

GRAYS HARBOR
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 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 6:30 p.m. Attendance was called.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

➤ **Members:**

- City Councilmember Tim Alstrom (City of Aberdeen)
- City Councilmember John Lynn (City of Ocean Shores)
- Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff (City of Hoquiam)
- City Councilmember Carl Sperring (City of Cosmopolis)
- Mayor Jim Sorensen (City of Elma)
- Mayor Rob Bearden (City of Westport)
- Allison Grubbs (Timberland Regional Library)
- Mayor Brent Schiller (City of McMcleary)
- City Council Member Anthony Chung (City of Montesano)
- Ken Mehin (Grays Harbor Transit)

➤ **Staff:**

- Vicki Cummings, Executive Director
- Theresa Julius, GIS Coordinator
- Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator

➤ **Guest:**

- Stephanie Reece, Circulation Supervisor/Interim Aberdeen Library Manager
- Gina Rawlings, Ocean Shores Resident

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 Lynn made a motion to approve; second, Jasmine Dickhoff. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ **Action: Approval of September 2017 Minutes**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the September 2017 Minutes.

Carl Sperring made a motion to approve; second, Ken Mehin. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ **Administrative Sub-Council Report**

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

➤ **Action: Approval of October Claims Batch #17-10 and October Payroll**

Chairman, Tim Alstrom, asked for approval of the October Claims, Batch #17-10 in the amount of \$5,757.82 and October 2017 Payroll in the amount of \$14,316.83.

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

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Discussion: Dec. 14th Annual Budget/Dinner Meeting**

GHCOG staff informed the board that there were no caterers available for the Annual Dinner Meeting, scheduled to be held in the Port Commission Chambers. Staff suggested that GHCOG provide appetizers and desert for the meeting. Board members are welcome to bring an appetizer/finger food or treat if they would like, but it is not expected. Staff suggested planning for the annual dinner meeting event much farther in advance next year due to the high demand on restaurants and caters in our small community during the month of December.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ None

4. ALL- STAFF REPORT

➤ **Vicki Cummings, Executive Director**

- STP Meeting with TAC on Nov 8th for policy update and funding array.
- Had an EPA Brownfields Kickoff Meeting
- Met with Ferry Service Group about reviving the Ocean Shores/Westport Ferry.
- Nov 1st is WSDOT County Wide Coordination Meeting.
- Attended the RTPO Meeting.
- Working on the Hoquiam Park Plan.
- Working on the Capital Facilities Plan for Aberdeen.

➤ **Theresa Julius, GIS Coordinator**

- An updated Demo Brochure is available.
- Updated website content.
- A new Public Funding Newsletter is available.
- Met with the Ocean Shores consultant on a land use update for their Comp Plan.
- Working on the Monte Park Plan.
- Attended the Flood Authority Meeting in Cosmopolis today.

➤ **Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator**

- Preparing for the TAC Meeting on November 8th.
- Continue to work on the 2018 Budget and finance preparations.
- Research and calling trying to make plans for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

7. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ Grays Harbor Transit, Ken Mehin

- Monday, October 23rd the Token Transit, paperless bus pass app goes live.
- Purchased property next to the transit station for current and future needs.

➤ City of Ocean Shores, City Councilmember John Lynn

- Lots of home sales in Ocean Shores, so many there is quite a wait on inspections.
- Galloway Bay Irish Festival is the week of October 23rd.
- Continue to work on Razor Clam Bridge.
- Bike/Walking Path project is coming along and will be used to do a program with school on bicycle safety.

➤ City of Westport, Mayor Rob Bearden

- Reach the Beach was a big event and they are already planning for 2018.
- City bought property by Westhaven property to use as event rental/coordinate with renting the event tent.
- England Marine should be opening next month.
- Enjoyed the field trip to see the ferry operation.
- Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner event at McCausland Hall.

➤ City of McCleary, Mayor Brent Schiller

- Working on 2018 Budget.
- Had a public hearing for mental health building.
- Working on ROW phase of 3rd Street project.
- CERB grant to hire consultant for a Comprehensive/Strategic Plan.
- Wildcat detour is still in place.
- 15 new houses in McCleary this year.

➤ City of Elma, Mayor Jim Sorensen

- Working on the 2018 Budget.
- School District saw a spike of 40 new students.

➤ City of Cosmopolis, City Councilmember Carl Sperring

- Dam project poured last concrete for wing wall and may put project on hold for the winter due to weather.

➤ City of Hoquiam, Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff

- Pipeline project going out to bid.
- Want to bring back the summer parks program and have it run by young adults.
- Hoquiam Brewery opened. Looking at possibly leasing an additional building.
- Received a TIB grant for potholes.
- The building in the Farmer's Market lot has possible tenant wanting 10yr lease.
- The old Trio's building is bought and will be opening a breakfast/brunch bistro.
- LaVogue's building has been getting improvements done to it.
- Working at legislative level to get support to tax online businesses.
- Strongly encourages attending the AWC event next week. Great resources!

