

GRAYS HARBOR
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting, held in the Port of Grays Harbor Commission Chambers, Aberdeen, 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 Robert Parnell (City of Westport)
 - City Councilmember Carl Sperring (City of Cosmopolis)
 - City Councilmember John Pellegrini (City of Hoquiam)
 - Mayor Jim Sorensen (City of Elma)
 - Michael Cardwell (Quinault Indian Nation)
 - Commissioner Russ Skolrood (Grays Harbor PUD)
 - Ken Mehin (Grays Harbor Transit)
- Staff:
 - Vicki Cummings, Executive Director
 - Theresa Julius, GIS Coordinator
 - Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator

A quorum was established.

3. **GHCOG BUSINESS**

- **Action: Approval of Current Meeting Agenda**
Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the current meeting Agenda.

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, Carl Sperring. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Action: Approval of April 2017 Minutes**
Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the April 2017 Minutes.

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, John Lynn. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Administrative Sub-Council Report**
Chairman, Tim Alstrom, reported that May claims and May payroll were reviewed and approved.

➤ **Action: Approval of May Claims Batch #17-05 and May Payroll**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the May Claims, Batch #17-05 in the amount of \$4,158.85 and May 2017 Payroll in the amount of \$14,316.83.

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve; second, Carl Sperring. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Discussion: WSDOT EV Infrastructure Pilot Program**

The originally proposed EV charging station corridor project from Elma to Ocean Shores was not able to be pulled together in time to apply, partially due to the Quinault Indian Nation determining they would not be ready to apply. As Ocean Shores was the location that completed the corridor it made the Aberdeen location unviable, so Vicki partnered with the Pacific County and they pulled together a grant to apply for an Elma to Ilawco EV charging station corridor to connect drivers to the southern 101 EV charging stations. Thank you to everyone who put in their time and support on this grant application.

➤ **Discussion: GHCOG June Board Meeting New Start Time, 6:30pm**

A general reminder that the May 2017 GHCOG Board Meeting will be starting at the new time of 6:30pm. The Administrative Sub-Council meetings will now start at 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Action: Resolution #613, GHCOG 2017 Budget, Amendment #1**

The actual 2017 Beginning Fund balance has been increased to \$169,607 to accurately reflect the current funds in the GHCOG “Cash Held by County Treasurer” account as of 12/31/2016. The 2017 Ending Fund Balance is adjusted to \$160,647 due to the reconciliation of the accounts for 2016 of the Beginning Fund Balance.

Jim Sorensen made a motion to approve; second, Carl Sperring. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ALL- STAFF REPORT

➤ **Vicki Cummings, Executive Director**

- Final Wishkah Flood Study Open House was May 3rd.
- Completing final chapter/CIP of Westport Park Plan.
- Attended RTPO Freight Stakeholders meeting in Chehalis.
- Met with Elma City Council and GH County Lodging Tax Advisory committee to explain the EV project & ask for letter of support and funding support.
- Keeping STP projects on track has been taking a lot of time.

➤ **Theresa Julius, GIS Coordinator**

- Working with RTPO on Transportation Alternative project review and scoring team.
- Collecting data for a TRL Community Analysis Project.
- Worked on zoning map updates for McCleary.
- Worked with consultant on Ocean Shores Comp Plan map updates.
- Worked with the Port of Grays Harbor on a Satsop zoning map.

➤ **Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator**

- We had our 1st meeting with the Montesano Park Board on the Park Plan.
- Helped Theresa find data for the TRL Community Analysis Project.
- Support work for the EV grant application process.
- 2017 STP obligations have been a large focus in May to ensure we hit our target.
- 2018-2023 TIP building has started. Working with entities to build and review.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- None

7. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **Grays Harbor Transit, Ken Mehin**

- Finished ATU labor union negotiations.
- New Bus book is out.
- Sunday bus service started May 6th.
- GPS is live and going great!
- Start union negotiations with WA Public Employee Association soon.

➤ **Quinault Indian Nation, Michael Cardwell**

- Five youths made it to State in various sports divisions.
- May 21st thru 24th is EMS Week.
- Week of May 22nd Michael will be at the Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians.
- Michael will be presenting at the FEMA conference at the end of May.
- Participating in GH Museum Passport Celebration. Michael will have his artwork on display at the Quinault Cultural Museum on June 5th and 6th.
- Michael is attending the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network Meeting.
- President Sharp was in DC to testify on the house appropriation subcommittee.
- Got a body armor grant for the police dog.
- The Quinault Indian Nation met with the Renewable Energy Group.

➤ **City of Elma, Mayor Jim Sorensen**

- East Main Street Project is well under way.
- Having a real estate shortage in Elma.

➤ **City of Ocean Shores, City Councilmember John Lynn**

- House Bill 1201 has been signed and helps the convention center contract.
- LED TIB program should be approved soon.
- PT Brown design survey went out to the public and results will be discussed.
- June 10th is Flag Day.
- Kiwanis Club distributed scholarships.
- End of June is the Sand and Sawdust Festival.
- Ocean Shores has 4 council positions open and lots of people running.

➤ **City of Westport, City Councilmember Robert Parnell**

- Shoreline Master Plan has been approved.
- Working on Park Plan with GHCOG.
- Approved working with PUD on TIB LED street lighting.
- Purchased an event tent that is 50x100, but can be as small as 50x50.

