



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

October 17, 2022 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Bitetto, Brown, Cole (arrived at 6:09pm), Hochstatter, Neuman, Reed and Stuard

COUNCILMEMBER REED WAS ABSENT.

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER REED FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Stormwater Capacity Grant Acceptance
2. Sumner Springs Reservoir Recoat - Construction Contract Award
3. Town Center : Utility & Woonerf - PSE Agreement Schedule 74 Design Work
4. Town Center : Main and Wood PSE Agreement: Schedule 74 Design Work
5. Resolution No. 1639 - Setting Public Hearing Riverwalk Trail Vacation
6. Purchase & Sale Agreement - Nordyke Acquisition: 16602 64th ST E
7. Approval of the regular council meeting minutes from October 3, 2022, special study session of October 3, 2022 and October 10, 2022 study session

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing: Resolution No. 1640 - Tax Year 2023 Ad Valorem Property Tax
MAYOR HAYDEN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:04PM.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the council.

The City Clerk received eight comments from the following opposed to the suggested increase:
Andy Elfers, Bertie Enslow, Jody Howell, Linda Melton, Lyle Melton, Samantha Bianco, Susan and Benjamin Mendoza and Susan Atkinson. Their comments were not read into the record but are attached to these minutes.

The following citizens were at the meeting and spoke in opposition of the Resolution:
Ken Colon, Kincaid Avenue
Pam Johnson, Main Street
Dave Baker, Alder Avenue

With no additional comments from the public, Mayor Hayden closed the hearing at 6:22pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business tonight.

2. **Public Comment**

No Public Comment tonight.

3. **New Business**

a. **Pierce County Regional Council Representative Selection**

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY BITETTO TO SELECT A SUMNER REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE(S) (IF NECESSARY) FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

City Administrator Jason Wilson addressed the Council.

DEPUTY MAYOR HOCHSTATTER NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER NEUMAN. COUNCILMEMBER COLE SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

City Administrator Wilson clarified the process stating the nominations wouldn't need a motion and a second, as Deputy Mayor Hochstatter's original motion opened the topic up to debate, if there was no one else interested, they could close the debate.

PASSED 5-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS BITETTO, COLE, HOCHSTATTER, NEUMAN AND STUARD VOTING YES AND COUNCILMEMBER BROWN VOTING NO.

City Administrator Wilson then reminded the Council of the need for an alternate should the representative be unable to attend the meetings. DEPUTY HOCHSTATTER VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE ALTERNATE.

PASSED 5-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS BITETTO, COLE, HOCHSTATTER, NEUMAN AND STUARD VOTING YES AND COUNCILMEMBER BROWN VOTING NO.

b. **Council Committee Selection**

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY STUARD TO CHOOSE REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2023 TERM.

City Administrator Jason Wilson address council.

DEPUTY MAYOR HOCHSTATTER SUGGESTED CURRENT COMMITTEE ALTERNATES MOVE INTO THE PERMANENT MEMBER POSITION. COUNCILMEMBER BROWN DECLINED. COUNCILMEMBER NEUMAN VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE COUNCILMEMBER ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMEMBER STUARD WILL BE A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, COUNCILMEMBER NEUMAN WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO WILL BECOME A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. **Ordinance No. 2836 – 2023 Utility Rates**

MOVED BY STUARD SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2836 - 2023 WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO UPDATE THE SUMNER UTILITY RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

Public Works Director Mike Dahlem addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

Ken Colon, Kincaid Avenue spoke against the item.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

d. **Ordinance No. 2837 - Amending the 2021/2022 Biennial Budget**

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2837 AMENDING THE 2021/2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

e. **Sumner Texaco Heritage Park Remediation - Consultant Services Amendment**

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO PBS'S CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE SUMNER TEXACO HERITAGE PARK REMEDIATION (CIP 22-04), INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$122,222 TO A TOTAL AUTHORIZED AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$226,995, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE AMENDMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN A FORM AS APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Associate City Engineer Alisa O'Javer-Ayala spoke to the item.

Discussion ensued.

Pam Johnson, Main Street and Ken Colon, Kincaid Avenue, both spoke in opposition of the project/amendment.

PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. Council

Councilmember Neuman thanked the audience for their participation in tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Cole, Bitetto, and Deputy Mayor Hochstatter had no reports to night.

Councilmember Stuard also appreciates the public participation. He invited the public to attend the council's study session, where they thoroughly review, ask questions, etc. all items that will be on upcoming regular council meetings. While comments from the public are not allowed at study session, it is a chance to better understand projects, and other items that are happening around Sumner prior to the regular council meeting.

Councilmember Brown commented on the amount of dog poop that he notices while he walks his dog – please clean up after your dog! He is sure these dogs aren't walking themselves.

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Wilson reviewed the following items:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- October 24th Study Session
 - 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Cycle Introduction
 - 2023/24 Budget Review
 - Reserve Funds
 - General Fund Reserve (002)
 - Building Reserve (003)
 - REET (305) Fund
 - Special Revenue Funds:
 - 106 Tourism Tax Fund (recap from LTAC action)
 - 115 ARPA Fund
 - Fiduciary Funds:
 - 611 Firefighter's Pension Fund
 - Property Tax Discussion
 - Budget Wrap Up – Final Questions/Discussion
 - Revisit Council Strategic Reserve for Suggestions
- November 7th Regular Council Meeting
 - 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Public Hearing
 - ROW Vacation for Riverwalk Trail Public Hearing
 - Resolution Terminating the Covid-19 Emergency Proclamation
 - Easement Agreements with Potelco for the Stewart Road Bridge
 - Dept of Commerce Grant Acceptance 2024 Comprehensive Plan
 - Nisqually Jail Services Agreement
 - Resolution setting the 2023 Ad Valorem Property Taxes

Personnel Issues: Hired Lucas Devore as an Entry Level Police Officer. Lucas will be attending the academy in November.

Policy Follow-Up: The Finance Department released \$50,132 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to support Utility Payment Assistance. All the Business Grant recipients have signed their agreements and the money has been distributed. All the recipients have expressed their sincere gratitude. Copies of their appreciation notes will be distributed to council.

c. Mayor

Mayor Hayden continued on Councilmember Stuards' report. By the time we get to a council meeting, the information coming before the council has been reviewed at numerous study sessions and committees. They are studied to death. She did express her thanks for the public attending tonight's meeting.

5. Executive Session

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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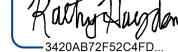
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