



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street,

August 5, 2024 6:00 PM

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Windish, Kosa, Moericke, Palmer, Steffens, Fessler, Parisot, and Converse

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO WAS ABSENT. PER COUNCIL RULES, SHE NOTIFIED THE MAYOR. MOTION TO EXCUSE BITETTO WAS MADE BY BOWMAN, SECONDED BY REINKE.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the minutes from the July 15, 2024 regular council meeting and the July 22, 2024 study session.
2. Resolution No. 1694 - Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant Acceptance
3. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,286,307.42.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **Public Comment**

Ayers, Dawn, Roy. Spoke about the Woolery plaque at the fountain.

Barnett, Tina, Sumner Avenue. Spoke about the flag and the need for replacement.

Fox, Melissa, Spanaway, WA. Spoke about Heritage Park and the plaques.

Biermann, Nick, Parker Road East. Spoke about the tiles from Heritage Park and commented about previous study sessions and commission meetings.

Adams, Randall, 63rd Street. Spoke about proposed changes to council rules.

Yoder, Jerry, Lake Tapps. Talked about the plaques from Heritage Park.

3. **New Business**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2896 – Amending Sumner Municipal Code 1.18, City’s Public Records**

MOVED BY BOWMAN SECONDED BY ELFERS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2896

AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 1.18, CITY'S PUBLIC RECORDS.

City Clerk Michelle Converse addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. Council

Councilmember Elfers attended the July meeting of the Pierce County Regional Council, which included updates from Pierce Transit and a SHAAP update.

Councilmember Reinke attended Music off Main. He attended a budget workshop in Wenatchee sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities.

There were no other council reports.

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson covered the following topics:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- August 12th – 5th Study Session
 - Library Update
 - Community Partners Fund Applicant Reviews
- August 19th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Resolution No. 1673 - Commerce Grant Acceptance Cemetery Facility
 - Resolution - Council Rules and Procedures Update
 - Purchase and Sale Agreement for 16th Street Property
 - Rivergrove Pedestrian Bridge - Consultant Supplement for Design
 - First Amendment to the Greenwater North LLC, Six Kilns Apartments LLC Settlement Agreement
 - Services Agreement for Senior Center Management with Stafford Suites
 - Resolution - City Hall Solar Panel Grant Acceptance
 - Stewart Road Pond Repair - Construction Contract Award
 - West Well & Cemetery Irrigation Improvements - Design Supplement
 - Cemetery Maintenance Building - Water Service Change Order
 - Sumner Texaco Heritage Park Remediation - Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program Agreement
 - Ordinance - Amending SMC Pretreatment Regulations, Chapter 13.18

Policy Follow-Up:

- This week the departments will complete their executive department presentations of their 2025/26 budget requests. Over the next few weeks, the Mayor will complete her proposed budget, and budget presentations to the council will start in September.

Miscellaneous:

- The Friday starting at 3:30, the Sumner Cultural Arts Commission is holding the annual Chalk Art Festival at Loyalty Park. Live music by Kalimba and Earth Wind and Fire tribute band starts at 6:30.
- Next Monday at 5pm we will be celebrating the completion of the Cemetery Operations Building. The ribbon will be cut, and tours provided. The public is welcome to join.

c. Mayor

Mayor Hayden had no comments tonight.

5. Executive Session

There was none tonight.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the Council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the regular meeting at 6:32pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:



Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse, CMC City Clerk

Sumner City Clerk Michelle Converse,

Please enter the attached pdf into the record for tonight's City Council Meeting. I have also copied the Mayor and City Council Members individually so you shouldn't have to also send a copy to each of them.

Thank you kindly,

Randall Adams 15013 63rd St Ct E, Sumner WA 98390

If the council is so worried about full addresses be stated before comments are started. the answer is quite simple, Follow the lead of the planning commission and have us state our name, spell it so it can be recorded correctly, give our full address and then start the 3 min comment clock because that is when comments are actually started.

Under the disguise of trying to stop vile comments being made by zoom bombers, Council quickly shifted into complaints and restrictions against those of us who come in person to speak even though you state that oral comments are preferred to those submitted in writing. Please reflect over the last year how many times you have actually had to listen to comments that lasted over 30 minutes from citizens during a time when the City was found to be guilty of breaking the law. It is a testament to how kind our citizens are that you have not been overwhelmed every single meeting. And no, it is not something you can solely place on the prior council, as you now are not following the judgement you've stated you will follow. Let me read from that judgement so you can hear your non-compliance!

"Because the city failed to comply with SEPA before approving the demolition permit, the demolition permit is rescinded for this reason, too, and the matter is remanded to the City to follow proper SEPA process and the Comprehensive Plan amendment process "before any decision about the demolition of the Ryan House."

Included in the rejected Resolution 1685 & it's 26 Whereas' your beliefs & actions r noted:

WHEREAS, the City is fully committed to strict compliance with the Court's order

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees, consistent with the Pierce County Superior

Court order, to temporarily toll the effectiveness of Resolution 1663.....

Nowhere does the Court Order reference tolling 1663. Temporarily tolling it's effectiveness directly goes against the Court order because 1663 is precluded by the court order as a decision before the current Comp Plan is adopted. Think the city is confusing the 2.2M toll to be paid for you not to proceed with the demo after the Comp Plan is adopted. So why is it now more important to restrict how citizens speak to you vs complying with the court order or taking action protecting our employees from having to blow out rat droppings before working? If those droppings were here you would have already had it corrected! It is way past the time for the city to apologize for your actions, for wasting 60k trying to justify those actions, for having those actions divide a close-knit community and to honestly start a concerted effort to mend the perception that citizens have that you cannot be trusted. Please start focusing on those efforts vs restricting those who deeply love Sumner and come here to voice our opinions to the Council who we elected to represent us.

So why is it now more important to restrict how citizens speak? Instead now you should start doing important work like rejecting 1663 to comply with the court order and correcting why our employees have to blow out their work stations from rat droppings before starting work.

So why is it now more important to restrict how citizens speak to you vs complying with the court order or taking action protecting our employees from having to remove rat droppings before working? If those droppings were here you would have already had it corrected!

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