



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

September 16, 2024 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation Pastor Luke Wilbanks, Gospel Life

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. White River Restoration Phase 1 (CIP 14-10) - Change Order
2. Main & Wood Intersection Improvements - Consultant Agreement Supplement
3. Resolution No. 1699 - EV Charging Commerce Grant Acceptance
4. Professional Service Contract Amendment #2 – Sound Inspections
5. Approval of the minutes from the September 3rd, 2024 regular council meeting and special study session, and the 9th of September 2024 study session.
6. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$1,199,183.18.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance No. 2894 – Amending Sumner Municipal Code 5.08 – Utility Taxes

MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY REINKE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2894 –
AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 5.08 – UTILITY TAXES

Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens spoke to the topic.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED 5-1.

YAYS – COLE, REINKE, BITETTO, BOWMAN, AND CLERGET.

NO – ELFERS

2. Public Comment

Tina Burnett, 228 Sumner Avenue spoke about Ryan House and the possibility of a new Council Chambers.

3. New Business

4. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Bitetto thanked the police department for all the work they do, putting their lives on the line for our community. The weekend's events lead to using lethal force which hasn't been used in many many years, we are very lucky.

Councilmembers Bowman, Reinke and Deputy Mayor Cole had no comment

Councilmember Elfers echoed Councilmember Bitetto comments and offered his condolences to the family.

Clerget announced the Public Safety Committee meeting is cancelled this week

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson reported on the following -

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- September 23rd – Study Session
 - Budget Presentations for the following departments:
 - Cemetery
 - Fleet
 - Metro Animal Services
 - Community Development
 - Senior Center
 - Community Services
- September 30th – Special Study Session
 - Budget Presentations for the following departments:
 - Information Technology
 - Parks
 - Parks Capital
 - Facilities
 - Facilities Capital
- October 7th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Sumner Bonney Lake School District Presentation
 - Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Ordinance amending the park rules relating to the Rainier View Covered Court hours
 - Ordinance adopting the 3rd Quarter budget amendments

Commission Updates:

- **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission will be meeting this Thursday at 6pm to make final recommendations regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update including related plans and development regulations.

Miscellaneous:

- **Council Vacancy:** Applications are available on our website, and will be accepted until October 8th at 5pm.

c. Mayor

Mayor Hayden wished Councilmember Bowman and City Clerk Michelle Converse “Happy Birthday”. She ended her comments by reminding everyone there was a special study session following the regularly scheduled meeting.

5. **Executive Session**

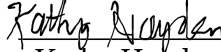
There was none tonight.

6. **Adjournment**

With no additional business before the Council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the regular meeting at 6:22pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:



Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse
City Clerk

To the city council members; When are you going to get tired of being the flea at the end of the tail of the dog that is bureaucracy of the City of Sumner? You are more important to the process than you are currently displaying with your rubber stamping of what is brought to you.

1) Why do you allow the staff to presume the account set up for your discretion should be used to do road work on Washington St for the city to “balance” their budget? Didn’t the citizens just tell you they want one-time expenditures from your golf course sale for the roads? You should take the lead on things you identify you want done and apply those funds at that time only, after your initiative to start that decision.....not after staff fills in their blanks with your controlled funds.

2) Why does the Utility Complex on 142nd have an expensive architectural design versus the buildings nearby owned by billion-dollar companies that are straight forward, functional, tilt up buildings; not trying to waste money for a design award? No, that foolishness is left for taxpayers to pay for when it is a “Utility Dept”! Instead you could have built a normal building that would have saved millions and had the main building be 2 stories to house the ever growing number of employees that staff says now do not have space to work, despite staff also representing there are now 10+ fewer employees than in 2008. Reality check here, there are MORE employees now because in 2008 we had a 911 call center and a fire dept. With those gone, the question is how many more employees now work out of city hall vs 2008 & is the reason for the overcrowding? Understand we have grown since 2008, just be honest and upfront with what has happened vs slanting data to give an erroneous representation of reality.

3) The whole city has been wondering why you needed to replace Knoblauch Heritage Park, with the unique “Hops Alley” and the likewise new park. The reality is that the city had come to the conclusion that you wanted new offices + on the second floor of your “Event Center” and a huge new City Council Chambers” for the council on the third, with a “green” deck to look out over the minions in the park. Why didn’t you actually ask the citizens if this is how they wanted to have their tax dollars spent? In a city that is barely meeting budget and is forecasted to be in the red for coming years, how can this exorbitant cost be justified for yourself. The over the top design of your new building under the auspices of a new park is why the citizens do not trust you and is actually just new expensive digs for city employees to enjoy.....”Let them eat cake” thought process comes to mind. This is directly opposite financially to what you should be doing based on us being broke & these excesses that staff is requesting & council

has been approving/allowing them to do.

4) It is far past the time when the city stops not being above board and starts disclosing to the citizens what you are actually doing. Think of all the efforts you did when just wanting to know the color of the courts at Rainier View Park. You can do it when you want to, you just seem to not want to do it most of the time and instead give citizens 2 weeks to speak up on ideas you have finalized/posted and spent money on. What we hear is “It’s too late” to change, you didn’t speak up in time or further disclosure is not required by the city!

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

From: Nhan, Christine

To: Michelle Converse

Subject: Sumner City Council Public Comment 9/16

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:15:40 PM

****EXTERNAL EMAIL****

Hello Mayor and Members of the Council,

My name is Christine Nhan and I am the Government Affairs Manager serving Pierce County for Puget Sound Energy (PSE). We are the region's oldest electric and gas utility delivering safe and reliable energy to our customers for over 150 years. Over the years, PSE has made several investments including a recent partnership with the Old Cannery to bring an electric vehicle charging station to the City of Sumner. The City is an important partner and we value the partnership we have developed. Tonight, I am providing comment on item 1a on the agenda. We appreciate the City's willingness to communicate with us and the thoughtful decision making throughout this process. At PSE, we want to be transparent with our customers about bill impacts. We understand this change may not impact every customer. However, we want to ensure that if any businesses are to experience changes, that we collaborate with the City on messaging these adjustments.

Again, thank you for the partnership and opportunity to provide comment.

Christine Nhan

Local Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager

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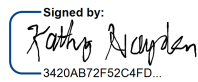
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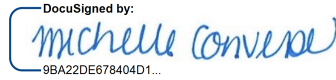
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