



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Golston** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**Mayor Golston** led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Council

Mayor Joshua Golston	Present
Matt Hartman	Present
Tess Greene	Present
Suzie Ashworth	Absent
Tom Collins	Absent
Tom FitzGerald	Present

City Staff

Deputy City Clerk Becky Aiken  
City Administrator Brent Kirk

Consultants

Tom Graafstra, Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.  
Deputy Tom Dalton, SCSO  
Warren Perkins, Gray & Osborne, Inc.  
Ray Sturtz, Community Planning Services

**Councilmember Greene** moved to excuse Councilmember Ashworth due to family matters. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hartman and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to excuse Councilmember Collins due to a previous engagement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Greene and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 135-2015 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2015.**
- B. AB 136-2015 Approval of October 21, 2015 Claims Checks #405348 through #405381 totaling \$273,329.24.**
- C. AB 137-2015 Approval of September 16, 2015 to September 30, 2015 Payroll Checks #27811 through #27819 and Ten EFT's totaling \$41,111.38.**

**Councilmember Hartman** moved to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Greene and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

**Councilmember FitzGerald** asked about the location and width of the park stairs.

**City Administrator Kirk** talked about the increase in Waste Management fees in January, TAC Committee Representative and Alternate.

Will place TAC representative on the November 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON ACTION ITEMS**

**Kristi Everett, 21419 Wait Mill Road, Granite Falls, WA 98252**

Mrs. Everett is with Unchained Washington and is working on a tethering and containment ordinance with Pasado's.

(Public Comments halted due to the start of the Public Hearing.)

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. AB 115-2015 Continued Public Hearing – 7:10 PM For Consideration of the 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan Update**

**Ray Sturtz, Community Planning Services, 15122-169<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223**

**Consultant Sturtz** explained this hearing was continued from August 19, 2015 in order to receive additional testimony, new information and exhibits. It also provided the Planning Commission time to recommend amendments in response to the Washington State Department of Commerce review regarding the Transportation Element. Most of these amendments relied on a city-wide traffic study that was not completed until late September.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to open the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Greene and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

*No one from the audience chose to testify.*

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Greene and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**Councilmember Greene** moved the City Council direct staff to prepare the appropriate findings of fact and an ordinance to approve the Planning Commission recommended 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan as presented in Exhibits 2 and 14. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hartman and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**Councilmember Hartman** moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON ACTION ITEMS (Continued)**

### **Kristi Everett, 21419 Wait Mill Road, Granite Falls, WA 98252**

Mrs. Everett handed out draft copies of the ordinance to the Council and staff for review. She mentioned the proposed timing for allowing tethering and her willingness to be an animal control officer for free to help with enforcement.

### **B. AB 138-2015 Consideration of Approval of BIAS Contract for 2016 Software Services and Authorization for the Mayor to Sign.**

**Councilmember Greene** moved to approve the 2016 Software Services Agreement with BIAS and Authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

*Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

## **8. CURRENT BUSINESS (None)**

## **9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Golston** mentioned this is his final meeting as Mayor. He voiced his appreciation to the staff and Council, urged citizens to vote for the change in government, and how it has been an honor to serve the citizens.

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Councilmember Hartman** thanked Mayor Golston.

**Councilmember Greene** thanked Mayor Golston for everything he has done. She looks forward to coming back to meetings and see the goodness continue on.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** talked about attendance at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting, theft at the Little League field and reminded everyone to vote. He thanked Mayor Golston for his service to the community.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Golston** adjourned the meeting.

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City Clerk Darla Reese, CMC

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Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Hartman