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CALL TO ORDER:

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ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lucas called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

In attendance were Mayor Lucas, Councilmembers Stovall, Judson, Davidson, Bier and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Schaub, Public Works Director Burlingame, and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Yes: All

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of October 5, 2010
2. Payroll Checks #43179 - #43201 in the amount of \$167,087.40
3. Claims Checks #67383 - #67457 in the amount of \$78,563.14

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

Billie Blattler, 1015 Sequalish Street, Steilacoom. She stated that she would like some additional information regarding the school bus building that is located in the center of Town. The Mayor indicated he has talked to the Superintendent regarding moving the buses away from the Town's residential area. Ms. Blattler shared that she enjoys having the school and buses there.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2009-2010 Budget Amendment-2nd Public Hearing
(AB 2364) (Ordinance # 1466)

2011-2012 Biennium Budget-2nd Public Hearing
(AB 2368) (Ordinance #1467)

Yes: All

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Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

about low income families with kids and how they will continue to be served.

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience. There were none.

2011-2012 Biennium Budget continued

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to close the public hearing.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt Ordinance #1466 amending the 2009-2010 Biennium Budget.

he would like to see the transition be with the Steilacoom/DuPont Youth Association.

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Mike Boyle, 319 Martin Street, Steilacoom. He has two young kids and everything they do sports wise they have to drive to the south sound area. It is a challenge. Regarding the Building Inspector position, Jim Rayley is the Town's watch dog. He adds a lot of value to the Town because he is good. He hopes the Council will think long and hard before making these cuts.

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience. The following people spoke:

Billie Blattler, 1015 Sequalish Street, Steilacoom. She suggested that staff agree to a 1% cut in pay in order to save the positions. She is concerned

Yes: All

Yes: 4-1
No: Councilman Smith

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Yes: All

2011 Property Tax Levies General and EMS (AB 2363) (Ordinances #1468 & #1469)

Councilman Judson moved to close the public hearing. There was no second.

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Bier** seconded to close the public hearing. Council and

staff discussed the 2011-2012 Budget further.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to adopt Ordinance # 1467 authorizing 2011-2012 Biennium Budget.

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilman**

NEW ITEMS:

Agreement with Pierce County for Law Enforcement Services (AB 2369)

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Bier** seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Pierce County for law enforcement services.

REPORTS

Mayor

Davidson seconded to close the public hearing.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt Ordinance # 1468 establishing the EMS levy rate at approximately \$0.4375/\$1,000 of assessed value for an estimated levy amount of \$299,032.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to adopt Ordinance # 1469 establishing the regular levy rate at approximately \$2.4758/\$1,000 of assessed value for an estimated levy amount of \$1,711,449.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Introduced our new Police Chief, Ron Schaub. The Mayor shared that he is very pleased that Chief Schaub is here.
- Regarding the Flood Control District – most that testified recommended to the Board that they reject the District.
- Abitibi property update – The School District is moving ahead on purchasing the upper section. Regarding the lower section, the Town has learned of a possible plan for the Puyallup Tribe to use grants in order to build a fish hatchery and reintroduce Chinook salmon into the area. Plans might also include the removal of the dam. Look for more information in the future.
- A meeting is scheduled to take place, Wednesday Oct. 20th to discuss future plans for the old Pioneer School building.
- The Mayor reminded residents to pick up all yard debris this time of the year.
- Thanked Town residents for adding grace to the memorial for Pat Moon this last weekend.
- The café located under Jakes has changed ownership. Please stop by and show your

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- support to Two Teaspoons Café.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported the following:

Public Safety

- This Friday is Make A Difference Day with the 42nd MP Brigade.
- A special School Board meeting is taking place tomorrow night to discuss the Old Pioneer School.
- On October 28th at the Steilacoom Town Hall there is a candidate forum scheduled to start at 7:00 pm.
- Reported no new litigation.
- Shared information with a handout regarding the Boundary Review Board hearing.
- Attorney Hoffman recently attended the Washington Association of Municipal Attorney Seminar. As usual there was useful information that was shared.

Chief Schaub reported the following:

- The Chief shared his background and experience with in the field. He stated that he is excited to be here and is currently busy building bridges inside and outside the Department and community. He is concentrating on how we can improve the Department.

Public Works

Council

- Contacts are being updated in anticipation of ordering materials for snow and ice removal.
- Discussion will take place at the next Council meeting regarding the BPA substation purchase possibility.
- Thanked Council and the public for their patience while the Town dealt with Martin Street and all its challenges.

Councilman Stovall reported the following:

- As far as the BPA substation report, Councilman Stovall asked that there be more information included such as what the Town's return on investment might be.
- Asked if there were any new developments with the Marina clean-up? Answer- No, the report is stalled at the Department of Fisheries. No permit so no clean-up at this time.
- Any new information as to the issue involving BNSF property along Cormorant Passage? Answer- No, the Town is starting over with a new contact at BNSF.

Councilman Bier reported the following:

- What was the outcome of the traffic accident at the Sunnyside Beach parking lot? Answer – A person received minor injuries when they drove through the fence. The Town will be billing their insurance company and the person that was involved.
- The guard rail that is being replaced along Chambers Creek Road will it be repaired soon? Answer – Yes.
- Reported that there are cars along Rainier Street in between Pacific and Wilkes Streets that appear to be parking all night.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- On Make A Difference Day, this coming Friday, the 42nd MP Brigade will be working in Farrell's Marsh.
- On Saturday October 30th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, the Parks Crew will be working on the 5th Street waterway. All are welcome.
- Martin Street is now open and received its first rain test recently. Mr. Burlingame is happy to report that it performed well.

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- Thanked Marcus Rogers for all his great service to the Town. Stated that he will be missed.
- When will the light pole at Puyallup Street be repaired? Answer – the parts are on order.
- Announced the winners of the scarecrow contest in Town.
- Thanked Paul Loveless for all his hard work on the budget.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Marcus Rogers you are an amazing man. It has been a pleasure to work with you. It has been tough to cut these positions.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Questioned why they striped Martin Street the way they did? Answer – the tape that was used is temporary.
- Voiced concern over a truck being parked on 6th and Martin Streets.
- Stated that he tried to find a way to save the two positions.
- Welcomed the new Police Chief to Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

The October 19, 2010 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Town Administrator

Mayor