

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2012**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Poulsen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Just prior to opening the meeting, Mayor Poulsen requested a moment of silence be held for the passing of long-time resident and Port Commissioner Jim Lucas.

Councilmembers present were Adam Smee, Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Dennis Langham, Don Purvis, and Mary Putka. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Randy Gibson. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also in attendance. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Moratorium on Marijuana/Cannabis Collective Gardens**

Mayor Poulsen opened the public hearing on the moratorium placed on marijuana/cannabis collective gardens. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel presented a staff report explaining the issues facing the City concerning this subject. With the conflicts between the federal and state laws, plus the concerns such activities raise for citizens, placing a moratorium gives the City time to allow them to review and address the issue effectively. The hearing was opened to public comment. Kalama resident Robert Savory asked, what is a collective garden. It was explained it is a group of patients working together to provide the cannabis for their own needs allowing up to 45 plants to be grown. RCW 69.51A.085 states, "the creation of a "collective garden" means qualifying patients sharing responsibility for acquiring and supplying the resources required to produce and process cannabis for medical use such as, for example, a location for a collective garden; equipment, supplies, and labor necessary to plant, grow and harvest cannabis; cannabis plants, seeds, and cuttings; and equipment, supplies, and labor necessary for proper construction, plumbing, wiring, ventilation of a garden of cannabis plants." Even understanding what makes a collective garden and the standards is unclear, and the City needs to have a clearer vision to address the issue. Kalama resident Paloma Grant asked if the moratorium addressed dispensaries. It doesn't as the law does not allow dispensaries according to the State Department of Health. This is also vague. There is also a State ballot measure to be voted on in

the fall that will have an affect on the issue. The City needs to look at the options. WE may need to wait and see what the State does before we take any final actions. It is possible to renew the moratorium if necessary. With no further public comments, Mayor Poulsen closed the public hearing.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Mr. Willis Nixon, Housing Authority Board member, addressed the Council thanking them for their support of the Kalama Housing Authority over the last two years. He also noted that Public Works often aides them which is greatly appreciated. The new board members that have been appointed are very dedicated and along with the newly hired staff have helped to get things back on track.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Military-Cloverdale Road Pedestrian Improvement Project Construction Management Contract with Gray & Osborne**

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary stated that Gray and Osborne designed the project, and the engineering selection committee recommended they continue with the construction management. The Council accepted that recommendation which now needs confirmed by the signing of the contracts. Councilmember Adam Smee noted that having the same engineers that designed the project complete the construction management phase holds them more accountable to that design. Councilmember Smee made a motion the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Consultant Supplemental Agreement with Gray & Osborne for construction management of the Military-Cloverdale Road Pedestrian Improvement Project for a sum not to exceed \$27,000, contingent on TIB approval. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

**8. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen announced to the Council that the Port of Kalama is proceeding with further discussions of the annexation of the East Port property. Due to his being an employee of the Port, he will be stepping away from the process in order to avoid any appearance of fairness or conflict of interest. This is an important project for the future of Kalama. He has asked Mayor Pro Tem Adam Smee to represent the City in the discussions.

**B.** Councilmember Adam Smee reported the City has completed the investing of \$300,000 into a 5-year bond. These are funds that have to be held in reserve for payment of the loan on the sewer treatment plant, so will be inaccessible for several years. The interest rate of 1.5 % is almost 10 times what the funds were earning in the State Investment Pool.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported he attended the County Health Department Board meeting. They have relocated to a new building on Ocean Beach Highway and reduced their hours. They have contacted neighboring counties to discuss the forming of a regional health alliance to help in addressing concerns they all face in light of the budget cuts that have been received. It was asked if they are still conducting restaurant inspections. Mr. Purvis noted they have very limited staff to do this.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka reported the Chamber dinner was very nice and well attended. She added that FOLK had also hosted a very nice breakfast to honor the Library volunteers.

## 12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented a written report. He noted the engineers on the Fourth Street project want to invite the public and show the plans they have so far at the next City Council meeting. Mr. McCrary informed the Council that one of the pumps at the water plant is in need of repair. They have two operating which is adequate, but he has requested bids for repairs which he will bring back for Council approval.

B. Police Chief Randy Gibson presented a statistical report for calls in the last couple of weeks. He noted that the department will be represented at the funeral for Zach Hamilton the local young man killed in a tragic car accident. Chief Gibson reported that the work on the Police webpage continues. He hopes it will have forms the public will be able to access in the future for reporting minor incidents, commendations and complaints. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary and Mayor Poulsen noted that Chief Gibson has received his officer's certification for Washington.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported she has started working on the 2011 Annual report. The FEMA open house to address the updating of the flood maps has been canceled due to concerns raised by Cowlitz County in how the mapping was done. FEMA will be relooking at the base data used to set the flood zones and it will be presented in the future. Ms. McMaster updated the Council on the Shoreline Management Plan update. This is required by the State to be completed, and a grant has been received. The City is working with the County and other cities through the COG to complete the update. The consultants have been hired so the work will be progressing. City Planner Matt Hermen is working on the project and will keep the Planning Commission updated.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

## 13. CONSENT AGENDA

*Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers totaling \$41,538.39, Payroll Vouchers totaling*

\$70,695.19 *and the City Council minutes of March 21, 2012.* Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14.           **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**15.   ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**