

July 12, 2016

The Chehalis city council met in special session with the Lewis County Fire District 6 Commissioners on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Lewis County Fire District 6 meeting room. Mayor Dawes called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, and Chad Taylor. Tony Ketchum was absent (excused). Staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; and Ken Cardinale, Fire Chief. Fire District 6 Commissioners present included: Jeri Lux and Jim Martin. Kirk Johnston was absent (excused). Staff Present included: Fire Chief Tim Kinder and Attorney Tom Burke.

1. **Review and Consider Annexation Mitigation Agreement.** The city council held a special meeting with the Lewis County Fire District 6 Commissioners to review the proposed Annexation Mitigation Agreement that was discussed at the special meeting of June 30, 2016.

City Attorney Hillier reported the city requested one change to the Mitigation Agreement prepared by Fire District 6 Attorney Brian Snure. He noted the change had to do with how much notice had to be given under Section 8. City Attorney Hillier reported the draft agreement required one (1) year notice; however, since most annexations typically take less than one year, the city proposed to change that to three (3) months. He indicated he talked with Attorney Snure's Office and they agreed that three (3) months would be appropriate for this particular agreement.

City Manager MacReynold explained that the city could have a sole property owner who wants to annex into the city, and to hold it up for one year seemed unreasonable.

Attorney Tom Burke suggested the city could negotiate around that issue, noting in order for the District to get its ducks in a row, a little more time might be good.

City Attorney Hillier stated the city would agree with that in the future, but this would only apply to the three-year agreement. He noted the city does not project any significant annexations in the next two years.

City Manager MacReynold suggested the District is probably more concerned about the Urban Growth Area. He stated the city knows it's going to have to sit with the District to discuss any future annexations because it will have a significant impact, and the city respects that.

Councilor Spahr asked if the proposed Mitigation Agreement would have any bearing on future annexations.

City Attorney Hillier stated, no.

Commissioner Jim Martin stated it would only affect the current two annexations, adding any other annexation during the three-year period would require a separate agreement.

Mayor Dawes stated the agreement really didn't apply to the school annexation because nobody fought it. He reported it will actually take the tax off the role because it becomes public property; therefore, it's not subject to tax.

Councilor Spahr inquired about the statutory asset transfer.

City Attorney Hillier stated, because the city took such a small percentage of the District, the city has no right to acquire any of their assets.

Councilor Harris moved to accept and enter into the Annexation Mitigation Agreement, as presented, between the city and Fire District 6.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

The Fire District 6 Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the Annexation Mitigation Agreement, as presented.

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Mayor Dawes suggested they look at some potential meeting dates to sit down and talk about the future, and to explore the potential of a RFA between the city and District 6. He noted the Committee for the city would include Councilors Lund and Spahr, and himself.

The Committee agreed to meet with the District Commissioners on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., starting on August 10, at the District 6 Station. Mayor Dawes stated he would like to have the two fire chiefs and City Manager MacReynold attend the meetings, as well.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 6:39: p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

**I move that the council approve the minutes of the special city council meeting of July 12, 2016.**