

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Quade; Councilmembers: Berry-Maraist, Crowder, Erickson, Lord, McGinty, Rudolph, Stern.
Staff: Boltz, Berezowsky, Kasiniak, Loveless, Swiney.

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * City Hall Update
- * * * Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officer Valerie Nau
- * * * Claims – March 1-3, 2009
- * * * Minutes of March 11, 2009 City Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of March 18, 2009 City Council Meeting
- * * * Presentation: Hood Canal Bridge Project
- * * * Workshop: Construction Standards

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quade called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:01 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MAYOR'S REPORT AND CHANGE TO AGENDA

- a. New City Hall Update: Public Works Director Loveless gave a summary of the minor corrections and clarification being made to the plans and specifications in preparation for the April 21st bid opening.
- b. Certificates of Appreciation: Police Chief Swiney presented Bill Henson and Tim Fasnacht with Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer service with the City of Poulsbo Police Department as Reserve Officers.
- c. Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officer Valerie Nau: Mayor Quade administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Valerie Nau. Officer Nau provided her background information and work history with the Port Gamble Tribe.
- d. Proclamation: Earth Day: Mayor Quade proclaimed April 22, 2009 as Earth Day and presented the proclamation to Marilyn Putnam and her grandchildren Marcus and Stella.
- e. Proclamation: Arts Education Month: Mayor Quade read and proclaimed May 2009 as Arts Education Month in Poulsbo.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- a. Mayor Quade announced the 10th Anniversary of the Drug Court to be held on April 24th, will be broadcast by Bremerton Kitsap Access Television (BKAT) and rebroadcast on May 6th at 10:00 AM, May 7th at 8:00 PM, May 9th at 9:30 PM and May 11th at 10:00 PM; and the Centennial Banners have been removed from the streets and are available for purchase.
- b. Councilmember Rudolph and Sergeant Leeming also presented the opportunity to apply for a grant to purchase four in-car video systems. The grant dollars do not require matching funds. The grant requires public presentation 30 days prior to the grant submittal and council concurrence. Council concurred to proceed with the grant application.

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (FOR ITEMS ON CURRENT AGENDA)

- a. Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Rudolph asked Council for concurrence to proceed with the COPS grant as submitted and clarified several points: one police officer position remains funded but unfilled through the 2009 budget process; the grant dollars, if funded, would remain in an recovery account until such time a position was filled, and the three year funded period does not begin until the position is filled. The grant has a three year window to allow for the hiring process and will fund the new officer(s) for three years.

Council concerns included funding for vehicles, equipment and potential overtime. The Council concurred to proceed with the grant and look at necessary funding for any additional officers, equipment and vehicles if the grant is awarded and the need for the additional officers becomes necessary.

- b. Police Chief Swiney gave an update on the recent bank robberies and public outreach.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Stern/Lord. Move to approve Consent Agenda items a through c. Motion carried unanimously.

The items listed are:

- a. Claims - March 1-31, 2009
- b. Minutes of March 11, 2009 City Council Meeting
- c. Minutes of March 18, 2009 City Council Meeting

6. MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Presentation – Hood Canal Bridge Project

Kathleen Becker, Washington Department of Transportation, explained the May bridge closure date was chosen to accommodate a weather window but is prior to the tourist season. The major portion of the construction is the replacement of the eastern half of the bridge, which is the original piece, built in 1958. The six-week window is weather dependent, including tides and wind. Becker provided information on five ways to get around the closure: fly, ferry, boat, drive around and passenger only shuttles. The construction has a 75 year lifespan which includes the opportunity to expand the bridge to four lanes (eliminating the shoulders/bike lanes).

b. Workshop: Construction Standards (Road Standards)

Assistant Public Works Director Kasiniak explained the current Construction Standards were implemented in 1990 and gave credit to Senior Engineering Technician Funk and Civil Engineer Ackerman for their work on the draft standards being presented. Kasiniak advised the most significant change is to the way streets are classified, and provided an overview of the changes to street classifications and the type of on-street parking allowed.

Councilmember Comments and Concerns:

Councilmember McGinty voiced concern that designated development parking lots would be used for boat and trailer storage.

Councilmember Berry-Maraist addressed the road grade requirements and the need to provide more flexible standards if we want to encourage infill development on low traffic streets given the city's topography.

Councilmember Stern questioned whether the document addresses roundabouts; Kasiniak advised the road standards document does not. Council agreed roundabouts should be included.

Councilmember Crowder recommended the requirement for vegetation within traffic circles and roundabouts. Kasiniak suggested not making it a requirement but rather provide options, with a preference for vegetation.

Councilmember Erickson questioned the lower road grade for neighborhood lanes.

Councilmember Stern commented on street standards that allow for low impact development in straight-aways, as well as traffic circles.

Kasiniak provided an option for providing 4 foot sidewalks in lieu of a 5 foot sidewalk if landscaping is provided between the sidewalk and the road as a barrier.

Councilmember Rudolph recommended an amendment to the sewer rate ordinance to charge a differential in a subdivision when a lift station is present, with City Attorney concurrence.

Kasiniak explained pump stations are included in the Comprehensive Plan, and take into consideration the number of pump stations needed in the future. Conditions of approval cover maintenance and operation costs for the lift station.

Fire Chief Olson thanked the Council for asking the right questions and his inclusion in the process. Councilmember Stern questioned whether certain houses needed to have sprinklers; Olson advised an existing home cannot be required to contain sprinklers, however new homes would need to include a sprinkler system.

Councilmember Lord commented on the reference to calculating mitigation fees for a traffic analysis, recommending the section include what the fees are based on, allowing developers to anticipate the amount of fees. Kasiniak referred to the new engineering fee schedule which can be included and/or referenced. Lord also suggested all references to the Comprehensive Plan be identified as City of Poulsbo Comprehensive Plan, for clarity purposes.

Councilmember Berry-Maraist suggested in lieu of an I-shaped intersection in low traffic, small developments, have a wider road at the turn, as Kitsap County is currently doing.

7. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a.** Councilmember Berry-Maraist reported on the North Kitsap Regional Event Center meeting, where there was discussion on excess money from the Strawberry field's project; suggestions for the remaining funds included installation of a fence to protect the field from vandalism and pet usage, trail projects, a security camera at the high school, or storage facilities. The Kingston High School lights decision will be made separately from any other projects including the safe routes to school. Berry-Maraist also

commented on a meeting with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding Clear Creek trail.

- b.** Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Rudolph reported on the possibility of another amnesty month in May, for Municipal Court; there is no court on June 3rd due to staff training; and the Student Advisory Board will hold its first meeting in May.

- c.** Mayor Quade reported:
 - Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Executive Committee is requesting the Council provide feedback on the direction they would like to go, in regards to the Shoreline Management Plan and provide Council support.
 - Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce speech regarding a strong Mayor form of government.
 - Attendance at the Mayor's Summit, in Bremerton, with approximately 35 mayors in attendance.

- d.** Economic Development Committee: Councilmember Stern reported on the invitation to the Washington Health Care Facilities Authority and Washington Economic Development Funding Authority to report on alternate funding sources for groups such as Harrison Medical Center, Martha and Mary, Port of Bremerton and Evergreen Electric.

8. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

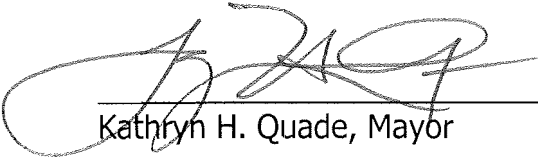
- a.** Dan Baskins, Little Valley Road, commented on the necessity of having exceptions to the road standards, relating to sidewalks on both sides of the road.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Crowder/Stern. Move to adjourn at 9:55 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.



Kathryn H. Quade, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk