Rainier City Council
Regular Meeting
May 24, 2016
7 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Schleis. Flag salute led by Councilmember Shaw.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Schleis, Councilmembers Shaw, Arnbrister, Stephenson, and Guizzetti. Gage was excused. Staff present: Charmayne Garrison, Tami Justice, Ron Gibson, Jon Hinton, Katrina VanEvery, Lt. Counts, and Ron Kemp

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as written. Arnbrister/Stephenson. Motion carried 4/0

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent Agenda to include May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes and Council Workshop minutes by Katrina VanEvery (see attached), Claim vouchers 4359-4374 in the amount of $17,589.31. Claims were audited and approved by the Audit Committee. Guizzetti/Shaw. Motion carried 4/0

Public Comment: Clydia Cuykendall- Inquiring if there is anything that the City would like from Thurston County and if the City is happy with Thurston County and how things are being handled as a whole.

Reports-Council\Mayor\Committee:

Staff Reports

- Mayor-Written report was submitted.
- City Administrator- have not file lawsuits with private residents due to the cost of the title reports. Will be getting encumbrance reports instead this week and will move forward with lawsuits at that point.
- City Attorney- provided packet for the council's review prior to the meeting that is scheduled with Suds Yur Duds on June 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Explained not to converse with Mr. Bridge if he happens to contact the council prior to the scheduled meeting.

Briefed council on the status of Rainier Market and the fact that it is in foreclosure. The previous owners will be resuming ownership and move forward with reconstruction in a timely fashion.

- Councilmember Arnbrister- getting together a core group of people for the Faith-based and CERT training under Emergency Management.
- Public Works-Written report was submitted
- Building Official/Nuisance Abatement Officer Kemp updated council on the proceedings of current and new abatements that are being addressed.
  Rainier Market will be barricading off the gas pumps to eliminate any confusion regarding using the pumps.
  Waiting on SEPA review to move forward with RGD's 16 unit apartment complex plan review.
- City Engineer-Jon Hinton explained that the sewer plan is in need of $150,000 to drill a well and monitor it for 18-24 months on the proposed property.
  Updated council on the figures for the Hwy 507 Phase I project prospectus and seeking approval. Motion approved and carried Guizzetti/Shaw 4/0

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Shaw/Arnbrister. Motion carried 4/0

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Randy Schleis

ATTEST: _____

Tami Justice

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

May 24, 2016 Council Workshop
Presentation by KPG Engineering Firm.

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: May 24, 2016
Agenda Item Number:

Originator: Katrina Van Every
Title: City Planner
Department: Planning

[X] **Discussion** [ ] **Action Required**

[ ] **Old Business** [X] **New Business** [ ] **Resolution** [ ] **Ordinance**

[ ] **Consent Agenda** [ ] **Public Hearing** [ ]

Subject: Main Street 507 Project – Binghampton Street/SR 507 Improvements

Purpose: KPG will be presenting their recommendations for a phasing strategy for improvements to Binghampton Street/SR 507, possible funding sources for seeing it completed, and the cost estimate for the work. Attached to this staff report is their final memo detailing this information as well as a draft copy of the presentation itself and the preliminary design plan (larger copies of the design maps will be brought to the meeting for the public to view as well as the City Council).

Comments: Main Street 507 is a project to identify solutions to traffic congestion at Centre and Minnesota (on Highway 507), and improve pedestrian safety and aesthetics in downtown Rainier. Beginning in the winter of 2013, a number of meetings and open houses were held to guide this process. – to identify existing problems and conditions, goals for the project, and the major questions needing to be answered. These meetings also included opportunities for the public, elected officials, and appointed commissioners to weigh in and discuss their vision for Rainier's main street. As a result of this input, the city has realized a number of benefits from this project, including the following:

1. **Creation of a Downtown Sketchbook.** The Downtown Sketchbook, prepared based on community feedback gathered in 2013 and 2014, is being incorporated into the proposed updates to the Comprehensive Plan as an appendix supporting the Land Use chapter; adoption of the Comprehensive Plan updates is anticipated later this summer. Concepts embedded in this plan include constructing road improvements that balance the need to move people through Rainier while contributing to a sense of place aid in downtown; improving walking and biking amenities; beautifying the community, and having more activities in the area.

2. **Preparation of a Street Tree Plan.** Washington Forestry Consultants, Inc. prepared a street tree plan for the city dated March 2015. The Plan includes an inventory of existing street trees and recommendations for maintenance, planting, and modifications to existing streetscapes.

3. **Binghampton Street/SR 507 Improvements.** KPG, an engineering firm based in Seattle and Tacoma, has prepared a preliminary layout plan and cost estimate for improvements to Binghampton Street. The project area spans from Binghampton Street's intersection with Alaska Street to Idaho Avenue. The preliminary layout plan proposes installing a roundabout at the intersection of Centre Street and Binghampton Street; improving sidewalks and on-street parking the length of the project; and installing bulbouts and other traffic-calming devices to slow traffic as it moves through the community. The proposed roundabout at Centre Street is being incorporated into the draft Comprehensive Plan as part of the Downtown Sketchbook.

Although this project is being acknowledged as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update currently underway, staff suggests adding this phased project to the city's Transportation Improvement Plan to improve funding opportunities and options.

Staff Recommendation:	None required

MOTION:	None required.