



# City of Longview

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## Minutes - Final - Corrected City Council

**Mayor Don Jensen**  
**Council Member Ken Botero**  
**Council Member Chet Makinster**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink**  
**Council Member Steve Moon**  
**Council Member Scott Vydra**  
**Council Member Michael Wallin**

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Thursday, October 8, 2015

7:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

2. **INVOCATION\*/FLAG SALUTE**

*Following observance of a moment of silent reflection, the flag salute was recited.*

3. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Makinster, Mayor Pro Tem Melink, Council Member Moon, Council Member Wallin and Council Member Vydra

**Excused:** 1 - Council Member Botero

### **STAFF PRESENT**

*City Manager David Campbell; City Attorney James McNamara, and City Clerk Kaylee Cody.*

*Also present: Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; John Brickey, Director of Community Development; Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Todd Dodgin, Information Technology Director; Jim Duscha, Police Chief; Phil Jurmu, Fire Chief; Chris Skaugset, Library Director; Chris Smith, Human Resources Director; Curt Nedved, Parks Maintenance Manager; Amy Blain, Engineer; and Manuel Abarca, Engineering Coordinator.*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On a motion duly made and passed, the reading of the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 24, 2015, copies of which had been submitted to the Mayor*

and members of the City Council, was waived and the minutes were approved as if read.

[MN 15-0299](#)

**COUNCIL MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

**Attachments:**     [09242015 Final Minutes](#)

**5.     CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*City Manager David Campbell announced that the Presentation of Sponsorship for Turkey Trot and Breakfast with Santa from Comcast's Tess Fields would be postponed until the October 22, 2015 regular Council meeting.*

**6.     PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

[15-4013](#)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2015**

**Attachments:**     [Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2015.pdf](#)

*Mayor Jensen read the proclamation and presented it to Laura Haulsey and Joey Matthews, representatives from the Emergency Support Shelter. Ms. Haulsey and Ms. Matthews shared the positive impact the shelter has had on the community over the last year, and thanked the Council for their support. Those who need help are now able to obtain it through the shelter. Ms. Haulsey informed Council that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and many businesses are supporting the cause. For example, Stylemasters is offering purple hair extensions and many citizens are lighting their porches with purple light bulbs to show their support. Mayor Jensen thanked Ms. Haulsey and Ms. Matthews for their work with the organization.*

[15-4027](#)

**PRESENTATION OF SPONSORSHIP FOR TURKEY TROT AND  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA- TESS FIELDS, COMCAST**

*This presentation was postponed until the October 22nd, 2015, regular Council meeting.*

**7.     CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)**

*Ken Spring of Longview addressed Council to voice his concerns on several issues. Mr. Spring is concerned with the City's spending in regards to the water supply, and suggested that the City return to the Fishers Lane plant. Mr. Spring is concerned about the effect of the new water supply on his appliances and garden, and explained to Council that he uses bottled water for cooking even. Mr. Spring is also concerned about the length of time it has taken to complete the Washington Way Bridge project. The Bridge seems to be excessive in comparison to the actual needs of the Community. Additionally, Mr. Spring shared his disappointment that the R.A. Long statue will be moved.*

*In response to Mr. Spring's concerns, Mayor Jensen asked City Manager David Campbell whether the Washington Way Bridge project was on track to be completed by September 23rd, as advertised at the location of the project. City Manager Campbell responded that the project is slated to be completed by November 3rd. Mayor Jensen also asked if the City had considered reopening the Fishers Lane Plant as a temporary solution to the City's water issues. Public Works Director Jeff Cameron explained that it is a permitting issue, rather than an equipment issue, and it could take years to receive the proper permitting.*

*Chuck Wallace of Longview addressed Council in regards to the proposed traffic signal at Mark Morris Court and 15th Avenue. Mr. Wallace explained that he works for Columbia Security, a company hired by the school district to supervise the crossing, and he has seen first hand that the real problem is the drivers, not the students. Mr. Wallace claims that there have been minimal instances in which a student caused a problem at the crossing. Mr. Wallace recommended that the City move away from traffic signals and other complicated routes when we could be using alternatives, such as roundabouts. Mr. Wallace believes that a traffic signal is only a short term solution to the problem.*

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

[15-4035](#)

**2015 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GRANT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:** Address quality of place issues

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** N/A

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Neighborhood Park Grant Program is a capital program (budgeted in the capital projects fund) initiated by the city council as a means of giving community groups the opportunity to improve and invest in their parks, and enables the city to stretch its capital funds. Annually since 1997, the parks and recreation board has evaluated applications from neighborhood and community groups, sports organizations, service clubs, and occasionally individuals. The board's recommendations are then presented to the council for final approval.

The \$25,000 that the council historically budgeted each year for the NPG Program has been used to fund a wide variety of projects. (See the attached list of past sponsors and their projects.) Along with whatever city funds are approved, project applicants are required to fully fund and complete the project and then submit for reimbursement 50% of the project. Funding of projects by groups, organizations, and individuals have included in kind donations of labor and materials, cash, and volunteer hours; when the project is complete they will have covered at least a 1:1 ratio, and sometimes much more.

The NPG Program is normally quite competitive, receiving more requests for funding than available. Project applications are evaluated on the basis of community need, community impact (who will benefit from the project), extent of facility usage or available throughout the year, project life span, cost-benefit, future maintenance requirements, readiness to proceed, partnering, enhancement of safety and security, and other factors.

Last February the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board solicited project proposals for the 2015 NPG Program. Four applications were submitted and

recommended to council for funding. The projects totaled \$18,826, worth a total of at least \$37,652 in park improvements. This year marked the first time that the \$25,000 budgeted amount was not fully allocated at the outset. The board decided to re-open the program this summer and solicit new applications for the unallocated funds of \$6,174.

As a result, we received two new project proposals. The new proposals include a gravel path at the off-leash dog park at Gerhart Gardens and a clean-up and painting project at Cloney Skate Park. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met last month to review the applications and submits the recommendations as shown on the attached matrix, which includes all projects for 2015, for council consideration. Copies of the two newly-received applications are attached.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendations using the remaining funds from the 2015 Neighborhood Park Grant Program.

**Attachments:**     [Park Grant Summary 1997 - 2014](#)  
                              [Matrix- Grants 2015](#)  
                              [Gerhart Off Leash Dog Park Gravel Path Project Application](#)  
                              [Cloney Skate Park Cleanup and Painting Project Application](#)

*Park Maintenance Manager Curt Nedved presented a slide show of the proposed projects to be funded by a Neighborhood Park Grant that had not been fully appropriated earlier in the year. The Parks and Recreation Department solicited for applications in July and received an application from CRETE to clean and paint the Cloney Skate Park. An application was also received from Friends of the Leash Areas to install a gravel path at Gerhart Gardens. The total cost of both projects is \$5,257.00. \$917.00 would still remain in the fund for a future proposed project.*

*Council Member Moon asked if a representative from the CRETE could step forward and explain the project at the skate park. Nicholas Nuniez of Longview explained that the program was started not only to clean up the skate park, but to offer students from the school district and LCC an opportunity to earn extra school credit. Local businesses will also benefit from promotional advertising for the project.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Steve Moon, seconded by Council Member Scott Vydra, that this matter be approved. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10.     ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

[15-4044](#)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2153-SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Council Initiative: Effective Financial Management

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The equipment identified in Exhibit "A" of the attached resolution has been determined by staff to be no longer needed. Before these items can be sold, traded-in, or otherwise disposed of, they must be declared surplus. This resolution will declare these items surplus and authorize the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of it.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the resolution declaring the equipment identified in Exhibit "A" surplus and authorize the City Manager to sell or dispose of it in the most advantageous manner.

**Attachments:**     [Surplus Lists 10-08-15 FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Resolution Surplus of Property Oct 2015.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink, seconded by Council Member Scott Vydra, that this resolution be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

**11.     MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**11. A             MAYOR'S REPORT**

**11. B             COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**12.     CONSENT CALENDAR**

*There being no items the Council wished removed from the Consent Calendar, a motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.*

[15-4039](#)

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

**FIRST HALF OCTOBER 2015 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,716,736.17**

**SECOND HALF SEPTEMBER 2015 PAYROLL:**

\$63,910.72, Checks No. 206443-206459  
\$635,006.76, direct deposits  
\$801,753.84, wire transfers  
\$1,500,671.32 Total

*Final audited claims amount: \$1,716,478.99. Checks issued: 338911 through 339220.*

[15-4040](#)

**LIABILITY CLAIMS/LAWSUITS**

The claim(s)/lawsuit(s) listed below was/were received by the City. Where applicable, the claim(s)/lawsuit(s) have been/are being researched and/or reviewed by Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). The claim(s)/lawsuit(s) status is/are as follows:

**NEW:**

Sandra Schmartz, DOI: 09/22/2015. Claimant alleges that a Longview Police Officer backed into the claimant's car in a parking lot, causing damage to the claimant's vehicle. Amount unspecified.

**SETTLED:**

Marina Pisarchuk, DOI: 06/25/2015. Claimant alleged that the sewer backed up into her home and costs were incurred to clear the line. \$664.20 paid.

[PROJ #81](#)**PROJECT COMPLETE CERTIFICATION - 2015 WATERLINE  
REPLACEMENT PHASE 2 - ST. HELENS NO. 1****COUNCIL INITIATIVES ADDRESSED:**

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A****SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This action is to certify that the 2015 Waterline Replacement Phase 2 - St. Helens No. 1 project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications under Contract No. 15-0193B-W entered into between the City of Longview and Advanced Excavating Specialists LLC, and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to accept and approve as complete the 2015 Waterline Replacement Phase 2 - St. Helens No. 1 project.

[15-4037](#)**SET PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE  
2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET****COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Council Initiative: Continued effective financial management of the City

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED****SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

RCW 84.55.120 requires cities that collect regular property tax levies to hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the following year's current expense budget. The hearing must include consideration of possible increases in the property tax revenues and shall be held prior to the time that the City levies the taxes or makes the request to have the taxes levied. Adoption of the 2016 property tax levy and Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance has been scheduled for November 19, 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to set public hearing on 2016 proposed current expense budget revenue sources for November 19, 2015

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**[15-4038](#)**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CH2M FOR WATER SUPPLY REVIEW PHASE II FEASIBILITY STUDY****COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A****SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On August 27, 2015, the City Council considered the recommendation of the Water Supply Review Customer Advisory Committee (CAC) to develop a new water source on the Cowlitz River utilizing Ranney collector wells, and directed staff to prepare a contract amendment to further evaluate the feasibility of developing a new water source. CH2M has developed a feasibility study scope of work to assess potential siting, capacity, water quality and treatment requirements of a future Ranney well water supply.

The scope of work includes several components with each ensuing activity based on the results of the prior activity to incrementally develop site specific information while controlling costs. Major components of work include:

- Exploratory Test Drilling (three potential sites)
- Detailed Aquifer Testing (one preferred site)
- Engineering Analysis
- Community Outreach
- Project Management
- Option for detailed aquifer analysis at a second site

Site investigation will focus on the following three locations: North Lexington (Riverside Park); South Lexington (near Rocky Point); and the Fishers Lane WTP. The potential fourth site south of the Hall of Justice was dropped from consideration due to its proximity to and potential to negatively influence Kelso's Ranney well on the opposite bank. At each site, a small diameter test well will be drilled, followed by short duration stepped rate pumping tests and analysis of water samples to characterize the basic hydrogeology and assess general water quality.

Based on the findings of the initial site investigation, one preferred site will be identified and further evaluated to determine specific aquifer properties and more detailed water quality. A larger diameter test well will be installed along with several monitoring wells to determine productivity, drawdown, river effects, and other factors which ultimately control the size, depth, spacing and number of collector wells and laterals needed. Additional laboratory testing will be conducted to determine water quality and water chemistry and

identify treatment requirements and transitional distribution system impacts.

For each site, numerous agreements and permits must be obtained prior to the start of testing and in order to discharge water back to the Cowlitz River during extended pump testing. The ability to obtain these permits and permissions in a timely fashion will determine the overall project schedule:

- Temporary Right of Entry and Construction Agreements (each property owner)
- Shorelines permits (City of Longview and Cowlitz County)
- Well drilling start card (Dept of Ecology)
- Hydraulic Project Approval (Dept of Fish and Wildlife)
- Water Quality Certification (Dept of Ecology)
- Encroachment Permit (CDID#1 and Corps of Engineers joint review)

The results of the initial site investigation and detailed aquifer testing will be evaluated and reported separately to provide decision points for moving ahead with the feasibility study. CH2M will also re-engage the CAC to help disseminate information to the public and encourage the community to participate in the decision making process. The proposed scope includes a continuation of public outreach activities to provide information gathering, education, and community input opportunities.

If the results of the first detailed aquifer test prove unfavorable, an optional task is identified to perform detailed aquifer testing at a second site. If all sites prove unfavorable, installation and testing of exploratory test wells at additional sites would incur additional costs to remobilize the drilling contractor and conduct the additional testing.

Copies of the proposed scope of work and anticipated schedule are attached for review. Major milestones identified in the schedule include:

- Oct 14, 2015 - Notice to Proceed
- Nov 02, 2015 - Begin drilling exploratory test wells
- Dec 22, 2015 - Publish Exploratory Well Report
- Jan 5, 2016 - CAC Meeting 1
- Jan 28, 2016 - City Council Update
- Feb 11, 2016 - Begin detailed aquifer testing
- Apr 20, 2016 - Publish Aquifer Test Report
- Apr 27, 2016 - CAC Meeting 2
- May 04, 2016 - Open House
- May 19, 2016 - Joint Council / BHWSD Workshop
- June 9, 2016 - City Council Decision

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

The cost of the proposed contract amendment is \$327,550, not including optional tasks. Sufficient funds remain in the Regional Water Supply Project budget to pay for this work.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**



Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment with CH2M for Phase II of the water supply review project.

**Attachments:**     [Water Supply Review Phase II Scope of Work - Draft 10.01.15](#)  
                              [Water Supply Review Phase II Schedule V3](#)  
                              [Presentation - Water Supply Review Phase 2](#)

*Council Member Melink requested to know how the three sites to drill test holes were determined, and whether existing well logs were reviewed before the decision. Public Works Director Jeff Cameron responded that the consultants reviewed Kelso's exploratory logs from when their Ranney Well Collector was constructed, and additionally, the consultants walked along the river bank and identified potential sites based on the geological likeability of a successful well.*

*Council Member Melink asked where the current Ranney Well is located in Kelso. Director Cameron responded that the well is located near the train station on the Kelso riverbank. Council Member Melink asked about the current status of Kelso's Ranney Well. Director Cameron responded that Kelso's Ranney is aging and that Kelso is exploring supplemental or replacement water sources due to challenges with the current Ranney's horizontal collectors.*

*Council Member Melink questioned why Kelso had not considered refurbishing or updating the equipment at the current Ranney collector, adding that it seemed odd that Kelso was looking for a new source of water. Director Cameron was unable to provide specific information about Kelso's direction.*

*Council Member Melink asked if the consultants would be able to provide a more accurate cost estimate after the holes have been drilled and tested, or if the cost would still vary. Currently, the estimate ranges from approximately 30 million to nearly 50 million. Director Cameron explained that while the tests will give the consultants a better idea of the costs for the equipment needed, the site cost and the pumping cost, there would still be uncertainty about the cost of treatment.*

*Brad Phelps of CH2M stepped forward to address Council regarding Council Member Melink's questions. Mr. Phelps emphasized what Director Cameron had explained, that the treatment cost is the major factor. If the City can obtain a filtration credit, the costs of treatment will be significantly lower than if the water were treated as ground water under the influence of surface water. This is why the cost estimates vary so widely. These testings will allow the consultants to at least nail down the cost estimates for location, the needed depth of the well, the cost of the caisson and collector well, the pumping station and the distance of piping that would be required to transport the water to a treatment facility.*

*Council Member Melink asked if Kelso's current system can provide any insight, in terms of treatment required. Mr. Phelps responded that Kelso has iron manganese in their water; the probable situation is that Longview's water would be similar. However, the silica levels in the river are lower than the current water source.*

*Council Member Melink voiced a concern that the test pumping would only occur over a few days and whether that was an adequate length of time to determine the feasibility of a quality water supply. Mr. Phelps explained that though they start with three small holes that are tested over the course of 2-3 days, when the ideal hole is picked, they will do further and more lengthy testings.*

*Council Member Melink asked if it was true that CH2M could begin in a week. Mr. Phelps responded that the project would probably begin in later October.*

*Director Cameron added, in response to Council Member Melink's concerns about the testing period, that the Mint Farm testing had occurred over a course of 30-40 days because of it's location near the industrial area.*

*Council Member Makinster asked if the test holes would be inside the river or outside. Mr. Phelps responded that the wells will be on the shore of the river. Council member Makinster emphasized that he expects to know everything that is in the river from the testing, to avoid a silica problem.*

*Mayor Jensen asked if the silica will be lower. Mr. Phelps responded that they expect the silica levels to be lower than the City's current water source.*

*Council Member Melink added that though she will not be supporting the proposal, if the Council votes to move forward with the feasibility study, she requests that Value Engineering (peer review) be a step of the process after CH2M produces their report.*

*Steve Powell of Longview addressed Council regarding the water issue to make two observations. Firstly, Mr. Powell informed Council that Kelso has not ruled out upgrading their current Ranney Well. Additionally, Council Member Melink's concerns about a \$10 rate hike for citizens is unfounded, as it is too soon to say what the actual rate hike will be. Council Member Melink responded that based on the report, it is very unlikely that the rates will be on the lower end because they assume the lowest level of water treatment.*

*Council Member Wallin questioned why two test sites were eliminated from the feasibility study. Mayor Jensen responded that the Gerhart Gardens location was ruled out due to concerns about contamination from the dump. The location near the Hall of Justice was ruled out because of a concern that a Ranney Well constructed directly opposite of Kelso's Ranney might interfere with Kelso's system and vice versa.*

*Mayor Jensen added that if the test sites don't work out, more could be selected and tested.*

*Director Cameron confirmed that more sites could be tested, however, the price would be \$120,000. Mr. Cameron explained that he did not include this cost in the proposal because he wanted to ensure that Council would have to approve any further drilling and testing beyond the current three proposed.*

*Council Member Wallin asked how the locations were determined and whether there is an order of preference. Director Cameron responded that three preferred general areas had been selected and discussions with property owners have begun. Two of the three property owners are receptive to having a Ranney Well constructed on and/or near their property. The City owns one of the three sites. The preferred locations were determined by CH2M and Lane Engineering. Lane Engineering was involved with the Kelso Ranney Well when it was constructed, and at the time, they tested seven sites, which were all deemed to be successful locations. Currently there is no preference of the three selected sites. A preferred site will be determined by the tests.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Moon, seconded by Council Member Vydra, that this matter be approved . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Makinster, Council Member Moon, Council Member Wallin and Council Member Vydra

**Nayes:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Melink

[15-4036](#)**CONSIDER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 15TH AVENUE AND MARK MORRIS COURT****COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Improve Transportation Systems

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A****SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Longview School Zone Safety Study prepared by Kittelson and Associates recommended a higher level traffic control device at 15th Avenue and Mark Morris Court. Staff applied for grant funding and received a federal Pedestrian Safety grant to construct a traffic signal at the intersection. Installing a traffic signal would provide a signalized crossing for all pedestrians, improve vehicular access from Mark Morris Court onto 15th Avenue, and allow removal of the school zone and photo enforcement on 15th Avenue.

The City Council considered this traffic signal grant at workshops on August 13, 2015, and September 24, 2015, and directed staff to present the grant for final consideration at their October 8, 2015 meeting.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

The estimated cost of the traffic signal is \$327,000. The amount of the Pedestrian Safety grant is \$294,000, which requires a local match of \$33,000. The Longview School District Board has committed to pay \$15,000 of the local match; the remaining \$18,000 of the local match will be paid from the Public Safety Fund.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to accept the pedestrian safety grant and authorize staff to construct a traffic signal at 15th Avenue and Mark Morris Court, and remove the school zone on 15th Avenue upon completion of the traffic signal.

**Attachments:**     [Mark Morris Traffic Signal - 10.08](#)

[K Botero Letter - Mark Morris Crossing](#)

*Council Member Melink proposed an amendment to the original motion. Council Member Melink motioned to accept the pedestrian safety grant and authorize staff to construct a traffic signal at 15th Avenue at Mark Morris Court, to accept the additional funds from the school district to help fund the installation, but not to remove the school zone designation so that the speed limit may remain at 20 miles per hour.*

*Mayor Jensen questioned whether the speed zone could remain if a traffic signal were to be installed.*

*Council Member Melink asked whether the speed could be lowered to 20 if the school zone were removed.*

*Public Works Director Cameron responded that his understanding under the MUTCD's regulations is that you cannot have a school zone at a protected*

*intersection, because it is considered "controlled."*

*Council Member Melink motioned to accept the pedestrian safety grant and authorize staff to construct a traffic signal at 15th Avenue and Mark Morris Court, to accept the additional funds from the school district to help fund the installation, and to lower the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Council Member Melink's reasoning is that the higher speed would be a danger to the students and other pedestrians.*

*Mayor Jensen questioned Director Cameron on whether that would meet the traffic rules and regulations. Engineering Coordinator Manuel Abarca explained that an engineering study would have to be conducted to support lowering the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Engineering studies are based on what drivers are driving on a particular road, not the speed at which we would prefer them to drive. A study may show that the appropriate speed is actually 35 mph or 40 mph, and we would be required to abide by that finding or a driver could challenge the citation based on the engineering study. Mr. Abarca explained further that this does not apply to all roads; there are laws that allow agencies to change the speed limits on local roads, however, the laws do not apply to arterials or connectors. Mr. Abarca also added that a study is not needed when the school zone is removed because a traffic study was conducted on 15th avenue when it was originally assigned a speed limit of 30 mph.*

*Council Member Melink expressed frustration that we do not have the control over the speed limits, particularly in this situation when students could potentially be in danger if the speed limit was 30 mph.*

*Mayor Jensen asked Council Member Melink to clarify her motion. The motion would be to install the traffic signal, accept the funds from the School District, and lower the speed limit to 20-25 mph. Council Member Makinster seconded the motion.*

*Mr. Abarca explained that the traffic signal has been determined to be warranted, but that doesn't necessarily mean we have to support it's installation.*

*Council Member Wallin asked what the consequences of installing the signal would be. Mr. Abarca responded that the consequence would be raising the speed limit to 30 mph.*

*Director Cameron clarified for Council that the speed limit on 15th Ave is already 30 mph, and that it is only 20 mph during school hours.*

*Council Member Makinster stated that his priority is safety for the students, and that is why he seconded Council Member Melink's motion to keep the speed limit low. However, after listening to the discussion, it would seem that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph would be a real problem. Council Member Makinster stated his support for installing the traffic signal and withdrew his second for Council Member Melink's motion, stating that "If engineers say we should do it, the State says we should do it, and the School District says we should do it for safety, I'm not smart enough to outguess these guys."*

*Council Member Melink asked to make a final comment that the easiest way to protect the students would be to close the campus, though the School District has no intention of doing so. There has been a history of high schoolers not paying attention to the existing protections, and there is no reason to believe they would abide by a traffic signal. Council Member Melink also added that the Longview Police Department cannot be expected to supervise the crossing all day and issue out tickets to those breaking the rules. Council Member Melink stated that unless the area could be kept a school zone, she would not be supporting the motion.*

*Council Member Moon explained that while he appreciates Council Member Melink's idea to keep the speed limit low, he cannot support spending funds on a traffic study to determine whether or not the limit can be lowered. Council Member Moon expressed his belief that most students obey the traffic laws and have no intention of putting themselves in danger. Council Member Moon stated that he would be supporting the original motion.*

*Council Member Wallin added that while he is not regularly at Mark Morris Court, he spoke with the crossing guards and confirmed that it is the drivers that are the problem at that crossing, not the children. Council Member Wallin feels that the more important issue is the traffic flow in the area. By installing a traffic signal, the intersection will be safer at all times, rather than just during school hours.*

*Council Member Makinster agreed with Council Member Wallin's point about the problem not stemming entirely from the students.*

*Gary Walker of Longview addressed Council to advise them to keep the speed cameras in effect, to ensure that drivers are not speeding through the area when it is no longer a school zone. Council Member Moon responded that the cameras were discussed at a workshop - the speed cameras can only be operated in school zones and as red light cameras. Mr. Walker asked if that was in writing anywhere, and Director Cameron informed Mr. Walker that it is a state law.*

*It was also discussed that the traffic signal would not be installed until Fall of 2016 and the speed cameras would be turned off at that time, despite the contract with ATS not ending until the end of 2016.*

*Steve Powell of Longview, a 30 year veteran of the Longview School District, addressed Council to show his support for a traffic signal, as he believes it would greatly improve safety. Installing the traffic signal will also save the community the money spent on crossing guards and speeding tickets. In regards to closing the Mark Morris campus at lunch, there would be no safety benefit after hours. Also, it would cost the District approximately \$300,000 to update facilities and hire staff to provide lunch to the students.*

*George Brajcich of Longview addressed Council to voice his opposition to the signal. Mr. Brajcich believes there should be no crosswalk at that location at all - the students should travel north and south to the crosswalks at the intersections of Ocean Beach Highway and LCC. Mr. Brajcich believes this would benefit students as well because the food locations they are traveling to are closer to those crosswalks anyway.*

*The Council voted on Council Member Melink's proposed motion, a motion to accept the pedestrian safety grant and authorize staff to construct a traffic signal at 15th Avenue and Mark Morris court, to accept the additional funds from the school district to help fund the installation, to remove the school zone on 15th Avenue upon completion of the traffic signal, and to lower the speed limit to 20-25 mph. The motion failed.*

*Council Member Wallin shared his observation that there are other pedestrians than students that use the crossing. For example, citizens that use the bus for transportation to reach the Triangle Center.*

*Council Member Moon proposed to amend the motion to read as follows: to accept the pedestrian safety grant and authorize staff to construct a traffic signal at 15th*

*Avenue and Mark Morris court, to accept the additional funds from the school district to help fund the installation of the traffic signal, and to remove the school zone on 15th Avenue upon completion of the traffic signal. Motion carried.*

*The Council then voted on the amended original motion.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Wallin, seconded by Council Member Moon, that this matter be amended and approved . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Council Member Makinster, Council Member Moon, Council Member Wallin and Council Member Vydra

**Nays:** 2 - Mayor Don Jensen and Mayor Pro Tem Melink

[15-4034](#)

### **TOM HUTCHINSON SOCCER COMPLEX SIGN AT 7TH AVENUE PARK**

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Council Initiative: Address Quality of Place Issues

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

LMC 13.05.020 provides that in naming or renaming a city park, the city council shall consider, among other things, the name of any person or family that made a significant impact in the community and/or in development of the park. Tom Hutchinson was very involved in promoting youth soccer in the City of Longview and surrounding area for many years and worked tirelessly for the completion and maintenance of the soccer fields at 7th Avenue Park.

During the May 28 council meeting, the council passed Resolution No. 2147 naming the area that encompasses the soccer fields and associated buildings and facilities at 7th Avenue Park, the Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex. LMC 13.05, Naming or Renaming of City Parks, does not require signage to be accompanied with a resolution for a name change, although a permanent sign at the park would provide for future recognition of Tom Hutchinson as well as the official soccer complex name.

As a result of the resolution, at the July 20 meeting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was given the option of Exhibit A and Exhibit E, as these are the two current designs located within the park system, to recommend to council. The board recommended the granite sign identical to other newer park signs located throughout the city (Exhibit A) if funding were available. Since presenting options to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, other concepts have been developed by staff. The Longview Soccer Club was presented the additional options that have been attached for council review and discussion. The club would support Exhibit B with signs installed at both soccer complex entrances. Staff is seeking additional input on signage design, material, and funding, whether Exhibit A - E or an alternative.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Direct staff to purchase and install a sign for the Tom Hutchinson Soccer

Complex at 7th Avenue Park that includes specific details on design, materials, and funding sources.

**Attachments:**     [Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex Signage Options](#)  
[Resolution No 2147](#)  
[LMC Chapter 13 - Naming or Renaming of City Parks](#)

*Parks Maintenance Manager Curt Nedved presented the proposed options for a Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex sign at 7th Avenue Park. Five options were presented. Council Member Wallin motioned that Exhibit B and C both be approved. Mayor Jensen asked for clarification. Two new signs will be installed and two will be added to the kiosks. City Manager Campbell explained that the funding source would be handled by administration.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Chet Makinster, seconded by Council Member Steve Moon, that this matter approved. A motion was made by Council Member Wallin to approve options B and C as presented by Engineering Coordinator Abarca, seconded by Council Member Makinster. The amended motion passed unanimously.**

#### **14.     MISCELLANEOUS**

*The following item(s) were presented for Council's information. No Council action was taken or required.*

[MN 15-0298](#)

#### **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 08.17.2015**

**Attachments:**     [P&R ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 08.17.2015](#)

[15-4031](#)

#### **WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD REQUESTS**

**Attachments:**     [Triangle Sports Pub newapp](#)  
[Spec Occ Licenses \(2\)](#)

#### **15.     ADJOURNMENT**

*Council Member Makinster advised that he would be absent from the October 22, 2015 meeting. Mayor Jensen cancelled the November 5th Special Meeting due to several expected absences.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is October 22, 2015.*

Kaylee L. Cody  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

**NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015**