

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, John Whalen, Paul Simonsen, and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Lee Kessler arrived at 7:46 PM.

Staff present: Police Chief Charlie Worley, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, Public Works Senior Operator Tyler Stone, City Engineer Carol Ruiz, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

c. Changes to Agenda

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. May 11-17 - National Police Week including Candlelight Vigil on May 14

The proclamation was read by Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro and presented by Mayor Paul Helenberg.

Reserve Chaplain Tom Haan accepted the proclamation and spoke about the sacrifices that law enforcement officers and their families make every day. Police Chief Charlie Worley spoke of and thanked the Cowlitz Chaplaincy for their invaluable support.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - maximum 3 minutes

Flo Paget, Cowlitz County resident, asked that the City considers the number of low income residents in the area when approving permit applications.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- City Attorney

City Attorney Nikki Thompson gave a verbal report.

- Police Chief Charlie Worley

- Public Works Director Dave Vorse / Senior Operator Tyler Stone

- Summary Presentation of US Army Corps of Engineers "Mount Saint Helens Level of Protection 2024 Update"

Public Works Director Dave Vorse gave a presentation and 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
Mayor Paul Helenberg gave a verbal report.
- CRCDA Representative

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
- Approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
- Approve the April 2025 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report in the amount of \$458,478.03.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Amendment to Municipal Legal and Support Services with Thompson, Guildner & Associates, Inc., P.S., amending the start date from June 1, 2025 to an immediate effective date.

Mayor Paul Helenberg and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro presented.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve the amendment of the start date. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

- Resolution No. 2025-03, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Castle Rock, Washington, amending Schedule 6 of the City's Master Fee Schedule.

Mayor Paul Helenberg and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro presented.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve Resolution No. 2025-03. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

- Gibbs & Olson, Inc. Authorization No. 2025-002 for Utility and Access Easement Descriptions upon School District, Swanson, and Gould Properties, in the amount of \$12,000.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse presented.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Kessler, to approve Authorization No. 2025-002. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

- Gibbs & Olson, Inc. Authorization No. 2025-003 for Storm Sewer Cleaning, Inspection and

Prioritization, in the amount of \$270,000.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse and City Engineer Carol Ruiz presented.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve Authorization No. 2025-003.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, Whalen, Simonsen, and Rose voted 'Aye'.

e. Wastewater Pretreatment Policy

Public Works Director Dave Vorse presented as information only. No action was taken.

f. ***Added Item*** Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County to provide a Rural Development funding grant for the SR411 Water Main Extension Project, which will extend the water main from the P.H. #10 intersection and go south 1810 feet.

Public Works Senior Operator Tyler Stone presented.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose, to approve the Interlocal Agreement.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Kessler, 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 8:28 PM.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro