



CITY OF
SUMNER
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

City Hall – 1104 Maple Street

March 17, 2025 6:00 PM

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

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Windish, Steffens, Kosa, Moericke, Wright, Beagle 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 Augustine Ansu

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Heritage Park Remediation – Consultant Services Amendment
2. 2025 Computer Purchase
3. White River Restoration – Consultant Contract Amendment
4. Heritage Park & Hops Alley – Consultant Contract Amendment
5. Resolution No. 1715 – Interlocal Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for EV Chargers
6. Valley Avenue Overlay – Design Consultant Contract
7. Utility Easements – Sewer Replacement Project West Cherry
8. 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program – Change Order
9. Approval of the meeting minutes for March 3, 2025

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance No. 2922 -Amending Sumner Municipal Code 3.52 – Multifamily Tax Exemption Code and Residential Target Areas

MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY KENNA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2922 – AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 3.52 – MULTIFAMILY TAX EXEMPTION CODE AND RESIDENTIAL TARGET AREAS.

Economic and Community Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the item.

Since a Public Hearing was held on this item on March 3, no comments were taken from the public.

Councilmember Elfers spoke.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 7-0.

2. Public Comment

Nick Biermann, 5802 Parker Road East. Spoke about the Ryan House and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Tina Burnett, 228 Sumner Avenue. Spoke about the Ryan House.

Melissa Fox, 16983 8th Ave East, Spanaway. Spoke about the Ryan House.

Randall Adams, 15013 63rd Street Court East. Spoke about the Ryan House.

Amanda Henderson, 5908 162nd Avenue East. Spoke about the Ryan House.

3. New Business

a. Amended Resolution No. 1610 – Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Grant Acceptance.

MOVED BY CLERGET SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 1610 – PUGET SOUND ACQUISITION GRANT ACCEPTANCE.

Assistant Engineering Manager Robby Wright spoke to the item.

No comments from Council or the public.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE – 7-0.

4. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Reinke attended the Community Summit on Thursday, March 13, 2025, which had a good turnout with interesting breakout sessions and a great main speaker. Mr. Reinke ended his comments on a sad note, acknowledging the recent passings of long-time Sumner residents, Dr. Mark Graham and Tom Powers.

Deputy Mayor Bowman discussed her experience at the Community Summit, attending a breakout session focusing on student homelessness. There are approximately 290-300 homeless students in the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. She emphasized the lack of affordable housing and encouraged the public to visit the Continuum of Care website to get involved in addressing homelessness as there is a deficit of representation from the area on this issue.

Councilmember Kenna reflected on the Community Summit, particularly the Community Café, where he noticed many valuable resources available in the community. He congratulated the girls' high school basketball team for making it to state, acknowledging their great season even though they fell short. He reminded everyone about the Blood Drive at City Hall on March 18, 2025, encouraging

people to stop by, as most appointments were filled. And ended by celebrating the youth in the area and their interest in serving the community.

Councilmember Cole had nothing to report tonight.

Councilmember Elfers thanked the public who came to the meeting tonight. He attended the Community Summit and enjoyed the UnSung Heros Award and especially recognizing Merilee Hill-Anderson.

Councilmember Clerget announced the Public Safety Committee meeting is cancelled and wished everyone Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilmember Bitetto had no report tonight.

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- March 24, 2025 – Study Session
 - Puyallup / Tacoma Intersection Design
 - Transportation Benefit District
 - Bill Heath Sports Complex Update
- March 31, 2025 – 5th Monday, no meeting
- April 7, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
 - Resolution - Setting Public Hearing for 142nd Ave E Partial ROW Vacation
 - Resolution - ILA w/Dept of Enterprise Services
 - WWTF Interior Camera Contract – SSNW
 - City Hall Access Control Contract Amendment
 - 5 Forestry Commission Reappointments
 - 2 Design Commission Reappointments
 - Van Ness Feldman Contract Amendment
 - Ordinance – Contract Code Amendment
 - White River Restoration Project Phase II Contract Award
 - Ordinance – Right-of-Way Obstruction Permits
- The Mayor and three council members will be visiting our legislative delegation in Olympia on Wednesday.
- The Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Economic Forecast Lunch on March 25th. Council wishing to attend need to let Michelle know today.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden invited everyone to the Daffodil Parade on April 5, 2025.

5. Executive Session

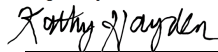
There was no Executive Session this evening.

6. Adjournment

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.
Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:



Kathy Hayden, Mayor

Signed by:



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Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk

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

Comments for 3-3-2025 Council Meeting:

With the city moving stealthily again to demolish the Ryan House, the sign put up today bluntly states your intentions. A couple of questions come to mind:

- 1) The City Attorney states that the 2nd Deed is invalid, the Ryan heirs, in responding to a request from the city, agreed to sign a 2nd deed that allowed the city to have museum OR a park on the parcel. Yet now, after 46+ years, the new legal representative of the city states that the city errored in requesting the new deed, so the 2nd deed is invalid. Additionally, the Communications Director has in taped sessions represented all the efforts that the city had to go thorough to contact the heirs, a process described akin to “Hearring a bunch of cats”, further proof that it was indeed the city who sought the changes noted in the 2nd deed. Further proof is the Attorney representing the city, Gordon A. Scraggin, deed sign an Excise Affidavit in December 1996, and had it recorded. So, if the city is saying they never recorded the 2nd deed, that verifies that even if the 2nd deed is valid, it was not enforceable for 17 years and for that time the city was out of compliance with the original deed = it reverts back to the Ryan heirs. Certainly, if the Original Deed is what applies to the property, the city has been out of compliance with it for over 45 years and it should revert back to the Ryan heirs.
- 2) Prove why you believe that you are still the owner yet have not maintained a library there since 1978. Your claim of ownership is invalid per the requirements of the Original Deed and the property therefore reverts to the Ryan family heirs!
- 3) WJE has stated that your representations on Sumner Connect are not accurate nor do they state accurately what The Ryan House’s current condition is.
- 4) Are you going to attempt to “develop & evaluate revisions to your demolition to mitigate the adverse impact of your actions” as stated in the letter from DAHP to you on 1-29-25
- 5) Why does the council allow the city to continually seek litigation because of their actions? You already have been shown that the city’s legal opinions are not always correct, so why invite more?
- 6) Personally, I think the city is acting like a bully because you have taxpayer funds at your disposal, far more that individual citizens certainly have. Big named families in

the area are reluctant to help save the Ryan House, even though they want to, in fear of getting on the wrong side of city. This is sad that your relationship is not open with the movers & shakers in our community & indeed keep a thumb down on them.

- 7) The deed states “When the present building is ready to be torn down, the heirs reserve the right to enter and remove any part of the old house that is desired.”.. The city in their SEPA representations is that the city is taking charge of what is to be saved and will let the heirs look at it at a later time....They Ryans have the right to remove ANY PART of the Ryan House, period!!

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