

**City of Port Orchard  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Townhall Meeting of May 29, 2018**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Putaansuu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Office Assistant II Whisenant as follows:

Councilmember Ashby	Present
Councilmember Chang	Present
Councilmember Clauson	Present
Councilmember Cucciardi	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Diener	Present
Councilmember Lucarelli	Present
Councilmember Rosapepe	Present
Mayor Putaansuu	Present

Staff present: Office Assistant II Whisenant was present. Special Guest: Kitsap County Commissioner Garrido.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Mayor Putaansuu** led the audience and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Proposed Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags**

Mayor Putaansuu introduced the Town Hall topic and representatives from the City and Kitsap County.

Chris Piercy, from the Kitsap County Solid Waste Division, informed the audience of the County's current position and process on pursuing an ordinance for the possible ban on plastic bags.

Mayor Putaansuu informed the public that the City hasn't taken a position at this time.

Citizens, County Representatives, Kitsap Sun Reporter, Mayor, and Councilmembers spoke on various concerns, studies regarding different bag uses, and inquired on clarifications of what the plastic bag ban entails, along with exemptions. Further discussions were had on the environmental impacts, educational outreach, personal habit changes that can make a difference, potential recycling incentives, and code enforcement.

Mayor Putaansuu informed public that the Chamber of Commerce did reach out to local retail stores and invite them to be a part of this discussion.

Councilmembers expressed their individual outreach to various retail locations.

Commissioner Garrido stated that this Town Hall was very informative and would be considering the impacts of the plastic bags to waste facilities. In addition, she suggested distributing the list of bag exemptions to the public if the ban moves forward, educate the youth, and change personal habits to decrease waste levels.

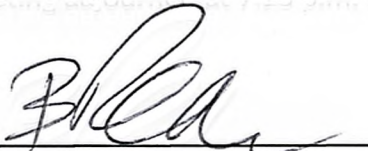
Councilmembers and County representatives discussed the impact of only the single-use bags, potential benefit with the exemptions still being a contributing factor, the impact to waste facilities, and educational public awareness.

Mayor Putaansuu closed the meeting by reiterating the four guiding questions, as discussed from the Council Retreat, and thanked everyone for attending.

**Council Direction:** No direction was given.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. No other action was taken. Audio/Visual was successful.



Brandy Rinearson, MMC, City Clerk



Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

