

CALL TO ORDER:

June 1, 2021

Mayor Muri called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Mayor Muri, Councilmembers Neal, Henderson, Crumley, Franklin and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Yabe, Public Works Director Burlingame, and Administrative Assistant Gibelyou.

Mayor Muri led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Yes: All

Councilmember Henderson moved and **Councilmember Neal** seconded to approve the Council Agenda of June 1, 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Yes: All

Councilmember Franklin moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of May 18, 2021.
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #115845 - #115851 in the amount of \$147,556.91.
3. Approval of Claims Checks #115891 - # 115937 in the amount of \$255,099.29 and Manual Check #115843 in the amount of \$710.25.

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

NEW ITEMS:

2021 Unrepresented Employee Pay Plan – Modification – Building Inspector (AB 3076)

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Henderson moved and **Councilmember Neal** seconded to adopt Resolution 1190 amending the 2021 Unrepresented Employee Pay Plan modifying the Building Inspector/Code Compliance Officer’s classification and pay rate.

Agreement with Pierce County Regarding Summer Programming for Youth (AB 3078)

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Franklin moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between Pierce County, Washington and the Town of Steilacoom Regarding Summer Programming for Youth.

Four on the 4th Independence Day Fun Run/Walk (AB 3077)

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Muri invited comments from the public.

**Four on the 4th
Independence Day Fun
Run/Walk (AB 3077) Cont'd**

- Elizabeth Grasher - 1202 Pierce St., Steilacoom: She has participated in outdoor events and wanted to encourage the Town to celebrate July 4th with this event.
- Allen Culp – 10805 100th St. Ct SW Tacoma, WA 98498: He is the race director for this event. He would love to have the event in-person but noted that funds might be an issue.
- John Perry – 813 Lewis Lane, Steilacoom: He wanted to remind others that we are in partnership with other organizations who might be able to provide volunteers, mitigating costs.

The initiative died due to lack of a motion.

REPORTS:

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- He thanked the Kiwanis Club, Harley Moberg and his team, for putting together the shelving units for the lower level of Town Hall.
- The sale of the Diggs St.. property went through last Friday. Steilacoom Historical School District (SHSD) now owns that property.
- This Friday, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., he is looking for help moving archives from the Diggs St. property to the lower level of Town Hall.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Yabe reported the following:

- Their newest officer, PJ Palma, will begin the police academy tomorrow. Their next hire, Dylan Warburton, is expected to begin at the academy in late July.
- Public Safety provided additional officer presence over the Memorial Day weekend at the ferry lanes. There were no reports of issues in the ferry lanes from over the weekend.
- Over the weekend, our officers responded to a residence with multiple juveniles in crisis. They coordinated with Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital for immediate assessment of the juveniles’ physical and mental health, and are coordinating with Child Protective Services regarding their ongoing welfare.
- Their injured officer has been cleared to return to work, and they are grateful to have him back.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- He thanked the Kiwanis Club for their work on the Bandstand. They are doing a fabulous job.
- Public works staff installed flags and flower baskets around Town over the weekend.
- He is coordinating with staff to hang banners celebrating graduates of Steilacoom High School in the coming week.

Public Works Cont'd

- The Marietta Lift Station project is coming along. The contractor is making great progress.
- The Sunnyside Pump Station project goes out to bid tomorrow.
- Submittals are being reviewed for the Roundabout project. Construction should be starting soon.
- A new hire in the Water/Sewer Department started today. They will be training him over the coming months.
- The parks continue to be hammered. A fair amount of their time is spent cleaning those bathrooms and emptying garbage cans.

Council

Councilmember Crumley reported the following:

- He recognized Chief Yabe for his work on the C.O.P.S. Grant.

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- He requested that Chief Yabe or Public Works Director Burlingame address the parking problems at Saltar's Point with signage.

Councilmember Neal reported the following:

- On April 20th there was a presentation from South Sound Housing Affordability Partners. He would like that topic to come back to the table for discussion.
- Now that the Diggs St. property is sold, he would like to have a discussion on how those funds are to be used.
- He raised the issue of cybersecurity and would like to know what is being done to protect the Town, particularly in areas where the Town partners with others for essentials like power and water.

Councilmember Franklin had no comments.

Councilmember Henderson had no comments.

Mayor

Mayor Muri reported the following:

- He thanked Public Works Director Burlingame for his comments on Pioneer Park. Money for improvements on the Bandstand was donated.
- Kiwanis is also working on repairing the Sugar Shack.
- The process of closing the Diggs St. property sale was interesting. It was nice to see the partnership between the Town and SHSD.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Crumley moved and **Councilmember Smith** seconded to adjourn the Town Council Meeting of June 1, 2021.

The June 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss Citizen Committee Structure, the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Grant Application, and the American Rescue Plan Act (AB 3070) was convened at 7:37 p.m. and adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor