



**CITY OF LA CENTER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 10, 2016**

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**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. Mayor Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey	Present
Councilmember Luiz	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present
Councilmember Valenzuela	Present
Councilmember Cerveny	Present
Mayor Thornton	Present

**Staff:**

Marc Denney, Chief of Police  
Dan Kearns, City Attorney  
Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk  
Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director

**Guests:**

Doug & Beverly Boff	Jim & Candi Irish	Nelda Perryman
Doug & Barb Burtwell	Jack LaBounty	Chris Swindell
Skip Carlson	Dale Lang	Andy "Sheriff" Taylor
Amy Chase	Marti Larsh	Rick & Suzi Terrell
Jack Davis	Larry Lewton	
Al & Theresa Filla	Dennis Nuttbrock	

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/ADJUSTMENTS – 08.10.16**
- B. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 07.27.16**
- C. **APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON AND THE CITY OF LA CENTER (NW PARADISE PARK ROAD)**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 10, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA.**



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**5. COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- La Center's annual summer Our Days Celebration is next weekend, August 19–21. It kicks off with the Twilight Parade on Friday, and the theme this year is "Under the Sea." The events continue through the weekend, and everyone is invited to join in on the festivities.
- On July 23, Hallie Nelson was crowned Miss Teen La Center at the Miss Teen La Center Scholarship Program Pageant. Mayor Thornton congratulated Hallie and her court, Mia Crocker, Emmyleigh Storm, Grace Nolan and Dayna Hines. All volunteers were thanked for making the event possible and a success.
- The first Mayor's Town Hall Meeting held last week was well attended. A wide range of questions were presented by citizens. The City plans to post answers to frequently asked questions on the City's website. The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for September 7.
- Mayor Thornton thanked the group of volunteers who provided and installed the yellow ribbons on the bridge at the entrance to La Center.
- Swinerton Builders, the contractor for the I-5 junction interchange, will be mailing flyers to the public addressing traffic issues and providing updates.

**B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – DAN KEARNS, CITY ATTORNEY –** The D.C. Court of Appeals' decision issued in July affirmed the District Court's decision and the Interior Secretary's determination to recognize the Cowlitz Tribe's reservation, taking the land into trust and allowing gaming.

Additional legal matters will be addressed in Item 12, Executive Session.

**C. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

- **COUNCILMEMBER BIRDWELL-CURREY** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ** – None.
- **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS.** The Chelatchie Railroad Steam Train Robbery Weekend #2 event will be August 20-21 in Yacolt.
- **COUNCILMEMBER VALENZUELA** – None.



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- **COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY** – The first meeting of the City’s Budget Advisory Committee was held recently and citizen members, Jack Davis and Steve Workman, were present along with representatives of City Council and staff ~ The piano on display in town is part of the School of Piano Technology for the Blind’s “Keys to the City—Unlock your Song” program and will be on display through August 14

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

- **CHIEF MARC DENNEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT** Chief Denney provided the August issue of “The Monthly Adviser” to Councilmembers which provided PD highlights and crime statistics for July Items of note La Center recently hosted an “Active Shooter” training event, drivers should observe speed limits at the I-5 junction and in town, PD received a grant and reimbursement for equipment and academy training, and National Night Out was another success this year with over 800 in attendance

**6 CITIZEN’S PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**AMY CHASE, LA CENTER** asked for nominations for this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award, on behalf of the Clark County Arts Commission. The deadline is September 11 (Details available at [www.clarkcountyartscommission.org](http://www.clarkcountyartscommission.org).)

**LARRY LEWTON, LA CENTER**, spoke as La Center’s representative on the Clark County Mosquito Control Board and reported on the Board’s last quarterly meeting He provided updates on the Zika virus and informed Council that the Mosquito Board passed their Washington State audit

**CANDI IRISH, 1653 E. HERITAGE LOOP** The La Center Historical Museum honored the Soehl family at an open house last Saturday In order to extend its hours of operation, the museum is seeking additional volunteers The La Center Lions LEO Club has expressed interest in volunteering The Fanning House Mayor’s Corner is holding an open house on August 20, 12-4 p.m

**JIM IRISH, 1653 E. HERITAGE LOOP**, requested that more information be included with items listed under the City Council Consent Agenda He recommended drivers use the Ridgefield exit and Timmen Road as an alternate to avoid the construction at the I-5 junction

**7 PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **CLARK REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY (CRESA) UPDATE – KATHLEEN MYERS.** Ms Myers provided updates on the 911 emergency service



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and the 311 non-emergency service (initiated in September 2015 and handled by 911 call takers). The full number for non-emergency calls should be utilized, if the abbreviated number does not work (360-693-3111). Ms. Myers summarized the Smart911 and Text-to-911 programs, and brochures were provided (copies of which are made a part of these Minutes and available on file).

8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.
10. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.
11. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-08 APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF LA CENTER (GRIFFITH TRUST AND 3B NW, LLC) AND REZONING THAT PROPERTY CONSISTENT WITH THE LA CENTER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

Planning Consultant Eric Eisemann presented. The three parcels totaling approximately 55.4 acres included in Ordinance 2016-08 are located in the area of the Shell station at the I-5 junction and currently zoned Clark County AG-20 with an Urban Holding-40 overlay. After annexation, the properties will be zoned La Center Community Commercial (C-2) and the Urban Holding Overlay removed after public services are in place. No comments were received during the SEPA period (State Environmental Policy Act), and all prerequisites are in place to move forward with annexation. Consultant Eisemann recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2016-08.

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Thornton opened the discussion up for public comment. There being none, public comment was closed at 7:54 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUIZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CERVENY AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2016-08 AND ANNEX THE GRIFFITH TRUST PROPERTIES, LINDA FUDGE AND MELODY COWAN, ET AL. TRUSTEES, AND 3B, NW, LLC PROPERTY INTO LA CENTER AND REZONING THE PROPERTIES COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL WITH AN URBAN HOLDING OVERLAY.**

Mayor Thornton called for a Roll Call vote:

Councilmember Birdwell-Currey: Yes  
Councilmember Luiz: Yes



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Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Valenzuela.	Yes
Councilmember Cerveny.	Yes

**12 EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**A. RCW 42.30.110(1(I)) – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION.**

Mayor Thornton called for an Executive Session regarding potential litigation at 7:55 p.m. and expected to last 20 minutes with no action to be taken afterwards. City Attorney Dan Kearns facilitated.

Mayor Thornton reopened the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. No action was taken.

**13 ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor Greg Thornton

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Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk

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