



CITY OF
SUMNER
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street,

September 3, 2024 6:00 PM

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Johnstone, Moericke, Palmer, Steffens, Beagle, Kosa, Windish, O'Haver- Ayala, Moericke, Parisot and Converse

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Taylor Ford – Calvary Community Church

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Clerget, Cole, Elfers and Reinke (Mayor Hayden was absent)

PRESENTATION

Community Survey- GreatBlue, VP Research Seamus McNamee

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$1,800,522.46
2. Resolution 1697 – Interlocal Agreement for Specialized Law Enforcement Services
3. Resolution No. 1698 – Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for Multijurisdictional SWAT Team
4. Approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular meeting and the August 26, 2024 study session

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

2. Public Comment

Jerry Yoder 910 Traffic Ave- Issue with structure of plaque retrieval on 9/9, electric car chargers not working

Nick Biermann 5802 Parker Rd E- Plaque ownership and retrieval on 9/9.

3. New Business

a. Confirm LTAC's Recommended Funding for MainStreet Vision - Trees

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO CONFIRM THE LODGING TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING MAIN STREET VISION - TREES

Communications Director Carmen Palmer addressed the council.

Public comment-

2 members of the public spoke to the item.

Discussion ensued-

Councilmembers Bitetto, Elfers, Bowman, and Reinke commented.

City Administrator Jason Wilson and Public Works Director Michael Kosa commented.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. **Confirm LTAC's Recommended Funding for MainStreet Vision – Bike Racks**

MOVED BY BOWMAN SECONDED BY CLERGET TO CONFIRM THE LODGING TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING MAIN STREET VISION – BIKE RACKS.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer addressed the council.

No comments from public

Discussion ensued-

Councilmembers Bowman, Bitetto, Elfers and Reinke commented.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. **Confirm LTAC's Recommended Funding for MainStreet Vision – Tables & Chairs**

MOVED BY REINKE SECONDED BY BITETTO TO CONFIRM THE LODGING TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING MAIN STREET VISION – TABLES 7 CHAIRS

Communications Director Carmen Palmer addressed the council.

Public Comment - One member of the public spoke to the item.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. Council

Councilmember Bitetto discussed safety of children on their return to school and expressed excitement about the State Fair.

Councilmember Elfers also commented on children going back to school and gave an acknowledgment of Councilmember Brown's past service to the City.

Councilmember Bowman also commented on Councilmember Brown's past service. She expressed appreciation of the tour of parks taken during the Special Study Session in August, commenting on the large amount of community usage of the parks. Councilmember Bowman also commented on the safety around school buses and children as they get back to school.

Councilmembers Reinke, Clerget, and Deputy Mayor Cole had nothing to report tonight.

b. City Administrator Jason Wilson

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- September 9th – Study Session
 - MIC Transit Update
 - 25-26 Budget Kickoff

- September 16th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Stewart Road Bridge - Construction Management Consultant Agreement
 - Washington Street Reconstruction- Design Consultant Agreement
 - Professional Service Contract Amendment – Sound Inspections
 - West Valley Highway Sidewalks - Design Consultant Agreement
 - Ordinance No. 2894 – Amending SMC 5.08 - Utilities
 - Stewart Road Bridge – PSE Easement Acquisition
- September 16th – Special Study Session
 - Budget - General Fund Department

Significant Development Activity:

- Today the building permit for Titus Will Used Trucks was issued.

Miscellaneous:

- Regarding electrical vehicle chargers- the City does not own any at this time, but the Sumner PD has recently apprehended a suspect in the theft of chargers.
- Heritage Park plaques – Finance committee surplused these items at the August Finance Committee meeting and directed staff to coordinate the pick-up of the plaques on a first come first serve basis, with any not being picked up offered to the Sumner Historical Society. Staff have planned September 9th from 8-10am and 5-6pm right here in Council Chambers for those who wish to pick up a plaque. Only one plaque per person, on a first come first served basis. Additional details can be found on our website.

c. Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cole had no comments tonight.

5. Executive Session

There was none tonight.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the Council, Deputy Mayor Cole adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Patricia Cole

Patricia Cole, Deputy Mayor

Maria Parisot

Maria Parisot
Records Management Specialist

Michelle & Councilmembers,

Attached are my comments related to tonight's meeting +. Would have preferred to have presented them in person tonight, especially the Orwellian overreach regarding public comments included in 1695, yet a family medical crisis prevents me from doing so. Yes, this is longer than could have been presented in 3 minutes, so if you want to focus on the 1st and 3rd pages I understand, as the 2nd page is simply showing instances of information you have received from the public and not from city staff.

Thank you for your time in advance,

Randall Adams

15013 63rd St Ct E, Sumner, WA 98390

Let's start with the Orwellian overreach in Resolution 1695 you just passed.

"Public comment is for the benefit of the Councilmembers, and is not provided as an opportunity for the speaker to inform or educate the community"

- 1) Isn't the reason we have live and recorded virtual meetings is to inform & educate the community as to what the council/city are doing? If not, why have virtual meetings!
- 2) Are you saying that only comments by city staff are allowed to inform/educate the council and anyone else who may watch your meetings?
- 3) Or are you saying that nothing done in front of the council is allowed to inform/educate the community and the council too? Be that by city employees or public speakers?
- 4) Or are you saying that only perspectives presented by the city staff are to be believed?
- 5) Or are you saying that perspectives presented by the public are not allowed to inform/educate the council or the community since those comments may factually contradict those views presented by city staff or simply be a different opinion than those expressed by staff?
- 6) Why are you trying to control speech/opinions from the community you have been elected to represent?
- 7) Is the mayor prepared to be the on-the-fly decision maker if she believes that a public speaker is only speaking to the community and not to the council as the Council Rules of Procedure dictate is her responsibility? Do we then have a debate as to what was said that was not being addressed to the council?

When is the City Council going to quit sitting on your hands and stop being the flea at the end of the tail of the dog that is the city government, all while know that you are blamed for all decisions because you vote to accept the actions of the

city staff? I think it is past time for the council to metaphorically have a brick in each hand and bring them together on that dog's tail to let everyone else in the City of Sumner government that you are an important part of all of this and should also be listened as to what you want them to do, including reducing the utility billings for our senior citizens and disabled community members as was asked when the utility rate increases were proposed. "We'll get back to you on that" has never happened and should be demanded to be acted on by the council!

I can understand that the city staff wants to control the narrative of everything that the council hears and sees, yet that is directly opposite of the democracy that we hope we still live in, including hearing from the public regarding:

- 1) City staff broke state laws yet hide behind having the city council vote on everything they do so it is the council who is breaking laws and not following through with the agreed to judgement currently and reading judgement to the council to know how you are not following the judgement despite staff saying otherwise.
- 2) City staff had the council approve \$60,000 to attorney fees to try and defend their own illegal actions and have the council approve that expenditure.
- 3) Once the city lost the lawsuit about their actions regarding the Ryan House, there has never been an apology to the community for their illegal actions or waste of \$60K
- 4) City staff only tells slanted perspectives of what they want you to do instead of educating you to all options for you to choose from, like leaving off \$400,000 of grants obtained & available yet stating the Ryan House only had \$1.1M of funds available when an additional \$400K was there, just had to be spent in 2023....information the council should have known to possibly tell the city to get moving forward to use now
- 5) The left off grant could have been used to have floor plans created + additional funds were available from the same source, as brought forward to council by Nicholas Biermann, yet staff told council this free money was a bad grant as they could only be 1/3 of total monies spent! What an ungrateful position to try and justify staff non-disclosure to the council in the summer of 2023 and ever since. Also, the suggestion to direct questioning from council that everyone who should know about the

decision to demo the Ryan House had in fact been kept in the loop all along and knew what was going on? This was a blatant misrepresentation. The transcript from study session on 9-11-23 shows the inaccuracy of staff representations and they then pushed back for council to vote a week early to demo before the open house on 9-22-23 or explain where extra money to complete as had been presented to council was to come from. This transcribed information was presented to Judge Rumbaugh in the lawsuit and if anyone other than the city attorney had come to the trial, you would know he was not happy with what went down on 9-11-23 and sooner.

Regarding the Knobloch Heritage Park, the community has been wondering why the city decided to destroy the original park created in the 90's? Certainly, you do not make that decision because of a few bad actors and their actions in the fountain as has been stated by the city. No, you blow up the whole thing and restart under the disguise of creating a new and improved park when instead, it is a Trojan Horse to create an over-the-top new City Hall with new offices & meeting rooms for senior staff on the 2nd floor and a large City Council Chamber on the 3rd floor. Obviously, had all of this been presented straight forwardly to the community, it would have been overwhelmingly rejected and staff knows this. So, let's back door it and if the community does not catch us in time to stop it, then it is the community's fault for not making the city be upfront and honest all along.

Also, the tiles in the fountain were in fact paid for by families in the amount of \$200 each and were not paid for by the city as has been represented by staff. These tiles should be returned the families who paid the \$200 up front.

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