

Pastor Mark Schmutz, Northlake Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor David Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Todd McDaniel, Rick Roberson, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Gary Schimmel, Gary Archer, and Jared Franklin.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/16/15 Regular Meeting and the 12/17/15 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award: City Manager Steve Taylor announced that the City of Kelso received the award, established by the Government Finance Officers Association, and presented it to Finance Director Brian Butterfield for his outstanding performance in reporting the City's finances. Mr. Taylor commented that, for the twelfth consecutive year, Mr. Butterfield also received the Professional Finance Officer Recognition Award from the Washington Finance Officers Association.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Amendment – Cowlitz Wahkiakum Narcotics Task Force Interlocal Agreement**

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Nancy Nazareth, 602 Academy St., spoke about people trespassing on her property and public intoxication.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2015 City Council Standing Committee/Board Assignments: By consensus of the Council, the 2015 Boards & Commissions Assignments were approved as follows:

- **SWEDC**
 - Rick Roberson and Todd McDaniel
- **Airport Authority**
 - David Futcher and Gary Archer (Alternate)

- **CAP Board**
 - Todd McDaniel and Gary Archer
- **CEDC Executive Board**
 - Steve Taylor
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 - Gary Schimmel and Steve Taylor
- **City Audit**
 - Dan Myers, Gary Schimmel and Todd McDaniel (Alternate)
- **Cowlitz Transit Authority Board**
 - Todd McDaniel, Rick Roberson and Gary Schimmel (Alternate)
- **CWCOG**
 - Dan Myers and Rick Roberson
- **Disability Board**
 - David Futcher
- **911 E-Board**
 - Steve Taylor
- **Cowlitz County 911 Council**
 - Gary Schimmel and Gary Archer (Alternate)
- **KDRA**
 - Rick Roberson and Gary Archer
- **Fire Pension Board**
 - David Futcher, Brian Butterfield and Traci Howard
- **Library Board**
 - Gary Schimmel and Gary Archer
- **Lodging Tax Advisory**
 - Todd McDaniel
- **Multi-Agency Coordinating Group**
 - Steve Taylor and David Futcher
- **Park Board Liaison**
 - Gary Archer and Gary Schimmel (Alternate)
- **Public Health**
 - Dan Myers
- **Sewer Operating Board (TRRWA)**
 - Mike Kardas and Steve Taylor (Alternate)
- **Solid Waste Technical**
 - Mike Kardas, Steve Taylor and Dan Myers (Alternate)
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization**
 - Mike Kardas and Rick Roberson (Alternate)
- **RTPO**
 - Mike Kardas and Rick Roberson
- **'Big Idea' Board**
 - Gary Archer and Gary Schimmel (Alternate)
- **Cowlitz County Government Summit**
 - Dan Myers, Gary Archer and Rick Roberson (Alternate)

- **Pathways 2020**
 - Steve Taylor
- **Cowlitz County Housing First Coalition**
 - Rick Roberson

Wetland Mitigation Lease Agreement Amendment – Habitat Bank, LLC: City Manager Taylor commented that the amendment would be to include the entire 240 acres transferred to the City by the DNR in 2002 into the mitigation bank. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve the amendment to the wetland mitigation agreement.’ Councilmembers McDaniel, Roberson, Myers, Futcher, Schimmel, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Criminal Diversion Program Discussion: Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton provided an informative presentation on the alternate program to the formal criminal court process. City Manager Taylor commented that this is a pre-filing program and would save on the amount of caseloads and court costs. Council gave direction for Staff to move forward with the program.

Comprehensive Plan Workshop: Gregg Dohrn of G.R. Dohrn and Associates facilitated a discussion for updating the current Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1980.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Commented that there will need to be an executive session.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Jared Franklin: Spoke about censorship over government.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:22 p.m. Mayor Fatcher announced that the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 10 minutes and no action will be taken. The city attorney was present.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:34 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK