



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

October 21, 2024 6:00pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Steve Starr

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Stewart Road Bridge - Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Property Rights Acquisition
2. Stewart Road Bridge - Construction Management Consultant Agreement
3. Washington Street Preservation - Design Consultant Contract Award
4. Approval of Consultant Contract for Climate Resiliency Grant Project - Parametrix, Inc.
5. Resolution No. 1702 - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Auburn for Partial Funding of the Stewart Road Bridge Replacement Project
6. Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2024 study session, the October 7, 2024 regular council meeting and the October 14, 2024 study session.
7. Approval of the checks and electronic payments in the amount of [\\$3,649,732.22](#).

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution No. 1700 – Tax Year 2025 Ad Valorem Property Tax

Mayor Hayden opened the Public Hearing at 6:06pm. Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond spoke to the item. With no questions/comments from the public or the council, Mayor Hayden closed the hearing at 6:11pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**

2. **Public Comment**

Randall Adams, 63rd Street Court East. Mr. Adams spoke about the proposed utility rate increase and the Ryan House.

3. **New Business**

a. **Ordinance No. 2903 – 2025 Compensation Schedule**

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY COLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2903 APPROVING THE 2025 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.

Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. **Ordinance No. 2904 – Amending Sumner Municipal Code 2.100 Personnel Policies**

MOVED BY BOWMAN SECONDED BY CLERGET TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2904 - AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.100 PERSONNEL POLICIES.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. **Stewart Road Bridge – Construction Contract Award**

MOVED BY CLERGET SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2904 - AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.100 PERSONNEL POLICIES.

Associate City Engineer Andrew Leach addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. Council

Councilmember Bitetto reminded the public to vote and it's a two-sided ballot this year.

Councilmember Bowman had nothing to report tonight.

Councilmember Clerget reminded everyone to vote and it's Sumner Homecoming this Friday (October 25, 2024).

Deputy Mayor Cole attended the State of the District last week, and had a wonderful time. At the end of the event, the district reminded attendees that Prop. 1 (School District Levy) is on the back of the ballot and towards the bottom.

Councilmember Elfers updated the council on the Pierce County Regional Council. Echoed everyone else about voting.

Councilmember Reinke had a couple of items. Homecoming on Friday. Halloween, Street of Treats is on the 31st. He hopes that everyone gets out and votes.

b. Mayor

Mayor Hayden had no comments tonight.

c. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson reported on the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- October 23rd – Special Study Session
 - Council Vacancy Interviews
- October 28th – Study Session
 - 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
- October 30th – Special Study Session
 - Budget Review (Council Priorities for unfunded items)
 - General Fund financial forecast and revenue discussion
- November 4th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Proclamation for Native American Heritage Month
 - Resolution adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate
 - Ordinance related to 2025 Utility Rates
 - Ordinance amending the Utility Billing Code
 - Council vacancy nominations and appointment

Miscellaneous:

- **Open House:** Tuesday, October 22nd from 5-7pm

5. Executive Session

There was none tonight.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the Council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the regular meeting at 6:31pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Kathy Hayden

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Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse

Michelle Converse, CMC City Clerk