

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, Lee Kessler, and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Paul Simonsen was experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to join.

Staff present: City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

c. Changes to Agenda

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. John Keatley - Forest Practices Proposed Rule Change and Impacts

John Keatley gave a presentation on the impacts the State, County and Cities will experience based on the Proposed Rule Change.

Cowlitz County Commissioner Rick Dahl added more information on the negative impacts.

Keatley requested a letter from Council in opposition of the Proposed Rule Change. Councilmember Kessler suggested the City issue a letter requesting an extension in the process to allow more review time.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - maximum 3 minutes

Cheryl Gaze is reporting structural damage within her home.

Sandra Tinney complained about the biosolids odor within the City. Public Works Director explained what factors led to the odor and stated that the Department of Ecology sets limits to moving the material only from May through September.

Kara Ohlson, Matthew Ohlson, Charles Burnett and Stan Tow requested the City remove the 1.5 times outside city limits rate that is applied to the utilities rates. Pursuing annexation was a suggestion.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- City Attorney Nikki Thompson

City Attorney Nikki Thompson gave a verbal update.

- Police Chief Charlie Worley

- Public Works Director Dave Vorse

Public Works Director Dave Vorse gave a verbal report.

- City Engineer Tom Gower

City Engineer Tom Gower gave a verbal report.

- Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro gave a verbal report.

5. COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tempore / Councilmembers

Councilmember Kessler reported the contractor working for Astound has cut into the road after the chip seal had been installed. Public Works Director Dave Vorse will follow-up.

- CRCDA Representative

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - tabled at the July 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

b. July 2025 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report in the amount of \$580,161.52.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No. 2025-10, an ordinance of the City of Castle Rock, Washington, amending Castle Rock Municipal Code Section 5.01.110, Nonresident Businesses, providing for severability and establishing an effective date, on first reading.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

b. Request for \$50,000 for Root Cutting and Treatment.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve \$50,000 from the Beginning Fund Balance for the Root Cutting and Treatment project. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Troop #313 Eagle Scout Grayden Berndt requested Council approval to build a recycling can receptacle for the Castle Rock Senior Center. Council approved request by consensus.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro