

Chaplain Mario Gambaro, Cowlitz Chaplaincy, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Larry Alexander, Todd McDaniel, and Kim Lefebvre.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/18/17 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 2017, as "**Mental Health Month**" in the City of Kelso. Columbia Wellness Chief Executive Officer David McClay accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 14 – 20, 2017, as "**National Police Week**" in the City of Kelso. Chaplain Tom Haan, Cowlitz Chaplaincy, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 7 – 13, 2017, as "**National Drinking Water Week**" in the City of Kelso. Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 13 - 19, 2017, as "**National Transportation Week**" in the City of Kelso. Senior Engineer Tim Shell accepted the proclamation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Star Garcia,** South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA) Representative; spoke about a loose crosswalk sign at the intersection of South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Laurel Street. She spoke about a house inhabited by squatters on South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She spoke about the recent 'Adopt a Street' cleaning event and dumping site options for large loads.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Anchor Point Industrial Site Subarea Plan:** City Manager Steve Taylor presented the Council with a request from the Anchor Point property owners, Winters Anchor Point, LLC, to consider incorporating an Anchor Point subarea plan into the City's Comprehensive Plan. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Authorize the Staff to move forward with the subarea**

process for the Anchor Point Industrial Site.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Sale of City-owned Real Estate – 314 Academy Street:** City Manager Taylor commented that the City had negotiated a sale price of \$175,000.00 for the old library building at 314 Academy St. Action is required from the Council to approve the sale price. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Malone, ‘Approve the sale price for 314 Academy Street in the amount of \$175,000.00 and Authorize the City Manager to sign the closing documents on behalf of the City.’** Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Change Order Request and Final Closeout – West Main Revitalization Project:** Senior Engineer Tim Shell briefed the Council on the change order. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Approve the Change Order quantity overrun in the amount of \$104,167.00.’** Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Upon Motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Malone, ‘Approve the Closeout of the West Main Revitalization Project.’** Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Regulating the Use of Plastic Bags Discussion:** City Attorney Janean Parker conducted research in the regulation of plastic bags and the results were presented to the Council. She provided, for the purpose of discussion, a draft ordinance that summarized regulations from various jurisdictions. Lengthy discussion followed. Rick Von Rock spoke from the audience. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Direct Staff to move forward with the process for regulating the use of plastic bags.’** Councilmembers Hill, Roberson, Alexander, McDaniel, and Lefebvre voted yes. Councilmembers Fitcher and Malone voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

#### **MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 17-3892 – Amend KMC Chapter 9.60 relating to Panhandling:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 17-3892, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.60—PUBLIC SOLICITATION—TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN THE LAW RELATED TO SOLICITATION IN PUBLIC PLACES,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) Commented that the Association of Washington Cities and some city-related legislature lobbyists request assistance in promoting a modification to

Initiative Measure 747. The modification would enable taxing jurisdictions more flexibility with property tax increases. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Direct the City Manager to participate in the promotion for the modification of Initiative 747.'** Councilmembers Hill, Roberson, Fatcher, McDaniel, and Lefebvre voted yes. Councilmember Malone and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2. 2) Provided an update on the Transportation Budget recently approved by the State Legislature. He commented that our representatives from Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs would be providing an end-of-session report once the State Budget is finally adopted.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Finance Director Brian Butterfield:** Commented that the State Auditors were here and the official entrance conference is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., in the council chambers. The conference is open to all councilmembers.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Nancy Malone:** Commented that she heard about a methadone clinic coming to the city. City Manager Taylor commented that the City has only received a Letter of Intent at this time and he is in the process of scheduling a stakeholders meeting with the County Health Department and the County Commissioners. He commented that more information would be forthcoming. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Jim Hill:** He recognized Star Garcia and SKNA for their efforts in serving the community.

**Rick Roberson:** No report.

**Larry Alexander:** Reported on the recent food drive event held by the Association of Rapscaillon River Rats.

**Todd McDaniel:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**David Fatcher:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
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