

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:31 PM.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Helenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Earl Queen, Lee Kessler, Roz de Greeve, Dennis Ehrhorn, and Ellen Rose.

Staff present: Police Chief Charlie Worley, Public Works Director Tyler Stone, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

c. Changes to Agenda

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Joseph Govednik, Cowlitz County Historical Museum Director, presenting a possible future for the Castle Rock Visitor Center.

Joseph Govednik, Cowlitz County Historical Museum Director, spoke about the possibility of the museum (CCHM) and Cowlitz County Historical Society (CCHS) employing the Castle Rock Visitor Center and running it as a Museum/Visitor Center. Plans to work with other organizations within Castle Rock to maintain partnerships and collaboration. Plans to employ five hours per day, five days per week for twenty weeks, with a possible second employee provided by Goodwill through their CSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program). Employment provided by CCHM and CCHS would be funded through a direct grant by Cowlitz County.

Councilmembers Kessler, de Greeve, Ehrhorn and Rose, and Mayor Helenberg supports the CCHM and CCHS plan to operate the Visitor Center as the Visitor Center / Museum.

Once the draft proposal is finalized, it will be presented to Council.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - maximum 3 minutes

Cheryl Gaze, 244 C St SW, talked about several issues she is experiencing. She was guided toward contacting an attorney for her civil matters and the Cowlitz County Health Department for more information.

Wayne McPherson, owner of Blue Flamingo and Indigo, requested a timeline for the sealant of the sidewalks in the business district. Public Works Director Tyler Stone stated the sealant would be ordered soon and the process would be getting scheduled.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief Charlie Worley
- Public Works Director Tyler Stone
- Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

5. COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tempore / Councilmembers
- CRCDA Representative

Mayor Helenberg announced the Community Potluck for the America in Bloom Advisors is this Friday at 6:30 PM at the North County Pavilion.

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 Queen, Kessler, de Greeve, Ehrhorn, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

- a. June 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. June 2026 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report in the amount of \$595,107.36.
- c. Access and Utility Easement granted by the Mt St Helens Motorcycle Club. Auditor's File Number (AFN) 3790864, recorded on 6/2/2026.
- d. Access and Utility Easement granted by the Mt St Helens Motorcycle Club. Auditor's File Number (AFN) 3791928, recorded on 6/23/2026.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Special Event Permit #2026-0007; Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive - Greater Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce; August 1 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Insurance has been received.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve Special Event Permit #2026-0007. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Queen, Kessler, de Greeve, Ehrhorn, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro