



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 2021

Zoom Conference at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:31 p.m. Present were Council members Tim Hall, Whitey Forsman, Judy Riggs and Katie Findling. City staff present were Assistant City Manager (“ACM”) Lori Longfellow, Administrative Assistant 2 Laura Schmidt and Fire Chief Jay Marugg. Other unknown citizens were present electronically.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

Mayor Hall requested that it be noted that the letters of support were for Norm Shattuck.

Cn. Forsman made a MOTION to approve the consent calendar as amended. Cn. Riggs seconded. AYES: Hall, Forsman, Findling and Riggs; NAYS: None. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

VI. PRESENTATIONS: NONE

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

VIII. COMMUNITY REPORT: NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Citizen Advisory Committee Letter of Interest – Linda Bade

Mayor Hall made a MOTION to nominate Linda Bade for the Advisory Committee. Cn. Findling seconded. AYES: Hall, Forsman, Findling and Riggs; NAYS: None. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. City Council Letter of Interest – Bill Creech

Discussion was had regarding Mr. Creech's eligibility to serve and Mr. Creech expressed vision for Garibaldi and stated he wanted to be in compliance with the enforceable rule when it came to his residency.

C. City Council Letter of Interest – Cheryl Gierga Hamilton

Cn. Findling made a MOTION to nominate Cheryl Gierga Hamilton. Mayor Hall seconded. AYES: Hall and Findling; NAYS: Forsman and Riggs. MOTION FAILED 2-2.

Mayor Hall asked that the councilors reconsider their vote, so the City could move forward. Discussion was had regarding having an Interim City Manager and Cn. Forsman suggested ACM Longfellow needed some support. He also stated that they should not rush into hiring for the City Manager position as to make sure they get the right fit. Mayor Hall reminded that it was going to be costly to hire an interim, but Cn. Forsman noted that no one had been paid for that position for months and it was not fair to expect ACM Longfellow to do all the work. Mayor Hall stated he agreed and that is why he would like to move the hiring process forward.

Mayor Hall stated he was hopeful to get another councilor on board to help the process. He also mentioned that he was finding it difficult to do the job that he was elected to do because he doesn't have a full council to move forward on a number of issues. He questioned why Councilor Riggs and Forsman did not feel Ms. Hamilton was qualified to serve on the City Council.

Cn. Forsman stated that he would like to see a more balanced council and have more of a business perspective, someone who has to meet a payroll every month. Cn. Forsman questioned what was wrong with having Toby (Taylor) on the Council as he is a businessman who has payroll to meet. Mayor Hall stated his issue with Toby was that he felt Mr. Taylor received preferential treatment on a 2% loan for his SDCs. Mayor Hall also stated that he felt Mr. Taylor would have to recuse himself in the coming months that involved development in Garibaldi.

Cn. Riggs stated that the Motion to Approve the 2% back in 2017 was made by Norm Shattuck, it was seconded, and it passed by that Council.

Cn. Riggs stated that not voting for Ms. Hamilton had nothing to do with her personally, but everything to do with not having two couples on two major bodies in Garibaldi. Discussion was had regarding this.

Mayor Hall stated we would put up another notice for a city council appointee that meets the qualifications, in terms of residency.

Cn. Forsman stated if they don't get off past issues, the they are going to continue to be stuck in this conundrum for a long time.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer's Report

Mayor Hall questioned City Engineer, Blake Lettenmaier, regarding projects around town that folks were asking about, and asked for an explanation of the project on 10th and Highway 101. Mr. Lettenmaier stated that it was a private piece of property that the owner was doing some drainage work. He stated that project had nothing to do with the City at this point as there was no city involvement, and the work being done was between private property owners. There had been no land use permit application.

Mayor Hall questioned about a property off of 3rd and Highway 101 near Acacia. Mr. Lettenmaier stated that was a permitted land use application in the downtown zone. He went on to say it will be two commercial businesses downstairs and two apartments upstairs with the 50% rule as the standards of the downtown zones, so it is an outright permitted use and if it turns out to be anything like they did in their architectural renderings, it's going to be beautiful.

Mayor Hall requested that Mr. Lettenmaier get him a copy of the rendering, so it is known what the building is going to look like and so he can post it up for others. Mr. Lettenmaier stated it was in the property file at City Hall as it was part of the approved permit. ACM Longfellow stated that a public record requested would be needed and if Mayor Hall would send the request via email she would make sure to get that to him.

- B. Public Works Report
- C. Fire Chief's Report
- D. Sheriff Department's Report

XII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cn. Forsman spoke about the North Coast Food Trail and mentioned there were Garibaldi businesses listed on it and he was hopeful it would expand business for the community.

Cn. Riggs recognized that the City was awarded a short notice grant for \$16,700 for garbage cans and benches that was put together by city staff Laura Schmidt. She also mentioned the clean-up events happening in April. One with SOLVE on April 17th that needed volunteers and one city-wide cleanup for citizens on Earth Day, April 22nd. She also expressed there were volunteers from the LDS Church willing to help with both

of these cleanup days.

Mayor Hall added that he would like to recognize Nathan Findling for working to put the grant application together and that he deserved credit as well.

Cn. Findling stated that she sits in on the school board meetings for Neah-kah-nie School District, and they are looking for someone to be on the Equity Policy Advisory Committee from Garibaldi. The goal of the committee is to audit district policies with an equity and anti-racism lens and just provide input, advice and support to the school board on educational equity issues. She noted there was place on their website to put in an application to be a part of that.

Cn. Findling also noted that the school district will have a school-based health center, which means that no child in the school district will be denied access based on their inability to afford health care.

Mayor Hall stated he wanted to move forward with getting a new City Manager and that there will be an executive session to review the applications from the four to five that each of the counselors were asked to narrow their choices down to. He also stated that he participated in a four day Virtual Conference of the National League of Cities, during which he attended a forum on Community Economic Development, and learned that there are more than \$350 billion in grants that will aid rural cities like Garibaldi. He went on to state that once a new City Manager is on board, he wants to have the counselors who are willing to help to secure funding to address our pressing issues, like the state of the privately owned buildings that are sort of looking dilapidated on highway 101. He continued by saying as part of the American Rescue Bill 19 that \$19.5 billion is earmarked to go to cities and Garibaldi is eligible to receive some funds and he was working to find out what the exact amount was and he would keep everyone up to date. He stated the funds could be used to provide aid to small businesses, or water infrastructure, and any broadband issues that we have.

Mayor Hall stated he was continuing to make efforts to introduce himself to business owners that he does not know and that he was disappointed to hear that someone was reportedly telling some of those people “he's going to do harm to their business” and he would like to know who it was so he can confront them.

Mayor Hall stated he wants to convene the budget committee to review the current budget, spending, and given the likely shortage of various tax dollars consider if any funding cuts must be made and be sure that funding is spent on fire, police and public works.

Mayor Hall noted he was contacted by the Garibaldi Estuary Society regarding their plans for an interpretive center, he reviewed the plans and supports them. He asked them to let him and the council know how the city might be able to help them in the future.

Mayor Hall informed that he attended the Port of Garibaldi commission meeting on the 10th of March and heard that due to the condition of the jetty, Pacific Seafood and Fishpeople, as he understood, would not be using the Garibaldi Marina to offload fish.

He went on to state that funding the jetty is a top priority for the Port and it should be a top priority for the City, as well. He stated that Congressman Kurt Schrader pledged his support for the funding for the jetty. Once this work gets underway, it will have a major impact on Highway 101. He went on to state that in 2019, he believed the council voted to turn down the Oregon Department of Transportation project to make the long overdue repairs on Highway 101 and recalled they voted no because the cost was too high. He noted that he learned at the Port meeting, that they are willing to assist and support the city to find funding for our share of the project. Mayor Hall noted once there is a new City Manager, he wants to take the Port up on their offer and see when we might get ODOT to make the repairs that are long overdue, including the crosswalks.

Mayor Hall stated he supports the SOLVE cleanup that's going to be at the Port on Saturday, April 17 and noted that he and his wife had already signed up. For those who want to participate, they will need to register, and he noted there was a flyer posted in the post office with details.

Mayor Hall stated in relation to the budget, he was informed that there were quite a few vacancies on the two Budget Committees. More information on how to volunteer for these positions will be posted in the Post Office and online.

Finally, Mayor Hall thanked Cn. Forsman for agreeing to put his name forth for the Governor's Ocean Policy Advisory Council Committee Council. He noted he had forwarded his name to them and they should be contacting him.

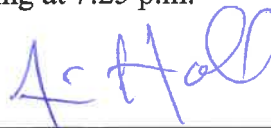
Mayor Hall once again expressed his frustration on not having a full council to move forward on many of the things that they have to discuss and deal with and restated the city of Garibaldi needs to be thinking about future industries and that he believed that is going to be small business and that it was not going to be large industries with multiple employees.

He concluded by stating that he hoped that at the next meeting, the council can come to a decision on getting someone to serve on the city council.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

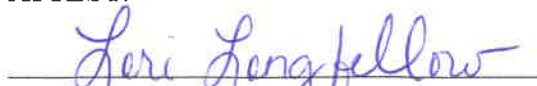
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hall adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Longfellow, Assistant City Manager

