
CARNATION CITY COUNCIL AGENDA Regular Meeting Minutes 05.16.23

Mayor Jim Ribail, Deputy Mayor Tim Harris, Ryan Burrell, Dustin Green, Adair Hawkins

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jim Ribail
At 6:01 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Adair Hawkins
3. **ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Lora Wilmes
Present: Councilmember Hawkins, Councilmember Green, Mayor Ribail,
Deputy Mayor Harris, Councilmember Burrell

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor and Council
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER
HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS ADDS A CONVERSATION ABOUT FLAGS FOR
THE PRIDE PICNIC UNDER "OTHER".

DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS MOVES TO ADD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
UNDER RCW 42.30.110 (B).

MAYOR RIBAIL MOVES THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BEFORE "AGENDA
BILLS."

MAYOR RIBAIL ADDS A DISCUSSION ABOUT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
THE CARNATION MARKET FOR CHARGING STATIONS UNDER "OTHER".

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED PASSED (5-0).

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** NONE
*An Executive Session took place after "11. PUBLIC COMMENT."
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a) Approval of Minutes for the following date(s):
 - i. Regular Session: May 2nd, 2023

- ii. Special Meeting – Study Session: May 9th, 2023
- b) Approval of Claims in the following amount(s):
 - i. Already Paid Claims: \$24,571.98
 - ii. \$648,806.23
- c) Approval of Payroll for the following pay period(s):
 - i. April 17th, 2023 – April 30th, 2023: \$23,624.54

MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED (5-0).

7. PROCLAMATION: World Falun Dafa Day

Mayor Ribail read a proclamation aloud declaring May 13th as World Falun Dafa Day in the City of Carnation.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Councilmember Hawkins

- Attended the Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition meeting.
 - The lack of regular transportation negatively impacts the area.
 - The City qualifies for funding based on land use and equity.
 - Asked King County Metro what they are doing to help economic vitality.
- The Safety Committee met to discuss implementing the City's own drug possession laws.
- Met with the Economic Development Committee - CED Principal Ender will go over the updates during her report.
- The Washington State Department of Transportation Fish Passage Project is underway in Carnation and Fall City.
 - Travelers on SR 202 and SR 203 should prepare for closures May 15th – May 19th.
 - Contractors will survey land for fish passages 9:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- Washington State Department of Social and Human Services Mobile Community Services Offices will be at the following places:
 - Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on May 24th from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
 - Redmond King County Library May 31st from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Councilmember Burrell

- Thanked the City's Public Works Department for paving the Valley Memorial Park parking lot,
 - Fixed the potholes for pick-up and drop-off at Tolt Middle School.

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce all-member meeting. Mentioned he has been learning how much the group does and appreciates their hard work.
- The Remlinger Arcade is opening next week.
 - Joked about the “break-in”: The door to the arcade was unlocked and visitors played games and purchased items prior to opening.
- Attended the Valley Radio fundraiser at Remlinger Brewing, volunteered to do set up with Jamie Burrell (his wife)
- Provided an update on the Tolt Middle School evacuation path.
 - Funding looks promising.
 - Will be paved from back side of track the North end of the property out to the trail.

Councilmember Green

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce hoedown event at Remlinger Brewing on May 13th. This was a benefit auction for the community radio station Valley 104.9.
 - In an emergency situation, they could be the only communication channel up and running due to their FM license.
 - His wife Debbie is the president of the Chamber of Commerce

Deputy Mayor Harris

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce hoedown and won a trip.
- A number of citizens commented on how nice the City looks.
 - Thanked City staff and the public works department for their work on the parks and alleys.
- Talked to the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) on how to protect the tenants of mobile home park.
 - Our current zoning provides a significant amount of protection.
 - The State preempts cities and counties in enacting rent control efforts.
 - Could look into administrative steps to make eviction more difficult.
- Had coffee with King County Councilmember Sarah Perry and talked about the behavioral health levy that recently passed.
 - Didn't do well outside of Seattle, and east of the highway the levy didn't pass.
 - Discussed the tax burden felt on the citizens of Carnation.
 - Demographics are misleading – a lot of affluence vs. people just scraping by living on fixed incomes.
 - Analyze the differences between County revenues from Carnation and expenditures in the Snoqualmie Valley. Was connected with the King County Budget Office.

- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) - King County executive has a proposed Ordinance to set sewer rates for next year:
 - Asking for \$9 million to add 73 additional employees to the Water Treatment Division
 - Want to raise rates to \$55.11 in 2024. Projections are set to double to \$97.63 by 2033.
- The Finance and Operations Committee is trying a new method for reviewing claims – using the accounting system itself to save staff time and streamline the process.

Mayor Ribail

- Attended the Eastside Mayors meeting on May 10th.
 - Mayors from Redmond, Issaquah, Snoqualmie, and North Bend were in attendance.
 - Talked about the Blake Decision, however legislation was passed at the state level.
 - Redmond and Issaquah are struggling with growth.
 - Microsoft is moving out of Issaquah.
 - Requested sign code from other cities for the Economic Development Committee.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce all-member meeting.
 - Chamber has many events lined up through the Fall – excited about the Chili Cook-Off
- Had a meeting with Susan Leach, the Superintendent of River School District.
 - District is having budget issues.
 - Hired a new high school principal, middle school principal and Director of Student Services
- Attended the Valley 104.9 Auction.
 - There was a donut bidding war with Councilmember Green and Mayor Ribail's friend.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) Community Economic Development Department Report - CED Principal Rhonda Ender
 - Gave an update on development projects:
 - Pulte's Building A broke ground and is set to be completed in mid to late July.
 - Mainvue is working on their model home submittal.
 - John Day's Tolt Place working through civil plans and revisions.
 - The Senior Center's affordable housing project will break ground in July, and a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 31st.

- Tolt Legal's building permits were issued last Friday, and they have a right of way permit starting May 26th to pour concrete.
 - The Stossel Court project, which is two duplexes that Fortney Construction is developing on Stossel Avenue, is back to an active status.
 - Permits are going smoothly and efficiently.
 - A Planning and Parks Board meeting is set for May 23rd - good feedback has been received about the level of collaboration happening.
 - Members of the Port of Seattle had a tour of Carnation to discuss ways partner together.
 - Has a Meeting on Monday with Seattle Uncorked about bringing the wine and beer walk to Carnation.
 - Attended the Chamber of Commerce All-member Meeting.
 - Attended the Snoqualmie Valley Outdoor Recreation group meeting.
 - Has a meeting on Thursday with a company to discuss retail strategy.
 - Met with a resident who wants to open a boutique with housewares, reached out to Jason Ziegler about the confluence building =, but he is not quite ready.
 - Had a 4-hour Community Rating System (CRS) site visit, will conduct additional education on flood management in order to get flood insurance discount for residents.
 - Provided Code Enforcement Updates:
 - Reminded residents and HOAs to keep common areas and bioswales and yards maintained.
 - Grass on 334th will be mowed by Friday.
 - Vehicle abandoned being addressed.
 - Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled this Friday.
- b) Capital Improvement Projects / Administrative Services Department Report - Administrative Services Manager Lora Wilmes
- The Emergency Operations Center/ multiuse center sent out to bid today on Builders Exchange
 - Bid opening day is June 20th, will have the assumed lowest bidder that day at the Council Meeting.
 - Transportation Improvement Board gave the City funding for the citywide crack seal.
 - A Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) update will occur at the next Council meeting in June.
 - Funding works two years ahead – we have funding for design and construction for the next two years.
 - Provided an update on Tolt Avenue

- Yearlong landscaping contract, fixed dozens of broken irrigation heads and maintained storm drains (the City of Carnation is 100% infiltration for stormwater)
 - Phase 2 bid documents getting ready to go out.
 - Washington State Department of Transportation committed funding.
 - East Bird, McKinley, and Entwistle have finished the surveying stage and starting the formal design process.
 - East Bird was graded, and gravel was added.
 - Had a meeting with CED Principal Ender, KPG and Pulte Homes to discuss the two projects on McKinley.
 - Has a meeting set up with CED Utility Manager Schell and landscapers on May 24th to focus on trouble spots on Tolt Avenue.
- c) City Manager's Office Report - City Manager Ana Cortez
- Thanked the Council for recognizing staff for the work done on alleys and parking lots. Highlighted other work like utility billing and making sure vendors were getting paid.
 - The City is focusing on doing more with less.
 - Public Works department used to have 6 crewmembers, now there are 3, accompanied by an army of contractors. The City is still looking for candidates to join the team.
 - City has high standards, more of a start-up rather than a traditional government agency.
 - Collectives Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters made us more competitive with salaries and benefits.
 - Building new relationships with the community - Tolt United Congregational Church reached out.
 - Had a meeting with a representative from Harvold family, moving forward slowly.
 - Thoroughly review documents, The City Manager is the first line of defense.
 - Had a good meeting with Drake Remlinger group.
 - Elections have begun, the filing period started yesterday and ends on Friday.
 - Will be on vacation from May 26th – June 7th. Will be out of the country leaving phone in Carnation. Will miss the meeting on June 6th.
 - Took a moment to recognize staff:
 - CED Manager Schell and his team for all their work and being available round the clock to respond to issues. Current staff is salaried, meaning no overtime,

- Administrative Services Manager Wilmes –continues to deliver on many fronts: capital improvement projects, utility billing, customer service, capacity building software transition etc.
- CED Principal Ender – reports most interesting, only been here for 5 months: flood management, permitting, economic development code enforcement)
- PIO Farnworth has a gift for aesthetics and is spread in lots of directions.
- Bibi, Heather, Mike, and Erik make incredible team.
- When City Manager Cortez first arrived, payroll was over \$100,000, now it is less than \$25,000.

10. PUBLIC HEARING: Housing Action Plan (HAP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carnation City Council will hold a public hearing to receive and consider public comment regarding Housing Action Plan. Any taxpayer may speak and be heard for or against any part of the proposed changes. A copy of the proposed Housing Action Plan is available in this packet and online <https://bit.ly/3BiMZtr>

Mayor Ribail opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 P.M.

City Manager Ana Cortez presented on the Housing Action Plan:

- What it IS
- What it is NOT
- Options
- Numbers Matter

Debbie Green provided comments.

Jules Hughes provided comments.

Jessica Merizan provided comments.

Morgan Henley provided comments.

Mayor Ribail closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 P.M.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT & REQUESTS: *Public comment on meeting items or other issues of note or concern. Comments may be submitted in advance by writing or e-mailing clerk@carnationwa.gov, or made in person, or by telephone or computer connection at the time of the meeting. Individual comments shall be limited to three minutes. Group comments shall be limited to five minutes.*

Carolyn Bane provided comments.

Morgan Henley provided comments.

Executive Session:

- Mayor Ribail began the Executive Session at 7:27 P.M.

- Mayor Ribail resumed the Regular Session at 8:00 P.M.
- Mayor Ribail calls for a recess at 8:00 P.M.
- City Council resumes regular session at 8:02 P.M.

12. AGENDA BILLS:

- a) AB23-53 Resolution: Amendment to the Fee Schedule
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER BURRELL. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- b) AB23-54 Ordinance: Fire Code
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- c) AB23-57 Ordinance: Amendment to Budget II
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- d) AB23-58 Ordinance: Vehicles as Dwelling Units
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER BURRELL. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- e) AB23-59 Motion: Setting Date for Public Hearing for Signage
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN, SECOND BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- f) AB23-60 Motion: Fiscal Policy - Tipping for Services Paid with City Credit Card
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS. MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- g) AB23-61 Motion: Appoint City Manager to the MWPAAC Committee
MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARRIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN. MOTION PASSED (5-0).

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a) Lodging Tax
CED Principal Ender led a discussion on implementing a 0.8% lodging tax collected by the City for tourism.
- b) Signage
The Council will take into consideration recommendation from the Economic Development Committee regarding changes to our signage code.
- c) Blake Decision

In light of the recent legislation passed in response to the Blake Decision, P.I.O. Farnworth read an excerpt of an article posted to Medium by Governor Jay Inslee's Office.

OTHER

- Pride Flags
- Letter of Support for charging stations at the Carnation Market

14. FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Tentative agenda for the meeting of June 6th, 2023
- b) Tentative agenda for the meeting of June 20th, 2023

15. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Jim Ribail

At 9:11 P.M.

Approved at the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council on June 6th, 2023.

Jim Ribail
Jim Ribail (Jun 7, 2023 20:14 PDT)

MAYOR JIM RIBAIL

Lora Wilmes

CITY CLERK LORA WILMES












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