

STEILACOOM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

5:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. **Mayor Muri** called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.
2. In attendance were Mayor Muri, Councilmembers Henderson, Franklin and Grasher. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Yabe, and Administrative Assistant Gibelyou.
3. Councilmembers Crumley and Neal were excused.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Mayor Muri** led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

1. **Councilmember Henderson** moved and **Councilmember Grasher** seconded to approve the Council Agenda of August 2, 2022.
 - i. **All:** Yes

D. Consent Agenda

1. *Minutes of July 19, 2022*
2. *Approval of Payroll Checks #118251- #118258 in the amount of \$191,423.99*
3. *Approval of Claims Checks #118324 - #118373 in the amount of \$65,357.19 and Manual Checks #118264, #118265, & #118314 in the amount of \$26,923.60*
4. *Wayside Horns, Quiet Zone Technologies Approval of Parts (AB 3183)*
5. *Adoption of the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (AB 3185) (Res 1201)*
 - i. **Councilmember Franklin** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to approve the items on the consent agenda.
 1. **Yes:** All

E. Audience Input on Non-Agenda Items

1. No public comments.

F. Introduction

1. *Countywide Planning Policies (AB 3182)*
 - i. **Town Administrator Loveless** introduced the agenda bill.
2. *Rigney Rd. Non-Motorized Improvements Project, Bid Award (AB 3184)*
 - i. **Town Administrator Loveless** delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.
 - ii. **Councilmember Franklin** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to approve the bid submitted by Ceccanti Construction Inc. for completion of the Rigney Rd. Non-Motorized Improvements Project, subject to WSDOT Local Programs approval, or to Miles Resources, also subject to WSDOT approval if Ceccanti is disqualified, in an amount not to exceed \$1,335,968.30 and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents on behalf of the Town of Steilacoom.
 1. **Yes:** All

G. Reports

1. *Staff*

- i. **Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:
 1. The website refresh and upgrade project is complete and the website is live. He invited everyone to check it out.
 2. The Farmers' Market Coordinator gave her notice today. A plan is being put in motion together to address the management of the market. It will continue as planned this season.
- ii. **Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.
- iii. **Chief Yabe** reported the following:
 1. He gave an update on the Steilacoom Summer Slowdown. There have been 260 total traffic stops for July and over 50 tickets issued.
 2. Interviews were held last month. We are looking forward to finding our next Public Safety officers.
 3. During the majority of July, he attended executive leadership training out of state. His most prominent takeaway was that the recruitment and retention of police officers is a nationwide issue. The only strategy that seems to affect any positive results among the nearly 100 police agencies represented in the training was financial incentives. He continues to be grateful for Council's ongoing discussion regarding this topic.
 4. He offered special thanks to Sergeants Whelan and Bailey for their continued leadership within our Public Safety department.
 5. He is looking forward to National Night Out (NNO) tonight. There are three Public Safety officers attending.

2. *Council*

- i. **Councilmember Henderson** reported the following:
 1. She noticed the update to the webpage and thinks it looks spiffy. She thanked Staff for their work on that project.
 2. On July 15, knotweed eradication in Town was completed. Hopefully we will see a continued decline in knotweed in the coming years.
- ii. **Councilmember Grasher** reported the following:
 1. She thanked everyone who showed up for beach cleanup on August 1, with a special shoutout to Judy Bittenbender. She also thanked those who volunteered for the Salmon Bake and NNO.
 2. There are 10 locations for NNO tonight. She is very grateful to her fellow organizers and volunteers. The events will be held from 6-8 p.m.
- iii. **Councilmember Franklin** reported the following:
 1. He thanked Councilmember Grasher and L.J. Rohrer for leading the NNO effort and thinks it has been done very well.
 2. There is leftover salmon from the Salmon Bake that can be bought from the Kiwanis booth.

3. *Mayor*

i. **Mayor Muri** reported the following:

1. He thanked Councilmember Grasher and L.J. Rohrer for NNO. He hopes to repeat the event in future years.
2. The Salmon Bake went well. He ended up acting as a chauffeur, however, and he got first hand experience with the difficulties of the Sunnyside Beach parking lot. He agrees that the Town needs to make some improvements there.

H. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

1. **Councilmember Franklin** moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to adjourn the Town Council Meeting of August 2, 2022.
2. The August 2, 2022 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor