CASTLE ROCK City Council **Regular Council Meeting**

July 14, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:32 PM.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Helenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Art Lee, Paul Simonsen, and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Lee Kessler was absent. Councilmember #3 is an unfilled position.

Staff present: Police Chief Charlie Worley, City Attorney Benjamin Goodwin, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, Public Works Senior Operator Tyler Stone, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

c. Changes to Agenda

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - maximum 3 minutes

Mike Lee, 312 5th Ave SW, stated they have an ongoing issue with one of their neighbors with noise and bodily harm threats.
Other neighbors joined in on the conversation.
This is a police matter and is currently being investigated. It was requested for neighbors with proof of their stated experiences to submit that proof, and file anti-harassment and no-contact order requests.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- City Attorney Nikki Thompson

- Police Chief Charlie Worley

- Public Works Director Dave Vorse
Asst Public Works Director Tyler Stone gave a verbal report.

- City Engineer Tom Gower

- Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro
Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro gave a verbal report.

5. COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tempore / Councilmembers

- CRCDA Representative

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

a. June 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

b. June 2025 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report in the amount of $450,511.06.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. This item was previously tabled at the June 23rd, 2025 meeting and has been updated. Request approval to have specialized engineering and design work completed for installing cathodic protection at the Spirit Lake (504) Reservoir.

Asst Public Works Director Tyler Stone presented.
Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve the specialized engineering and design work for the installation of cathodic protection. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Preliminary Plat for 45 single family residential unit subdivision located in the 8.93 acres residential designated portion of the Landing on the Cowlitz (LOTC) Master Plan.

Mayor Helenberg, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro presented.
Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve the Preliminary Plat with conditions, not including the Park Board recommendations. After further discussion, motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

b. Bid Award to Slateco LLC for the 2025 ADA Improvements Project. The total amount is $291,500.

City Engineer Tom Gower presented.
Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve the Bid Award for the 2025 ADA Improvements Project to Slateco LLC in the amount of $291,500. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

c. Authorization No. 2023-003; Amendment No. 1 in the amount of $64,000; this amendment modifies the original agreement for engineering services executed January 9, 2023 from $197,500 to $261,500 for the Carpenter Road Water Pump Station and Powell Road Waterline Extension Project.

City Engineer Tom Gower presented.
Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve Authorization No. 2023-003; Amendment No. 1 in the amount of $64,000. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

d. Storage Building Construction Contract with Columbia Groundwork Inc, in an amount not to exceed $115,000, not including sales tax. Contract is contingent on State of Washington Department of Commerce grant approval.

Mayor Helenberg presented.
Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve the Storage Building Construction Contract with Columbia Groundwork Inc. in the amount of $115,000 plus sales tax, contingent on grant approval. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and

Rose voted 'Aye'.

e. Striping Proposal with All Stripes LLC for the 2025 Citywide Striping Project. The total amount is $17,405.50.

Mayor Helenberg presented.
Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve the Striping Proposal with All Stripes LLC for the 2025 Citywide Striping Project in the amount of $17,405.50. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Added Item
Castle Rock Blooms requests to use City Hall parking lot for the Community Potluck on July 25, 2025 at 6:15 PM.
Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve Castle Rock Blooms request. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

Commissioner Rick Dahl stated Cowlitz County no longer qualifies as a Rural County, based on population density. This will have an effect on Rural Development funding, taking effect in 2054. The City has been able to utilize these tax dollars, granted by Cowlitz County, to fund several projects.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Mayor Paul Helenberg	Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro