



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

November 4, 2024 6:00pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by David Barnes

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

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

Read into the record by City Administrator Jason Wilson

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$5,031,579.87
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from September 30, 2024, special study session, the October 16, 2024, special study session, the October 21, 2024, regular council meeting, the October 21, 2024, special study session, the October 23, 2024, special study session and the October 28, 2024, study session.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution No. 1700 – Tax Year 2025 Ad Valorem Property

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
NO. 1700 – TAX YEAR 2025 AD VALOREM PROPERTY.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

2. Public Comment

Tina Burnett, 228 Sumner Avenue, Sumner. Commented on the proposed BESS facilities.

Randall Adams, 15013 63rd St Ct East, Sumner. Comments are attached.

Amanda Henderson, 5908 & 5912 162ND Avenue East, Sumner. Spoke about the Ryan House.

Nick Biermann, 5802 Parker Road East, Sumner. Commented on the Special Community Development Meeting for BESS Facilities

3. New Business

a. Council Vacancy

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JASON WILSON PRESENTED THE PROCESS.

MAYOR HAYDEN CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

DEPUTY MAYOR COLE NOMINATED MATTHEW KENNA.

COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO NOMINATED MICHAEL HOCHSTATTER.

THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR COLE, SECONDED BY REINKE.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

THE MAYOR THEN ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

The following addressed the council on this matter -

Amanda Henderson, 5908 & 5912 162ND Avenue East, Sumner.

Nick Biermann, 5802 Parker Road East, Sumner.

THE MAYOR THEN CALLED FOR THE FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL VOTE –

CLERGET – MATTHEW KENNA

ELFERS – MICHAEL HOCHSTATTER

COLE – MATTHEW KENNA

REINKE – MATTHEW KENNA

BITETTO – MICHAEL HOCHSTATTER

BOWMAN –MATTHEW KENNA.

Mayor Hayden congratulated the newest Councilmember Matthew Kenna.

4. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Bitetto congratulated Mr. Kenna and thanked Mr. Hochstatter for his volunteering. Reminded everyone to get their ballot in by tomorrow.

Councilmember Bowman appreciates everyone who put their name in the hat for the opening. Several candidates have been involved in the City through commissions for a great amount of time. Congratulations to Matthew Kenna. Congratulations Pat Cole who along with others, was acknowledged by Sumner High School. She attended the Trick or Treating event on Main Street. She can really feel the community coming together, people feel it's safe to bring their children to events such as Trick or Treating.

Councilmember Clerget thanked everyone who applied for the open council position and congratulated Matthew Kenna.

Deputy Mayor Cole echoed Clerget's comments and added, don't forget to vote.

Councilmember Elfers shared his experience regarding council / commissions. Please keep looking for openings and try again! He also echoed, Councilmember Bowman's comments, adding, don't forget to vote.

Councilmember Reinke thanked all the candidates and share to keep active in the community. It was a great homecoming parade. He enjoyed trick or treating with this grandchildren.

b. City Administrator

c. Mayor

Halloween was awesome! All the kids got candy and probably wired for days!

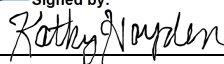
5. Executive Session

There was none tonight.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the Council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the regular meeting at 6:44pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse, CMC City Clerk

From: Randall Adams <radams15013@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 3:47 PM

To: Barbara Bitetto <BBitetto@sumnerwa.gov>; Andy Elfers <AElfers@sumnerwa.gov>; Pat Cole <pcole@sumnerwa.gov>; Pat Clerget <pclerget@sumnerwa.gov>; Carla Bowman <cbowman@sumnerwa.gov>; Greg Reinke <greinke@sumnerwa.gov>; Michelle Converse <MichelleC@sumnerwa.gov>

Subject: Comments/questions for the record for tonight's Council meeting

****EXTERNAL EMAIL****

Michelle,

Please include my attached comments/questions into the record for tonight's Council meeting. To the council members, hopefully there are some questions included herein that you can get answered to help you with your decisions.

Thank you kindly,

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

Let me start by praising Councilmember Bitetto for being the only one of you who asked questions of the applicants for the vacant council seat. Thank you! She addressed the white elephant in the room when asking clarification from Nick Biermann on what he thought. Then, she followed that question up with another to insure all of you knew what Nick is about. Thank you, Councilmember Bitetto, for seeking clarity for everyone.

While you have been getting better about speaking up and asking questions, please start thinking of your questions like removing the layers of an onion. The top layer may bring tears to your eyes based from non responses, yet you must continue to ask more questions to remove more layers to get down to the actual answers and not stop asking until you are respected and given straight forward answers.

Councilmember Elfers last meeting asked how much more the city owes towards the 8th St Bridge. While staff knew the answer as they were working on getting more grants that morning, you were not told the answer to that question. Council needs to follow up with kindly asking your questions until answered, not accepting being filibustered. Additional questions you can be asking now as you are working on the budget include;

- 1) What is the unfunded balance on the current WRRP phase after the grants acquired and the now 10M from the golf course sale that staff is now asking for instead of the original 20M that the previous council approved? That amount needs to be known and if the 10M now asked for needs to be adjusted higher to cover that final cost of any remaining balance.
- 2) What is the anticipated balance to cover the last phase of the WWRP, as disclosed information suggests between 40M-42M. Previously Councilmember Elfers previously asked if there are any large expenses coming up and this cost was not noted as being coming attractions. You need to know that cost now as part of your decisions and how is it to be paid for.
- 3) Regarding the funds to be spent from the proceeds of the sale of the golf course, remember that the previous council agreed to 20M for the WRRP and 10M towards the new utility dept cost portion to be covered by the general fund, with the total of both not to exceed 30M. The general fund balance is anticipated to be the approx. 25M total. If you follow the representations of the previous council, then IF 10M if the golf course funds are ALL the current phase of WRRP needs, then and only then should you consider raising to 20M the portion or the general funds responsibility for the new Utility Dept.
- 4) The city is now wanting you to pay the entire 25M portion assigned to the general fund out of the golf course funds. This means spending all 25M of the general funds responsibility + 10M WRRP = 35M of the golf course proceeds, an additional 5M vs approved by previous council & still not knowing how much more is needed for the current phase of the WRRP.

City Council Representations previously for allocating Proceeds of Golf Course Sale:

WRRP	\$20,000,000
General Fund for new Utility Dept	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
Total Agreed to by previous Council	\$30,000,000
Amount left for Council to decide how to spend	\$11,000,000

2024 City Staff Request Now in Budget from Sale of Golf Course:

WRRP	\$10,000,000
General Fund cost applied to new Utility Dept.	<u>\$25,000,000</u>
Total now asked for by Staff	\$35,000,000
Amount left for Council to decide how to spend	\$6,000,000

Regarding the alternative utility rates being offered, those costs should be specifically disclosed just as they have been with the current rate increases. Only by doing that can you see what the effects of the alternatives are financially and if they make sense. You need to be able to compare the anticipated revenues side by side, not in incongruent graphs and to not accept a representation that the costs are similar w/o amounts This way you can make an informed decision as to what you want to do knowing what the different costs actually are.

If you can increase the city tax rate by .1% and have those funds to improve city streets, why can't you do that and help cover the costs of the Washington St repair & then the Hunt Ave repair, keeping your discretionary funds to be used as you want them used? Later, if you do the chipseal in a 20yr cycle, the cost is 167K vs 250k every 15yrs; Or, 83K if you do it every 25yrs, with both the 20 & 25 yr options better than the current 30yr.cycle.

In the history section of the Comp Plan after your long session, you correctly crossed off what the Judge required the city to do if you intend to demolish the Ryan House, However, the paragraph below still references the 9-18-23 decision to demolish it as justification to do so. Per the settlement from the lawsuit, this council needs to vote on doing that and is not allowed to hide behind the previous decision as you have been precluded from doing so.

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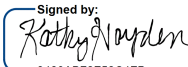
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