

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Rick Von Rock, and Jim Hill. Councilmember Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/5/17 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Facade Improvement Grant – Eastern Washington University (EWU) Business

Program: Michael Gray, EWU Student, commented that he and his cohorts conducted an outreach to the local merchants that resulted in very little interest in the \$15,000 grant. Since the purpose of the grant was for the beautification of the city, the EWU students provided the following recommendations.

1. Allocate the monies to the Veteran's Memorial Park.
2. New mural for the downtown area.
3. More streetscape and benches in the downtown thoroughfare.

Anchor Point Subarea Plan: Planning Manager Tammy Baraconi commented that the City was contacted by the owners of the property known as Anchor Point. The City was asked to consider doing a subarea plan of said property. She provided an overview of the public outreach conducted by BergerABAM and the Planning Commission. She provided the recommendations from the Planning Commission. Gibbs & Olson President Rich Gushman provided an overview of the Subarea Plan. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Renewal:** Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs Lobbying Services
2. **Appointment:** Edward Schamel to replace Bob Smith's position on the Park Board
3. **Interlocal Agreement:** Cowlitz County 'Bid Idea' Tourism Funds for the Master Wayfinding Signage System
4. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,229,180.12

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,229,180.12,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Anthony Currena, from Kelso, spoke about ADA accessible ramps on city sidewalks and animal control service.

Chris Turner, from Longview, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan. She provided a letter and pictures to the Council regarding the Anchor Point property.

Don Lemmons, from Kelso, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan.

Linda Horst, from Kelso, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan. She provided a letter to the Council regarding the plan.

Chester Makinster, Economic Development Council Board Member, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan.

Gary Wallace, from Kalama, spoke about alternate development options for the Anchor Point property.

Casey Winters, an Anchor Point property owner, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan.

Ted Sprague, Cowlitz Economic Development Council President, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan.

Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County Commissioner, spoke about the proposed Anchor Point Subarea Plan.

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA) Chair; spoke about SKNA's involvement with the Kelso School District, current activities, and upcoming events.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2018 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Allocation Recommendation: City Manager Steve Taylor commented that there were issues with two applications for funding. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Reject the LTAC recommendation for now and send it back for LTAC to reconsider the two mentioned applications.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

WSDOT Connecting WA Design Interlocal Agreement – Funding for South Kelso Railroad Crossing Environmental Clearance Project: Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Authorize the Staff to enter into the agreement with WSDOT,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 17-1187 – Adopt Anchor Point Subarea Plan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 17-1187, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE ANCHOR POINT SUBAREA PLAN,' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that there will be an executive session after the regular meeting. 2) Announced that this is the 15th consecutive year that Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield received the Professional Finance Officer Award from the Washington Financial Officers Association.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: Commented that the 2017 Highlander Festival attendance count was around 6,000 for the 4th consecutive year.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Rick Von Rock: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Spoke about homelessness in the community. 2) Commented that the Council has not had a pay increase in 10 years. Discussion followed. The Council directed staff to place a Council pay increase item on the next meeting agenda.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

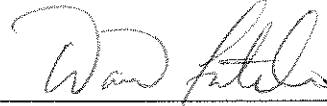
At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss potential litigation. The executive session is expected to last approximately 15 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that executive session would be extended 10 more minutes.

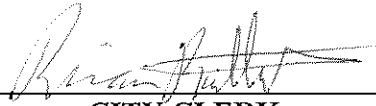
At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that executive session would be extended 5 more minutes.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK