



**City of Port Orchard
Council Meeting Minutes
Work Study Session Meeting of April 23, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Putaansuu called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk as follows:

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

Staff present: Public Works Director Dorsey, Finance Director Crocker, Police Chief Marti, City Attorney Cates, City Clerk Rinearson and Deputy City Clerk Floyd.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilmembers Ashby and Diener arrived at approximately 6:22 p.m.

1. Downtown Parking Hours

Kathleen Wilson, president of Port Orchard Bay Street Association (POBSA), said they have had lively discussions regarding parking. It was mentioned a formal request should be brought before the City. In January, the merchants voted to request that all current 2-hour parking downtown be changed to 4-hour parking. They sent out a downtown parking survey to merchants, citizens, and customers, and received almost 200 responses. 76% would like to see 2-hour parking changed to 4-hour parking. The survey results were reviewed at their meeting last week, and additional discussion was held regarding commuter parking and other downtown parking locations. The merchants decided to take another motion to amend the first request, which was to change the 2-hour parking to 4-hour parking in the waterfront lot as well as the side streets, including Frederick Street, and keep 2-hour parking on Bay Street.

Public Works Director Dorsey provided a brief background of parking hours downtown and why some locations are 2 or 4 hours. He voiced some concern with the merchants request of changing the parking hours.

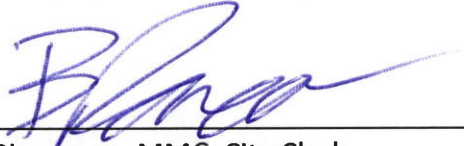
Council, Mayor, staff, and attending merchants discussed parking for clients, merchant parking, Port of Bremerton parking, Prospect Street parking, lack of downtown parking, clearer signage for parking, parking tickets, changing all parking to paid parking, park and ride lots, Bremerton parking garage and rates, tourism, and trying to inform the public of parking locations.

Police Chief Marti noted the City has 2 part-time employees that provide parking enforcement for the entire City. They have a time schedule they try to meet to adequately mark tires. Our police department is not driven by revenue from parking. He has no preference if parking is 2 or 4 hours.

Council Direction: No direction was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. No other action was taken. Audio/Visual was successful.



Brandy Rinearson, MMC, City Clerk



Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

