

GRAYS HARBOR  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 21, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Alstrom at 7:00 p.m. Flag salute was held and attendance was called.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

➤ Members:

- City Councilmember Tim Alstrom (City of Aberdeen)
- City Councilmember John Lynn (City of Ocean Shores)
- City Councilmember Holly Plackett (City of Ocean Shores)
- City Councilmember John Pellegrini (City of Hoquiam)
- Commissioner Chuck Caldwell (Port of Grays Harbor)
- Commissioner Russ Skolrood (Grays Harbor PUD)
- Allison Grubbs (Timberland Regional Library)
- Councilwoman Clarinda “Pies” Underwood (Quinault Indian Nation)
- Ken Mehin (Grays Harbor Transit)

➤ Staff:

- Vicki Cummings, Executive Director
- Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator

A quorum was established.

➤ Guests:

Ray Brown  
Don Williams

3. **GHCOG BUSINESS**

➤ **Action: Approval of Current Meeting Agenda**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the current meeting Agenda.

*John Lynn made a motion to approve; second, John Pellegrini. Motion passed unanimously.*

➤ **Action: Approval of June 2016 Minutes**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the June 2016 Minutes.

*John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, Clarinda “Pies” Underwood. Motion passed unanimously.*

➤ **Administrative Sub-Council Report**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, reported that July claims and June payroll were reviewed and approved.

➤ **Action: Approval of July Claims Batch #16-07 and July Payroll**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the July Claims, Batch #16-07 in the amount of \$4,512.26 and July 2016 Payroll in the amount of \$13,985.44.

*John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, Clarinda “Pies” Underwood. Motion passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

➤ **Action: Approval of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roadway Emphasis Areas Strategies**

Vicki Cummings went over the strategies for Grays Harbor’s portion of the Roadway Emphasis Areas that were presented at the June GHCOG board meeting. The strategies were discussed individually by the board members and approved for inclusion in the RTP.

*John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, Ken Mehin. Motion passed unanimously.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

4. **ALL- STAFF REPORT**

➤ **Vicki Cummings, Executive Director**

- Attended SWPTO meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Approved Bike/Ped Plan for RTP.
- Working on updating the Freight Mobility Plan for GH County.
- WSDOT Olympic Region has many projects scheduled for GH in 2017.
- Still looking for funding opportunities for Ocean Shores erosion stabilization.

➤ **Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator**

- 2017-2022 local TIP’s finalized with local entities.
- July STIP Amendments for local entities.
- Preparing for Westport Park Plan.
- Helped with Wishkah Road Flood Study Open House.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- None

6. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **Quinault Indian Nation, Clarinda “Pies” Underwood**

- Attended meeting about planning needs.
- Wants to increase emergency planning.

➤ **Grays Harbor PUD, Commissioner Russ Skolrood**

- Finished the PUD newsletter.

- City of Hoquiam, City Councilmember John Pellegrini
  - Ballot measure this fall to replace an ambulance.
  - Proposal to change the marijuana ordinance distances, but it did not pass.
  - On a review team for WA Coastal Restoration Initiative for grant funding.
  - Was asked to be on the Consolidation Task Force for our cities, but was unable.
- City of Ocean Shores, City Councilmember Holly Plackett
  - Bikers at the Beach is July 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Port of Grays Harbor, Commissioner Chuck Caldwell
  - Still working to liquidate the 100,000 sq. ft. of business space at Satsop.
  - Starting to work on 2017 Budget.
- Grays Harbor Transit, Ken Mehin
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> month of labor negotiations.
  - Free downtown shuttle starting in September.
- Timberland Regional Library, Allison Grubbs
  - Union negotiations have started.
  - New Service, SELF-e, for self-publishing e-books.
  - Great E-Service story in newsletter about a digital magnifier from the Aberdeen Library that found a new home/life at the Olympia Library and helped Joshua.
  - Amanda Park Library is now open at the Lake Quinault School.
  - Choose a contractor for Amanda Park and hope to start rehab by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- City of Ocean Shores, City Councilmember John Lynn
  - Working on South Razor Clam Bridge.
  - New homes continue to be built in Ocean Shores.
  - Greater Grays Harbor Showcase Tour is in North Beach on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Aberdeen, City Councilmember Tim Alstrom
  - Aberdeen is getting lots of compliments on the flower baskets. Thanks volunteers!
  - Art Walk and Rod Fest are July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Guest, Ray Brown
  - Inquired why WSDOT is retrofitting fish culverts and bridges for fish passage.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Tim Alstrom  
Chair

Date

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Vicki Cummings  
Executive Director

Date