

**City of Port Orchard  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting of December 1, 2008**

**7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Lary Coppola, Mayor  
Councilmembers: Chang, Childs, Colebank, Olin, Powers, and Putaansuu

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Clauson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Police Chief Townsend, Court Administrator Hunt, City Treasurer Tompkins, Public Works Director Dorsey, Development Director Weaver, and City Clerk Kirkpatrick.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chris Mutchler led the audience and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2009 Preliminary Budget**

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Coppola opened the Public Hearing.

**The following citizens spoke in favor of a full-time Mayor:**

James Miller, 4598 Westway Drive SE, Port Orchard, WA  
Bill Slach, 6008 KC Pl SE, Port Orchard, WA  
Dick Davis, 7009 Killeen Pl SE, Port Orchard, WA  
Chris Mutchler, 644 Allan King Rd W, Seabeck, WA  
Richard A. Brown, P O Box 609, Port Orchard, WA  
Rudy Swenson, 710 Bay Street, Port Orchard, WA  
Ron Rider, 714 Bay Street, Port Orchard, WA  
Fred Depee, P O Box 586, Manchester, WA  
James Harris, 834 Bay Street, Port Orchard, WA  
Pat Waters, 5163 Bethel Road, Port Orchard, WA  
Heather Cole, 703 Kitsap Street, Port Orchard, WA  
Ron Rice, Port Orchard, WA  
Art Castle, Port Orchard, WA  
Rich Peterson, 1307 SE Swofford Lane, Port Orchard, WA  
Gary Anderson, Port Orchard, WA  
Kraig Quisenberry, Port Orchard, WA  
Sandy Charbonneau, 833 Bay Street, Port Orchard, WA

Amy Igloi-Matsuno, 100 Harrison Avenue, Port Orchard, WA  
Joanne Hartman, 6769 McCormick Drive, Port Orchard, WA  
Robert Baglio, Port Orchard, WA  
Marcie O'Brien, Port Orchard, WA  
Grant Matsuno, 100 Harrison Avenue, Port Orchard, WA  
Gil Micheal, 228 Seattle Avenue, Port Orchard, WA  
Jim James, Port Orchard, WA  
John Ready, Port Orchard, WA

**Those speaking in favor stated the following reasons for their support:**

- Mayor is doing an outstanding job of bringing developers back into the City.
- Concern that use of Hotel/Motel Tax dollars is appropriate.
- Many remarkable things have been happening in the City with the proposed annexations of McCormick Woods and Bethel Corridor.
- Time to invest in a Mayor who is willing to lead and build the City's resources in a bold and progressive manner.
- Mayor will fight for State and Federal Funding and should be compensated accordingly.
- Full-time Mayor will guide the City in the right direction.
- Pleased with the progress made over the past year and this is a win/win situation for all concerned.
- Proud to be a member of this community.
- Only City in Kitsap County that does not have a full-time Mayor.
- Previous Council and Mayor operated the City conservatively, which is appreciated, but now is the time to be progressive as the County is forcing the City to grow under the Growth Management Act.
- Support full-time Mayor, but not using Hotel/Motel tax dollars to fund salary increase.
- Need a strong leader who is results orientated.
- Important to have a full-time Mayor to ensure the City receives its portion of funding dollars and operates as big City.
- Time is right to move from small town to big City.
- Support Mayor in his vision to move the City forward.
- Time for the residents to show their pride in the City.
- Mayor will advocate aggressively for funding at the state and federal levels and is dedicated to doing a good job for the City.
- This is an exciting time to live and work in Port Orchard.
- Real issue is leadership and this was a good time despite economic hard times.
- Time of dynamic change to lead the next generation into becoming a socially responsible City.
- Mayor and Council need to act decisively and with conviction to see the changes through.
- Mayor should have measurable performance standards to ensure appropriate use of Hotel/Motel tax funds for portion of salary.

Debbie Austin, 614 Division Street, read Commissioner Jan Angel's letter into the record voicing her support of a full-time Mayor and invited the Mayor and Council to attend the Commissioner's farewell celebration on December 17, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Chambers.

**The following citizens spoke in opposition of a full-time Mayor:**

Charles Naddeo, 205 Tracy Avenue N, inquired as to whether or not the Mayor's status to full-time needed to go before a vote of the people. Mayor Coppola advised that this is a decision that the Council makes.

George Warrington, 1932 SW Spruce Rd, voiced his opposition to the raise, noting that the Mayor knew what the hours and salary would be when he ran for office and he should accept that pay or pursue different goals to achieve without further taxation to the citizens.

Mary Felts, 1050 Hull Avenue, voiced her opposition to raising the Mayor's salary three times its current rate, noting that with the declining economy there may not be any money available from the State or Federal governments.

Mary Colborn, 6815 SW Old Clifton Rd, voiced agreement that this was a full-time position, but questioned whether or not using Hotel/Motel tax dollars was appropriate. She encouraged the Council to keep the position as part-time until such time as enough revenue was generated with the annexation of the Bethel Corridor and then increasing the Mayor's salary to an appropriate level.

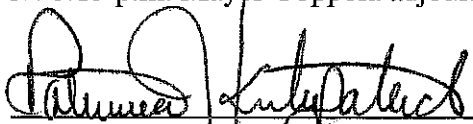
The following agreed a full-time Mayor was needed, but objected to using Hotel/Motel tax dollars to fund the salary increase:

- Chris Stansberry, 316 Cline Avenue
- Bill Slach, 6008 KP Place SE
- Heather Cole, 703 Kitsap Street


There being no further public testimony, Mayor Coppola closed Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Coppola adjourned the meeting.



Patricia J. Kirkpatrick, City Clerk



Larry Coppola, Mayor