

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 PM.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Helenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Art Lee, John Whalen, Paul Simonsen, and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Kessler was excused by roll call vote.

Staff present: Police Chief Charlie Worley, City Attorney Frank Randolph, 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

Tara Ghan, Castle Rock resident, provided several inquiries and comments.

Jessica Allman, Cowlitz County resident, provided an inquiry and comments.

Bryan Mjelde, Cowlitz County resident, provided comments.

Cameron Wilkinson, Castle Rock resident, presented a sample resolution regarding changing the hours for noise to enhance public peace and tranquility.

Amber MacLaren, Castle Rock resident, provided comments.

Amy Tippitt, Castle Rock resident, provided comments.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- City Attorney Frank Randolph

- Police Chief Charlie Worley

Police Chief Charlie Worley informed Council of previous Police Chief Bob Heuer's passing. A service will be held 11:00 on Friday, May 2, at St Rose Church in Longview. Gravesite service will follow with a procession.

- Public Works Director Dave Vorse & Senior Operator Tyler Stone

- 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Senior Operator Tyler Stone provided a verbal report.

- City Engineer Tom Gower

- Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

- Expenditure, Revenue, Cash & Investments Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro gave a verbal report.

5. COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tempore / Councilmembers
Mayor Helenberg gave a verbal report.
- CRCDA Representative

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Street Tree Planting Plan for Huntington Ave S.

This item was previously discussed at the April 14, 2025 regular council meeting.

Senior Operator presented and recommended all trees and bushes are included, as presented at the previous meeting. Councilmember Lee provided comment.

Council approved all trees and bushes included in the presentation by consensus.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposal and Agreement for Municipal Legal and Support Services with Thompson, Guildner & Associates, Inc., P.S., at an hourly reimbursable rate, adjustable by 3% annually. Term of contract is indefinite, however can be terminated with 60 days written notice.

Nikki Thompson, Managing Partner of Thompson, Guildner & Associates provided an introduction and presentation.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Whalen, to approve the agreement with Thompson, Guildner & Associates, Inc. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

- b. Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Lower Columbia SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) and for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid between City of Longview, City of Kelso, City of Castle Rock, and Cowlitz County.

Police Chief Charlie Worley presented.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Whalen, to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Cowlitz County Commissioner Rick Dahl provided comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro