



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

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Ruth, Windish, Johnstone, Barry, Palmer, Steffens, Beagle, McCurdy, Littrell, and Converse

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by David Barnes

Roll Call: Elfers, Evers, Hochstatter, Kenna, Malcolm, Reinke and Wilsey

### **PROCLAMATION**

Public Operations Deputy Director Derek Barry read the 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation into the record.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of Councilmember Malcolm Appointment to Finance and Personnel Committee
2. Confirming Mayoral Appointment of Andy McCurdy as Chief of Police and approval of the related Employment Agreement
3. Approval of an Employment Agreement with Ryan Johnstone as the Public Operations Department Director
4. Washington Street Preservation Project – Construction Contract Award
5. Washington Street Preservation Project – Construction Management Consultant Contract Award
6. Washington Street Preservation Project – Design Consultant Amendment Approval
7. 2026 Pavement Chip Seal Application – Construction Contract Award
8. Operations Facility – Approval of Avidex Contract
9. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$7,884,181.19.
10. Operations Facility Furniture Purchase - Bluespace Interiors

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

MAYOR BOWMAN THEN ADJOURNED INTO A THREE MINUTE RECESS AT 6:07PM. AT 6:10PM THE MEETING WAS RECONVENYED.

## PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 2966 – Vacation of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street East and a PPW Portion of State Street**  
Mayor Bowman opened the Public Hearing at 6:09pm and called on Deputy Attorney Doug Ruth, to address the item.

With no comments from the public, Mayor Bowman closed the Public Hearing at 6:12pm.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Unfinished Business  
**Resolution No. 1744 – 2027-2032 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Annual Update.**

MOVED BY KENNA SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1744 – 2027-2032 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE.

Courtney Littrell, Assistant Engineering Manager, addressed the item.

Since this item had a Public Hearing on April 6, 2026, there were no comments taken from the public.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

1. **Public Comment**

Randall Adams, Sumner.

Trisha Maygra, Sumner.

Tina Burnett, Sumner.

2. **New Business**

- a. **Mayoral Appointment Planning Commission – Biermann**

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF NICK BIERMANN TO THE SUMNER PPLANNING COMMMISISON.

Community Development & Economic Director Ryan Windish addressed the item.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Biermann thanked the Council for the opportunity to be a part of the process.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2961 – Repealing the Cultural Arts Commission (Sumner Municipal Code 2.86)**

MOVED BY EVERS SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2961 – REPEALING THE CULTRUAL ARTS COMMISSION (SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.86).

Economic & Community Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the item.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. **Ordinance No. 2962 – Forestry and Parks Commission Amendments (Sumner Municipal Code 2.87)**

MOVED BY WILSEY SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2962 – FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMISSION AMENDMENTS (SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.87)

Community & Economic Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the item.

COUNCILMEMBER HOCHSTATTER MOVED TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2962, SECTION 2.87.010, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMISSION TO FORESTRY, PARKS AND ARTS COMMISSION TO BETTER REFLECT THE NEW SCOPE OF THE COMMISSIONS WORK. IF THIS AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, THE COUNCILMEMBER WOULD RECOMMEND CODE PUBLISHING CHANGE ANY AND ALL REFRENCES OF FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMISSION TO FORESTRY, PARKS AND ARTS COMMISSION THROUGHOUT CITY CODE. SECONDED BY ELFERS.

Discussion ensued.

Nick Biermann spoke.

THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

ORDINANCE 2962 PASSED AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

d. **Ordinance No. 2963 – Historic Preservation Commission Amendments (Sumner Municipal Code 2.95)**

MOVED BY KENNA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2963 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.95) SECONDED BY EVERS.

Community & Economic Development Director Ryan Windish addressed the item.

Community members who addressed the Council during comments -

Randall Adams

Tina Burnett

Nick Biermann

Councilmember discussion ensued.

City Attorney Marquez cleared up some confusion regarding the ordinance. The Design Commission will now be tasked with Historic Preservation.

Councilmember discussion continued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

e. **Ordinance No. 2965 – 2026 Commission Schedule Amendment**

MOVED BY REINKE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2965 – 2026 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AMENDMENT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVERS

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens addressed the Council.

Randall Adams spoke.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Council

Councilmember Wilsey congratulated Nick Biermann on his appointment. She ended her remarks by reminding everyone to shop local and upcoming events.

Councilmember Kenna congratulated Nick Biermann. Congratulated the incoming Chief of Police Andy McCurdy. He reported on the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Malcolm spoke about some upcoming meetings. He ended his comments by congratulating Nick Biermann.

Deputy Mayor Elfers reminded the viewers the Community Summit is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Calvary Community Church. He appreciated the public comment from Trisha Megra. He congratulated Andy McCurdy on his upcoming promotion. He ended his comments by highlighting his new favorite restaurant, Pura Brasa.

Councilmember Evers agreed, Pura Brasa is a very good restaurant. He mentioned a couple of Rotary activities, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Honors Night, celebrating the tops students in the high schools.

Councilmember Reinke congratulated Nick Biermann. He updated on the previous week's meetings he attended.

Councilmember Hochstatter thanked Trisha Megra for her comments on preschool. He thanked two founding members of the Arts Commission Donna Hardtke and Sue Larson. Arts is very dear to his heart and he appreciates the City's commitment to Arts. It's a big part of our community! Congratulated the new police Chief Andy McCurdy.

#### b. City Administrator

##### **Upcoming Policy Issues:**

- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Study Session
- Biosolids Modernization Project Debt Issuance
- YMCA Update and Services Agreement Amendment
- Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) 1.0 Review
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Council Meeting cancelled for Budget Retreat
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Study Session cancelled for Budget Retreat
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Regular Council Meeting

##### **Personnel Issues:**

Earlier tonight you approved the Mayoral appointment of Andy McCurdy to Chief of Police. Andy has over 30 years in law enforcement, and has served as Sumner's Deputy Chief of Police since August 2021. He has extensive experience in criminal investigations, police administration and employee wellness. He is a proven leader that is respected both internally and externally by our community partners.

With the promotion of Andy, separate competitive promotional processes were conducted resulting in Loren Houselog being promoted to Deputy Chief, Justin Gregon to Lieutenant and Geoff Boone to Sergeant. All three of these promotions are well deserved and each is uniquely qualified for their new positions.

These promotions mark a historic milestone in our Police Department's History. All four employees will be promoted next Monday, with their official swearing in ceremony being held at 4:30 here in the Chambers. Council and the public are invited to attend.

Brad Moericke's retirement will be celebrated at a public open house on May 27<sup>th</sup>. More information will be distributed when we get closer. McCurdy, DC Houselog, Lt. Gregson, Sgt. Boone.

**Miscellaneous:**

• **LAHAR DRILL/SUMMIT**

Thursday morning, the City will be participating in a regional lahar evacuation exercise. The event includes all schools in the Sumner Bonney Lake School District, as well as the Orting and Puyallup communities and schools. Schools in Sumner will practice evacuating the schools in the event of a lahar. This will affect traffic on main routes, especially on Valley Avenue, Main Street, and 160th Street. Please add extra time and be ready to use creative routes. We know it will impact your travel, but it's worth keeping all our students prepared. If you want to know more about a lahar, geologists will be hosting a breakout session at the Community Summit. It's free to attend, coming up next week on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll also host a breakout session too. Sign up online – we have the link on our website.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Bowman spoke about the following: WSDOT work, her upcoming Coffee with Carla on Friday, April 24 and last Parks and Arbor Day. She thanked the Parks staff and Parks & Forestry Commission to their commitment to keeping our parks and public spaces beautiful and a natural multi-tool for urban living.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was none tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm, Councilmembers agreed.

ATTEST:

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Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk

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Carla S. Bowman, Mayor