



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
City Hall – 1104 Maple Street
February 3, 2025 6:00 PM

The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and on the Zoom platform.

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

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAYDEN AT 6:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation- Pastor David Barnes

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

DEPUTY MAYOR BOWMAN WAS ABSENT. PER COUNCIL RULES, THE MAYOR WAS NOTIFIED. MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY KENNA TO EXCUSE DEPUTY MAYOR BOWMAN FROM TONIGHT’S MEETING. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER COLE WAS ABSENT. PER COUNCIL RULES, THE MAYOR WAS NOTIFIED. MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY ELFERS TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER COLE FROM TONIGHT’S MEETING. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Resolution No. 1710 – Interlocal Agreement Renewal with Sunnyside for Jail Services
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from January 21, 2025 regular council meeting, and the 27th of January 2025 study session.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution No. 1713 – 2026/2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Annual Update

MAYOR HAYDEN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:03PM AND INTRODUCED ASSISTANT ENGINEERING MANAGER COURTNEY LITTRELL TO SPEAK TO THE TOPIC.

Members of the public spoke to the item:

Randall Adams, 15013 63rd Street Court East, Sumner.

Nick Biermann, 5802 Parker Road East, Sumner

Kasey Henderson, 5908 162nd Avenue East, Sumner

With no other comments from the public, MAYOR HAYDEN CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:11PM.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**

2. **Public Comment**

Randall Adams, Sumner, spoke about the Ryan House

Susan Kobes, 21118 Kelly Lake Road East, Bonney Lake. Ms. Kobes spoke about fees relating to a small school that she wishes to open.

3. **New Business**

a. **Ordinance No. 2917 – Endangerment with a Controlled Substance**

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2917 – ENDANGERMENT WITH A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

City Attorney Andrea Marquez spoke to the topic.

Spoke to the item:

Randall Adams, Sumner

Kasey Henderson, Sumner

Councilmember Kenna

Councilmember Bitetto

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. **Resolution No. 1712 – Murrey’s Disposal 2025 Rate Increase**

MOVED BY REINKE SECONDED BY KENNA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1712 – MURREY’S DISPOSAL 2025 RATE INCREASE

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. **Council**

Councilmembers Reinke, Kenna, Clerget and Bitetto had no report tonight.

Councilmember Elfers appreciates that Murrey’s is also including the Carbon Tax, he appreciates the transparency especially when things are getting so expensive. He also mentioned that he attended the Pierce County Economic Development Board program, it looks like Pierce County will be flat the next year economically.

b. **City Administrator**

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- February 10, 2025 – Study Session
 - Public Works Operations Facility Funding Discussion
 - Public Works Operations Facility Bond Delegation Ordinance
- February 18, 2025 (Tuesday) – Regular Council Meeting
 - Security Solutions Northwest Contract Approval
 - Valley Ave Overlay - Design Consultant Contract
 - PSE Up and Go - WWTF EV Chargers
 - Elm Street Sidewalks - Construction Change Order
 - Maple Street Pedestrian Signal - Construction Contract Award
 - Transportation Improvement Plan
 - Ordinance - Updating SMC 12.30.040 Truck Routes Established
 - Ordinance - Operations Facility Bond Delegation
 - Ordinance – Budget Amendment for PW Operations Facility

Policy Follow-Up was presented by Communications Director Carmen Palmer. She focused on the upcoming Legislative Agenda, including:

- **HB1380 – Allowing regulation of the utilization of public property.**
 - Signed Regional Letter of opposition
 - Not only loss of control but intentional vagueness to encourage litigation
- **HB 5107- Concerning underinsured motorist coverage for local government employees.**
 - Increases risk/cost liability to City
 - Mayor registered as opposed
- **HB 1491—Promoting transit-oriented housing development.**
 - Ryan testified against & suggested an amendment
 - Parking restrictions also in SB 5184/HB 1299
- **SB 5148—Housing elements of a Comp Plan would go to State**
 - City registered as oppose, Ryan watching
 - Eliminates/undercuts all community engagement in their own plan
- **HB 1195—requires cities to allow permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelter in any residential zone.**
 - Earlier bill backed off to where hotels are allowed.
 - This brings back any residential zone.
 - Watching
- **SB 5061—regarding prevailing wage requirements**
 - Changes from wages at time of contract to requiring pay wage at time of work.
- **SB 5288 offers a 1/10% sales tax for public safety, credit against the state**
 - No increase to the buyer
 - Can be used only for ADDITIONAL officers until reach 2.3 per 1,000
- **SB 5060--\$100 million for law enforcement hires**

- Right direction, but have concerns over long term funding viability
- Only covers 75% of cost for up to 3 years
- Capped at \$125,000, which is about 2 years of funding
- Doesn't count costs for vehicle, other tools – est \$100,000 additional
- Adds requirements on department/WASPC
- **SB 5052—updates police speaking with juveniles not suspected of a crime**
 - Right direction
 - Law enforcement is providing some technical suggestions
- **HB 1252-accountability for judges with pretrial release**
 - Deputy Chief testifying this week in favor.
 - Requires the court, in such circumstances, to specify in a written order the rationale for releasing an adult or juvenile on personal recognizance, declining to order electronic monitoring, or setting bail or a probation bond that is less than what the prosecutor recommended.
 - For example, the shooting at our Winco parking lot.
- Joint letter for transpo budget asking legislators to include 405/167 corridor including the SR 167 implementation plan
- Request through Rep Penner for funding for 166th interchange.
- Request through Local Capital Projects and Rep Stokesbary for \$408,130 funding for Stewart Road Bridge.

Mayor

Mayor Hayden shared that even though we haven't had much snow in Sumner, we are not relaxing, and our Public Works Department has re-applied de-icer to the roads today. Depending on the road tonight, the crew may be sanding the roads tomorrow. She ended her comments by thanking the Public Works Shops and the Police department for keeping us safe through the night.

5. Executive Session

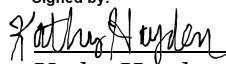
There was no Executive Session this evening.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:


Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk

February 3, 2025

Michelle Converse,

Please forward the following thoughts to the city council for tonight's City Council meeting.

Thank you kindly,

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

With the City now saying that the 2nd deed regarding the Ryan House is invalid, where do we all stand. Is this the reason that the city offered twice in the last 16 months to walk away from the Ryan House because you have not complied with the 1st deed over the last 45 years by not having a library there or to simply save money? Remember, the first deed states a library and a park, not or as was stated in the 2nd deed. Maybe now is the time to save the city the 360K you have allocated to demolish it and give it back to the Ryan heirs?

I have spoken with well-known local contractors who embrace the idea of the city releasing the property so that we do not have to deal with the prevailing wages and bid processes that you do. Instead, being able to work with known subcontractors donating their time and suppliers who either donate completely or substantially discount the costs of their goods to help this come together. Also, a private banker for contractors, who has been personally active in building nonprofit homes for people in need @ an average expense of 52% of normal costs has expressed his willingness to help. Lastly, there have been serious conversations with a reputable well-known non-profit for assistance in the operation &/or guidance of a rebuilt Ryan House.

Yes, all of these extremely reputable folks are also interested in what the vision is for the Ryan House's future to ensure its ability to sustain itself. Those ideas are being worked out, yet I can tell you that under no circumstances will it be under the auspices of the Historical Society as had been done previously. Hopefully there will be pieces that celebrate Sumner's history inside to be shown off, though they can only be a part of the home's future.

Gregorio Esparza was a defender in the Alamo, his brother Francisco was a reserve in the Mexican Army. After the fall of the Alamo, Francisco found his brother and asked permission to bury him. His request was accepted and Gregorio was the only defender of the Alamo who was given a Christian burial. At ceremonies at the Alamo, the Esparza descendants are often included & celebrated as honored guests. I tell you this because I have an amazing sister-in-law who is an Esparza descendant & the family has gatherings of over 200 that get together to celebrate their unique & important part in Texas history.

My reason for telling you this is to ask: Why don't we include & celebrate the heirs of the Kincaid, Woolery, Ryan families & more in Sumner Celebrations downtown! Those annual celebrations could be in conjunction with other events, starting at the Ryan House and having the people who come to Sumner visit both the Ryan House with its historic information, shop Main Street and finalize their day with a concert in Knoblach Heritage Park. That would also be a great way to educate our new families on how we became this wonderful oasis that we all love & to celebrate WE ARE SUMNER! We can do this!

Remember, William Kincaid & Ezra Meeker both voted to acquit Chief Leschi at his first trial.

Thus, we also have a special connection with the local Tribes that should also be celebrated and the Kincaid portion of the Ryan House is a part of that connection.

Thank you, Council Members for your time to read these thoughts.

Randall Adams

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