

February 3, 2020

The Chehalis City Council met in special session on Monday, February 3, 2020, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with the following council members present: Jerry Lord, Daryl Lund, Dr. Isaac Pope, and Bob Spahr. Councilors Tony Ketchum and Chad Taylor were absent (excused). Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Kiley Franz, Administrative Assistant; Trent Lougheed, Public Works Director; Devlan Pool, Wastewater Superintendent; Brandon Rakes, Airport Operations Coordinator; Don Schmitt, Street/Storm Superintendent; and Dave Vasilauskas, Water Superintendent. Members of the Port present included Commissioners Mark Anders; Mark Giffey; and Ken Kostick; and Randy Mueller, CEO.

1. Joint Workshop with the Port of Chehalis Commissioners. Mayor Dawes began the discussion by expressing his appreciation of the positive working relationship the City shared with the Port.

Randy Mueller gave an update regarding Port activities. He explained the mission of the Port was to grow and diversify the local economy and to foster high quality job creation. While large scale manufacturing is declining, the need for smaller business spaces are on the rise.

City Manager Anderson gave a brief update regarding the major projects that the City is working on including a new fire station, completion of the renovation of Recreation Park, the feasibility of 9-1-1 dispatch being provided by another entity, and updating of the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

Randy Mueller provided an overview of flooding issues at the Port of Chehalis. The negative impacts of flooding on Port businesses and their employees were discussed, as well as needed culvert replacements.

Development challenges with a Port owned industrial site on Bishop Road were briefly discussed. The Port Commissioners asked the City Council if they would prefer business or residential units on the property. Mayor Dawes expressed his belief that City and Port staff could work together to find the best fit for the property.

Trent Lougheed then presented a map of the City's urban growth area. Water treatment, water rights, and capacity were discussed.

The meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm at 5:53 pm and resumed at 6:09 pm. During this time, Councilors Lund, Pope, and Spahr left, resulting in the City Council no longer having a quorum. Mayor Dawes noted the absence of a quorum and that no action would be taken.

There was brief discussion about the city's sewer capacity and future growth in the Port district.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

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