

CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:18PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Bradley Huson. Councilmember Syler was excused and Councilmember Hedrick was not excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the Agenda, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of March 20, 2018, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Engineer – Jerry Morrisette - Was excused.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS –

Public Hearing – Adoption of Six Year TIP – Councilmember Hardin opened Public Hearing with a second from Councilmember Kristovich. Ken Brown made public comment wanting to know what TIP stood for and if the two unpaved alleys located at Commercial Street and 49th Street were on the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilmember Hardin confirmed TIP and Commercial Street and 49th were on the 6 Year TIP plan. Councilmember Hardin moved to close Public Hearing, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

RES 676 – 2018 Six Year TIP Update Discussion

State law mandates all local jurisdictions to annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP. The six-year Local TIP serves as a general work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies. PSRC monitors Local TIPs for projects of regional significance (to be modeled for air quality conformity) and projects supported by federal funds. These projects are incorporated into the Regional TIP, which is then forwarded for inclusion in the State TIP. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. Local TIPs need not be revenue constrained, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available.

There was no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. However, the projects listed on the TIP become eligible for federal and state grant funding. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Resolution 676, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

CLAIMS and PAYROLL – Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

MAYOR’S TIME – Mayor Hopkins would like to move the Permit Coordinator position from part time to full time status. The Permit Coordinator’s workload has increase substantially. This position will be tasked with City of Ruston GIS mapping to record all utilities, both underground and over-ground, along with recording parcel numbers, dimensions of lots and the adjustment of storm water based on the square footage of the lots. The Permit Coordinator is also tasked with updating the City of Ruston website and working with the Pierce County Permitting system. Pierce County offered their system with little or no charge to the City of Ruston. This system will enable anyone to enter the City of Ruston portal to see the status of a permit, comments made by staff and will provide an understanding of what stage a permit is in. Mayor Hopkins met with staff today and determined the most important focus was to bring Pierce County up to speed on the outstanding Point Ruston permits Pierce County would be working on. There was a preliminary meeting with Point Ruston, City of Ruston and City of Tacoma on the Public Market, which Point Ruston expected to turn in a permit application. City of Tacoma raised concerns about issuing a permit for the Public Market. It will be placed on top of the parking garage structure which is currently incomplete. Mayor Hopkins was optimistic with the collaboration between Pierce County, City of Tacoma and the City of Ruston.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Was not excused.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to thank many people who made the Easter Egg Hunt a success. There were so many that contributed their time. Lynette Hopkins, Councilmember Kristovich, Ken and Kathy Brown, Patti Turner, Fire Department, Patti Hardin and the City Clerk, to name a few. The weather cooperated too.

Councilmember Kristovich – Wanted to thank everyone for their support in making the Easter Egg Hunt a huge success and John Holland for his support.

Councilmember Syler – Was excused.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:41PM Councilmember Hardin moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 3-0.

ATTEST:

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

Judy Grams