

City of Roy Council Special Meeting Minutes
Roy City Hall Special Council Meeting 06/24/2024
Monday, June 24th, 2024, at 7:00PM PST

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ROY CITY COUNCIL: STUDY & WORK SESSION
Roy City Hall – 06/24/2024 –7:00PM

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Proposal to relocate Well 1 withdrawal to Well 2
- 2) Fourth of July Parade

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE STATEMENT**
- 2) [07:01:18 PM \(00:01:31\)](#)
- 3)
- 4) [Council Member, Mayor pro tem - Yvonne Starks: Present](#)
[Council Member - Jim Rotondo: Present](#)
[Council Member - Harvey Gilchrist: Present](#)

[Council Member - Bill Starks: Present](#)
[Council Member - Edmund Dunn: Present Via Phone](#)
[City Clerk-Treasurer - : Absent](#)
[Chief of Police - Paul Antista: Present](#)
[Public Works Director - William Starks: Present](#)

5) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6) [07:01:42 PM \(00:01:55\)](#)

7)

a) CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO BE HEARD: (Limit comments to 3 minutes per

b) [07:02:03 PM \(00:02:16\)](#)

c) person, per Roy City Code (RCC) 1-5-6(D)). Please note: State law (RCW 42.17A.555) prohibits the use of facilities of a public office, including City Hall, to support or oppose a ballot measure or an election campaign for public office.

[07:02:05 PM \(00:02:19\)](#) **William Orton**- Discussion on water system plan and city management. Brought up the 2018 Water System Plan and asked the council where all that money that was paid went to. He questioned what the “related work” was that is included in the resolution and asked how the oversight and reporting will be monitored.

[07:10:50 PM \(00:11:04\)](#) **Patricia Haver** – Resolution 967 questions and confusion of what it means. She asked why the mayor was absent. She wanted the city to look for other bids on how the funding for the water was to be spent.

[07:14:31 PM \(00:14:45\)](#) **Ken DittBenner** – Water tower fence cost estimate of \$14,300. Above the remaining funds that the water tower account has. Also suggested using the well at the water tower, stating that it is on city owned property.

[07:16:12 PM \(00:16:26\)](#) **Cindy Byrd** – Quoted state law regarding using city hall for political support, referencing the presentation made at previous council meeting where the presenter requested votes. Statements made regarding the use of funding for water issues. Commented on parade route for the July 4th event being put on by the Lacamas Community Center volunteers.

[07:18:52 PM \(00:19:06\)](#) **Laura VanDerVeen** – Explained about the mayor’s absence being on maternity leave. Questioned communication between the Mayor and Council. Asked Council about her email sent to them about the 50% surcharge on water bills from 2018 and how long they will continue to pay it. Commented on length of water problems being in existence longer than the current Mayor has been in office. Council offered to assist the mayor.

[07:25:31 PM \(00:25:45\)](#) **Councilmember Jim Rotondo** – Commented that when he sat on council 25-30 years ago when he was on council previously stating the water issues go back to then and are still present. Had a long conversation with someone from Pierce

County about the new Federal regulations on the PFAS issue and how it is larger than Roy. He then referenced the presentation to be made by Skillings up next. Commented on the need for communication.

[07:33:03 PM \(00:33:17\)](#) **Mike Brown**, an audience member, asked for more explanation about the conversation with Pierce County. **Council Member Rotondo** explained that it involves the county's water treatment department and how they are now working with Eatonville, Kapowsin, and the Narrows Airport, trying to get an ordinance through the county so that department can assist other water companies and have access to larger grant funding.

[07:36:50 PM \(00:37:04\)](#) **Council Member Rotondo** asked for any other questions. **Shauna Baker**, an audience member, asked about communication and if the council members were all reading their emails and picking up their packets. All Council members responded yes, except for Council Member Rotondo, who stated he does not because if he does, then it becomes available for public request.

[07:38:13 PM \(00:38:27\)](#) **William Orton** stated he went door to door to notify city residents of the meeting and that the meeting notice was not posted on the wooden reader board outside of the City Hall building.

Multiple audience members talked at once about not being notified of the special meeting prior to the Friday prior to the meeting.

3) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

[07:40:17 PM \(00:40:30\)](#) **Skillings, the City of Roy's contracted Engineering Firm** made their presentation addressing the Emergent contaminant in source water and explained to the council what their preliminary recommendations are. They explained that they are relaying the information to the mayor as they are getting it as it is a very fluid situation right now and this meeting was determined to be necessary just late last week. They explained that there are strict restrictions on the funding that are included in Resolution 967 to be used strictly for these issues with strong government oversight. They confirmed that they will let the city know the information as they get it. **Mr. Skillings** asked the council to approve the resolution so they can move forward with the recommendations given. **Council Member Yvonne Starks** stated their concern of information given, asking for it to be rewritten with the plan and costs, in phases.

[08:23:34 PM \(01:23:48\)](#) **Council Member Yvonne Starks** stated that the council will work on securing other grants and speaking with the residents to get the survey's returned if the city is eligible to apply for the next CDBG grant that will come out in November.

[08:24:30 PM \(01:24:44\)](#) **Council Member Harvey Gilchrist** asked Skillings what the time frame is for the scope of work. The answer was ASAP. He asked if that information would be available for the July 8, 2024 council meeting. **Mr. Skillings** agreed that they would have it to present more detailed information then.

4) RESOLUTIONS:

[08:25:41 PM \(01:25:55\)](#)

RESOLUTION 967

a) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,500.00 AND AN ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$300,000.00 IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S "WELL 1" AND "WELL 2" PROJECTS, AND RELATED WORK**

Proposed Motion: Motion to approve :A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,500.00 AND AN ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$300,000.00 IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S "WELL 1" AND "WELL 2" PROJECTS, AND RELATED WORK

[08:25:47 PM \(01:26:01\)](#) Motion was made by **Yvonne Starks** to table the vote on the resolution until July 8, 2024. **Harvey Gilchrist** seconded the motion.

Jim Rotondo stated that he wanted everyone to understand that they are not turning down the funding, that they just want to know how it will be spent.

Council Member Edmund Dunn (via speaker phone) wanted to thank the Skillings and Mayor Ivy for getting the information so quickly and agreed on getting the scope of work out to council of each phase and costs.

[08:27:23 PM \(01:27:37\)](#) Vote taken. 5 Yes, 0 No's. Motion passed to table Resolution 967 decision until the July 8, 2024 meeting with it being rewritten to allow council more oversight.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

[08:27:49 PM \(01:28:03\)](#)

Fourth of July Parade:

Motion: to approve Mayor to approve the Fourth of July Parade as proposed in application submitted by the Lacamas Community Center.

[08:28:01 PM \(01:28:15\)](#) **Harvey Gilchrist** made a motion to approve the Fourth of July Parade. Yvonne Starks seconded it.

[08:28:22 PM \(01:28:36\)](#) **Vote taken. 4 Yes, 1 Abstain. Jim Rotondo** was for it and against it at the same time as he feels it should go back to the way it was several years ago. Motion passed.

6) ADJOURNMENT

[08:29:03 PM \(01:29:16\)](#)