

GRAYS HARBOR
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raines at 7:05 p.m. The flag salute was given.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Leonard Barnes (Port of Grays Harbor)
Chris Vessey (City of McCleary)
Jonathan Ciesla (Quinault Indian Nation)
Commissioner Tom Casey (Grays Harbor PUD)
Don Fargo (GH Transit)
Commissioner Bob Beerbower (GH County)
Nick Johnson (City of Ocean Shores)

Administrative Sub-Council

Chairman – Mayor Vickie Raines (City of Cosmopolis)
First Vice-Chair – Chris Thomas (City of Montesano)
Second Vice-Chair – John Pellegrini (City of Hoquiam)
Secretary – Mike Wessells (Timberland Regional Library)

Council Staff

Vicki Cummings, Julia Gibb, Nancy Trask

3. GHCOG BUSINESS

➤ Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Jonathan Ciesla made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; second, Mike Wessells. Motion passed.

➤ Approval of the May 24, 2007 Meeting Minutes

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve the GHCOG May 24, 2007 meeting minutes; second Don Fargo. Motion passed.

➤ Administrative Sub-Council Report, Chairman Raines

Chairman Raines reported that the Administrative Sub-Council met before this meeting and approved the June bills and July payroll. No further action was taken.

➤ New Business

- Resolution No. 479, Approval of the 2007/2008 SWRTPO Contract
Mike Wessells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 47; second, John Pellegrini. Motion passed.
- Resolution No. 480, Amendment No. 1 to the 2007 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan
John Pellegrini made a motion to approve Resolution No. 480; second, Commissioner Casey. Motion passed.
- Resolution No. 481, Approval of the GHCOG 2008 Transportation Improvement Plan
Jonathan Ciesla made a motion to approve Resolution No. 481; second, John Pellegrini. Motion passed.

4. STAFF REPORTS

➤ *Vicki Cummings*, Executive Director

- Reported that the Census Bureau has issued a proposal to increase population and housing thresholds for block groups in the 2010 Census. If census tracts do not meet the new thresholds they will have to be modified.
- Received an additional \$18,000 end of the biennium RTPO funds for the development of a web site for the SR 109 Corridor Management Plan. Since the SR 109 region is remote and has little community infrastructure the web site will function as a public involvement and feedback tool. The paperwork is in the final stages and as soon as it is approved, we will sign the contract with Parametrix and begin the development of the web site.
- Attended the Vision 20/20 planning session.

(Chairman Raines asked that the minutes reflect that Commissioner Beerbower arrived at the GHCOG meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

- Mayor Raines and Vicki met with Mayor Voegel and also met with the City of Aberdeen's department heads regarding the city joining the GHCOG. Tentatively Vicki Cummings will be meeting with Aberdeen's city council on July 11 regarding this subject and she asked that council members attend with her. The Administrative Sub-Council has discussed this subject and stated the city needs to pay full dues, rather than an ala carte' option. After discussion with the full council, member consensus was the same.
- Assisting Jesse Cardenas at RC&EDD on completing projects promised before the RC&EDD Coordinator was put on administrative leave.
- Parks planning ongoing.
- Working on fiscal year-end reports.

➤ *Julia Gibb*, Community Development Coordinator

- Continue research and compiling data and background information for Cosmopolis, Montesano and Hoquiam needs analyses.
- Meet with Mike Wincewicz on the draft Montesano needs analysis.
- Scheduled Montesano community input opportunity as part of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

- Completed special consulting project for Cosmopolis with Theresa Julius.
- Followed Hoquiam comprehensive plan update process and Planning Commission and Council member input and ideas.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- It was announced that the annual picnic will be held at the Westport Maritime Museum on July 26th. A picnic flyer will be forthcoming.
- Vicki distributed copies of a Service Sharing Survey in which several COG members have expressed an interest in the COG coordinating efforts for service sharing of certain specialized professional positions. This survey is to ascertain which professional services members would be interested in sharing with other COG members.

These services would be outside regularly provided COG services and the cost would be shared by the specific benefiting members according to time allocation. No costs would be incurred by non-participating members. Surveys should be completed and returned by August 10, 2007.

6. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT

- City of Hoquiam, John Pellegrini – John stated Bergman Associates held a community developers forum recently regarding commercial and industrial development in Hoquiam.
- Quinault Indian Nation, Jonathan Ciesla – Jonathan announced that the governing body of the Quinault Nation just accepted their 2006 transportation plan update. He would like to present this plan at the August COG meeting. Staff will put him on the agenda for August.
- Timberland Regional Library, Mike Wessells – Mike reported that the Library made a presentation before the Grays Harbor Commissioners and presented every Commissioner a tote bag from their local Friends of the Library.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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 Vickie Raines Date
 GHCOG Chair

 Nancy L. Trask Date
 Office Coordinator