



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

March 4, 2024 6:00 PM

The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and on the Zoom platform.

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Steffens, Beagle, Windish, Kosa, Moericke, Palmer, Johnstone, and Converse

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAYDEN AT 6:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Brown, Cole, Elfers, and Stuard

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hayden administered the Oath of Office to Pat Clerget. Mr. Clerget was appointed by the Council during the February 19, 2024, meeting to fill the seat vacated by Councilmember Hochstatter on December 31, 2023. This position will be on the 2025 ballot as a two-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Councilmember Clerget took a seat at the Dias.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY STUARD TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

- 1) Resolution No. 1670 – Metro Animal Service Donation Acceptance
- 2) Approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2024 regular council meeting and the 26th of February 2024 study session.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business tonight.

2. Public Comment

Spoke about Ryan House:

Janice Yoder Bream, resident of Sumner

Brent Norland, Alder Avenue

Kasey Henderson 162nd Ave East, read comments on behalf Randall Adams

Amanda Henderson, 162nd Ave East

Laura Hendricks, Spanaway

Nick Biermann, Parker Road East

Marisa Ryan
Nancy Ryan Dressler
Fred Orton, Enumclaw

Spoke about Heritage Fountain:

Jerry Yoder
Melissa Fox, Spanaway
Tina Burnett, Sumner Avenue

3. New Business

a. Planning Commissioner Appointment – Healy

COUNCILMEMBER ELFERS MADE A MOTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT HEALY TO THE SUMNER PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING IN APRIL 2026. SECONDED BY BOWMAN.

Community and Economic Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the Council. He introduced Mr. Healy to the Council and was invited to say a few words. Mr. Healy was thanked by Councilmembers for volunteering to serve on the commission.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Resolution No. 1676 – RV Waste Receiving Station Closure

COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1676; RV WASTE RECEIVING STATION CLOSURE. SECONDED BY STUARD.

Ryan Johnstone, Public Works Deputy Director – Operations, addressed the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER ELFERS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION, SECTION 1 TO THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER HAS DETERMINED THAT THE RV WASTE RECEIVING STATION IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED WITHOUT COSTLY UPGRADES AND HEREBY DIRECTS STAFF TO CLOSE THE RV WASTE RECEIVING STATION ON APRIL 30, 2024, COMMUNICATE SAID CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC, AND FURTHER DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO OPERATE THE RECEIVING STATION ON A CONTROLLED AND LIMITED BASIS.

THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY BROWN.

Discussion ensued. There were two emailed comments from the public (attached to the minutes).

MAYOR HAYDEN CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT. FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 5-2.

VOTING YES: ELFERS, BROWN

VOTING NO: COLE, CLERGET, BITETTO, STUARD, BOWMAN

MAYOR HAYDEN THEN CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1676; RV WASTE RECEIVING STATION CLOSURE. PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 6-1.

VOTING YES: BOWMAN, COLE, BITETTO, STUARD, CLERGET AND BROWN

VOTING NO: ELFERS

4. **Reports**

a. **Council**

Councilmember Bitetto welcomed Councilmember Clerget to the council and the new Planning Commissioner Rob Healy. She understands the passion surrounding the Ryan House and thanked those who spoke for their comments.

Councilmember Stuard “ditto” what Councilmember Bitetto said.

Councilmember Cole was also a “ditto”. She did add that as a commuter who uses Sumner Station, she feels so far, things are going well.

Councilmember Elfers welcomed Councilmember Clerget and looks forward to working with him.

Councilmember Bowman welcomed Councilmember Clerget. She thanked Councilmember Elfers for the amendment and the time that was spent on it. She continued to thank those who spoke tonight and singled out Nick Biermann for his efforts looking for additional funding sources to save the Ryan House.

Councilmember Clerget thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

Councilmember Brown thanked everyone for their comments.

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

- March 11th – Study Session
 - Library Update
 - 1st Quarter Budget Amendment
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Transportation Improvement Fees
- March 18th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Council Committee Assignments
 - Grant Acceptance for Floodplains by Design
 - Public Hearing on the six year Transportation Improvement Program
 - Ordinance amending our Cultural Arts Commission Code
 - Ordinance adopting the quarter 1 budget amendment

Significant Development Activity:

- Development Services is seeing an increase in permit submittals ahead of the new energy building code changes that go into effect in mid-March. Two weeks ago, the design commission reviewed three significant projects including the Bennet property downtown, a new Branks BBQ location along 24th Street E, and a mixed use development at Graham and Main Street.

Policy Follow-Up:

- Utility Shut Offs
 - I wanted to provide you with a quick policy update, last summer Council voted to increase the past due utility account reconnection fee from \$40 to \$75. This adjustment wasn't done to increase City revenues, but to change customer behavior and I am happy to say that it has worked! By increasing the penalty, it has caused people to take notice of the due dates and get their payments in on time or reach out to us prior to shut offs to establish payment

arrangements. Since the change we are disconnecting on average over 30% less accounts each month and this month had our lowest number ever of just 21 residential disconnects which represents .05% of our total customers.

- Legislative Update
 - Initiative 2113 – Mayor Hayden and Chief Moericke signed in as PRO at the Senate Law and Justice Committee which held a joint hearing for Initiative 2113. Initiative 2113 would return the police pursuit laws back to pre-legislative action in 2021. Earlier today the State Legislature approved Initiative 2113 which will go into effect 90 days after the session ends.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden had no comments tonight.

5. **Adjournment**

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:



Kathy Hayden, Mayor

DocuSigned by:



Michelle Converse, CMC City Clerk

****EXTERNAL EMAIL****

Because of the abuses at the dump station and other uses for the money it would take to manage the station and prevent these abuses I feel that the station should be closed.

I don't believe that the citizens of Sumner should be paying for expenses incurred by businesses nor should we be paying to remediate damages to the sewer system done by these irresponsible businesses. Damages done affect everyone in the city which certainly outweighs any inconvenience to RV owners who may have to go a little further to empty the tanks in their vehicles.

Thank you,
Rosemari Ogden
Wood Ave; Sumner

Dump stations are few and far between. You are the third dump station for me to use "routinely" and I would hate to see you close. I already drive from Kapowsin to Sumner to dump my RV tanks.

PLEASE find another solution to fixing this problem. I've not had time to give thought to this but there must be another solution.

Maybe a set up like the Tacoma Narrows has. A camera that take a picture of the license plate and mails them a bill, ticket or court summons for illegal dumping.

John Aldrich
Orville Rd E; Orting