2. Approving the minutes of the August 4, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

3. Approving the minutes of the July 30, 2020, Special City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the consent agenda. Rhodes seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, McDonald
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Review and approval of design footprint for the construction of 2-Quarantine Rooms & clinic facility from PK Builders, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the design and footprint for the construction of 2-quarantine facilities. McDonald seconded the motion. Stram stated he looked over the last drawing, and like it and if we were able to proceed with funding, I would vote to approve. Since we will not be able confirm the funds, I have to vote down.

MOTION: Move to approve the design and footprint for the construction of 2-quarantine facilities
F/S: Burger/McDonald
YEAS: None
NAYS: Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, McDonald
STATUS: Motion Failed.

11) EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- a) Authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$7,500.00, from the Community Development Fund Savings Account, to go towards the construction of a community center at Davidson Landing, discussion and action item:

Longbotham stated he did not feel comfortable approving this expense without approved engineered drawings.

Stram stated the \$7,500 is entirely community development funding and so we wouldn't have to worry about giving the money back. If we were approved for CARES funding to assist, that could cover the \$7,500.00.

Edenfield commented on the following:

- Choose to vote this down because have not seen anything on paper or anything in black and white, nothing close to a budget.

Rhodes commented on the following:

- Regarding the \$7,500, we could certainly proceed. Harvey brought up at August 17th meeting

- Will be resigning and will submit written resignation to the office in the morning

McDonald commented on the following:

- Concern with a separate building for fire and ambulance is we are right back to the beginning with where we were with

Hert commented on the following:

- The concern I have is a building that will have public use will need engineer certification, and that would not be a volunteer that could do

Longbotham commented on the following:

13) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- I did actually submit a plan for a beam, and I did price what it would cost for a plan, I would put my plan up against any engineered plans.
- An issue that could come up is if CARES does kick in than all volunteering goes out the window with needing engineers and certified plans
- Could we use the CARES for only the building the storage for fire truck and ambulance and then the \$7,500 for the other beautification?

Tom Cunningham commented on the following:

12) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MOTION:	Move to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$7,500.00, from the Community Development Fund Savings Account, to go towards the construction of a community center at Davidson Landing
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NAYS:	Edenfield, McDonald
STATUS:	Motion Passed.

- Some of the improvements would not need to be engineered, such as the planters, etc. Some of the money could be spent to purchase some of these expenses but still need the plans to be engineered.

Stram commented on the following:

- I thought the engineers were to be volunteers

Edenfield commented on the following:

- I think we should move forward and approve so we can get some engineered drawings and move forward

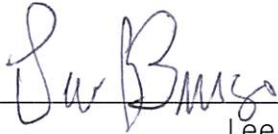
Longbotham commented on the following:

Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram

- Thank McDonald for decades of service to the City. One of the longest terms of a councilmember.

14) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burger adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC