



CITY OF ILWACO AND SEAVIEW SEWER DISTRICT
Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

A. Call to Order

Mayor Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Commission Chair Malin announced that the meeting was to discuss a potential new entity.

B. Introductions: Councilmembers: Gary Forner, Fred Marshall, Mayor Cassinelli and Treasurer Elaine McMillan. Commission Chair Brett Malin, Commissioners Carol Glenn, Bruce Peterson, District Manager Stu Simonson, citizen Ryan Crater and reporter Katie Wilson. Absent: Councilmember Karnofski, Chambreau and Jensen.

C. Flag Salute

D. Discussion: Mayor Cassinelli explained that he and Commission Chair Malin had met to discuss the format of the meeting. They would like to have issues and concerns submitted to them, so they could compile and address the top issues and concerns. He discussed the potential of having a facilitator for these meetings such as Joel Penoyar and that Attorney Steve DiJulio had recommended the creation of a new entity. Commission Chair Malin stated that this was an exploratory meeting to decide whether to proceed. He felt that if a new entity was formed the board would be comprised of a commissioner from Seaview, a councilmember from Ilwaco and a third party. Councilmember Marshall expressed that he was hopeful and felt that objectives needed to be established. Commissioner Glenn questioned the absence of a portion of the Ilwaco council. She stated that the culture needs to change and she is willing to put in the time to do it. Commissioner Peterson specified that the issues were all before he became a commissioner and he was attempting to understand what the group was trying to create. Commission Chair Malin led the group in making a list of advantages (lower legal costs, new agreement, and clarity of responsibility and ownership) and disadvantages (separate entity, potential increased costs). Additionally questions arose: How would assets be transferred to a new entity, would debt be transferable, would the new entity be subject to the growth management act and required to have a comprehensive plan, what reserve requirements would a new entity have. There was a consensus that the questions should be sent to Steve DiJulio and another meeting would be held in approximately a month. Ryan Crater expressed his concern with the possible additional costs of a new entity that may impact Ilwaco rate payers.

E. Adjournment

Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mike Cassinelli, Mayor

Elaine McMillan, Treasurer