



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

March 18, 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, Palmer, Barber, Raymond, O'Haver-Ayala, Leach, McCurdy, and Converse

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

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

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

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING. MOVED BY ELFERS, SECONDED BY BITETTO TO EXCUSE BROWN. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Approval of the checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,935,510.68.
- 2) Approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2024, regular council meeting and the 11th of March 2024 study session.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 1678 -2025/2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Annual Update**

Deputy Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing at 6:06pm and introduced Associate City Engineer Andrew Leach to speak to the item.

There were no comments from Council and one public comment from Amanda Henderson, Sumner.

With no other comments from the audience or council, Deputy Mayor Cole closed the Public Hearing at 6:11pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business tonight.

2. Public Comment

Ryan House:

Nick Biermann, Sumner

Laura Hendrix, Sumner

Brian Massey, Bonney Lake

Casey Henderson, Sumner (on behalf of Randall Adams)

Amanda Henderson, Sumner (on behalf of Randall Adams)

Jerry Yoder, Lake Tapps

Julie Norris, Sumner

Melissa Fox (Spanaway) and Gary Rang (Sumner) both donated their three minutes to Nick Biermann.

Procedural:

Todd Drussel, Port Orchard

3. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2880 - Cultural Arts Commission Changes

COUNCILMEMBER ELFERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2880 AMENDING CHAPTER 2.86, CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. SECONDED BY BITETTO.

Community and Economic Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Ordinance No. 2883 – Amending the 2023/2024 Biennial Budget

COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2883 – AMENDING THE 2023/2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET. SECONDED BY ELFERS.

Kasandra Raymond, Chief Financial Officer addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. 2024/2025 Committee Selection

City Administrator Jason Wilson reviewed the process with the Councilmembers. Each Councilmembers name will be called, in order of seniority, they will choose the committee seat or an alternate seat. The process will continue until all committee seats are filled.

The 2024/2025 Committees are as follows -

Finance & Personnel - Bitetto, Bowman, Cole, Stuard (alternate)

Public Works – Stuard, Elfers, Clerget, Brown (alternate)

Community Development – Brown, Cole, Elfers, Bowman (alternate)

Public Safety – Bitetto, Bowman, Clerget, Brown (alternate)

City Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – Bitetto, Cole (alternate)

4. Reports

a. Council

Councilmembers Bitetto, Clerget and Deputy Mayor Cole had no reports.

Councilmember Stuard appreciates the comments made by the public at tonight's meeting. He recognizes the passion and encourages them to think of next steps for their group. He suggested that the Save the Ryan House group possibly work with City staff to find alternate financing or a Bond vote to the residences to save the house. He praised Kassandra Raymond as the best Finance Director from his experience of 40 years in public finance, she can find the money if there is any.

Councilmember Elfers congratulated the Sumner High School gymnastics program on winning the top State honors. Mr. Elfers addressed several comments made throughout the meeting: Ryan House -Financial considerations are a big deal and those lie solely with taxpayers. He appreciates the groups passion, but from his experience, project cost for restoring an old house can double. Commissions – he encouraged people to volunteer and get involved. The final item he addressed was a public comment about placating to the State. A lot of the things the City does is mandated by the State. Input is needed at the State level too.

Councilmember Bowman echoed everything Mr. Stuard and Elfers commented on. She appreciates all the comments and it's important to work together so everyone's voice is heard. She encouraged citizens to keep showing up.

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- March 25th – Study Session
 - 2023 Financial Review
 - Parks and Trail Plan Update
- April 1st – Regular Council Meeting
 - Public Hearing on surplus utility equipment
 - Grant Acceptance for Floodplains by Design
 - IT Security Solutions Contract Award
 - Resolution for data sharing with the Washington State Auditor's Office
 - Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers
 - Resolution adopting the six year Transportation Improvement Plan
 - Planning Commission Reappointment
 - Ordinance amending the 2024 compensation schedule

c. Mayor

No report tonight.

5. Executive Session

At 7:12pm, Deputy Mayor Cole adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.00(i)(i) for a period of 15 minutes. There will be no action to follow.

The Executive Session was extended three times, for 10 minutes each time. The Executive Session ended at 7:57pm.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the council, Deputy Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 8pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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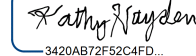
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