

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – May 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Sumner City Council met in regular session at 6:01pm, with Mayor William L. Pugh presiding. City Hall remains closed during Governor Inslee's "Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery" order, a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Mayor, Council and staff members attended through ZOOM either telephonically or through their computer. The public was allowed to attend via ZOOM, PCTV livestream and by telephone.

Staff present via electronic device: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Assistant City Attorney Christy Palmer, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond, Associate Planner Ann Siegenthaler, Community Services Manager Derek Barry and City Clerk Michelle Converse.

Mayor and Councilmembers present via electronic device: Mayor Bill Pugh, Councilmembers Bitetto, Brown, Hamilton, Hayden, Hochstatter, Neuman and Reed.

PROCLAMATION

Pierce County Library 75th Anniversary

Mayor Pugh read the proclamation into the record. Senior Sumner Librarian Ben Haines thanked the City and accepted the proclamation on the Libraries behalf.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the regular council meeting of May 3, 2021 and May 10, 2021 study session.
2. Approval of the checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$1,043,216.27
3. White River Project Property Acquisition: Purchase and Sale Agreement between City and Donald Bushore
4. White River Restoration - Consultant Contract Amendment

COUNCILMEMBER HOCHSTATTER REMOVED ITEM #1.

COUNCILMEMBER HAYDEN MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS #2, 3 & 4, COUNCILMEMBER HOCHSTATTER SECONDED. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER HOCHSTATTER MOTIONED TO REMOVE ITEM #1, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2021 AND MAY 10, 2021 STUDY SESSION. HAYDEN SECONDED.

Councilmember Hochstatter pointed out a Scrivener's' Error in the minutes from May 3, 2021 and asked the City Clerk to double check the spelling of a Commissioner's name.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

One was not scheduled tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2773 - 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update 1 of 4 : Map, policies/text updates, East Sumner, EIS

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2773 AMENDING THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, EAST SUMNER NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS PART OF THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Associate Planner Ann Siegenthaler addressed the Council.

The item being presented for City Council action is an ordinance to adopt the 2020 Comprehensive Plan; Comprehensive Plan Map amendments, reflecting individual property owner requests; miscellaneous Comprehensive Plan text and policy updates; the 2020 East Sumner Neighborhood Plan update; and to adopt the Environmental Impact Statement. The amendments are part of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2774 - 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update 2 of 4: Citywide Zoning Regulations, Map Changes

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2774 UPDATING CITYWIDE ZONING AND MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING MAP, AS PART OF THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Associate Planner Ann Siegenthaler addressed the Council.

The item being presented for City Council action is an ordinance to adopt Citywide zoning code and municipal code regulations, and amendments to the Zoning Map. The revised regulations in the ordinance are part of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update. Amendments include: New regulations for contractor yards in Light Industrial zones, craft coffee roasting, and innovation district; general “housekeeping” updates; and a new Zoning Map for East Sumner, and Zoning Map changes reflecting individual proposals for map changes.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2775 - 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update 3 of 4: Critical Areas (Wetlands) Regulations

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2775 UPDATING CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS AS PART OF THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Associate Planner Ann Siegenthaler addressed the Council.

The item being presented to City Council for action is an updated Critical Areas Ordinance (wetland regulations). These updated wetland regulations are part of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update. A new wetlands study completed in 2020 for the East Sumner Neighborhood Plan showed extensive wetlands/buffers on private properties and prompted staff to review existing regulations relative to developed sites. To address gaps and discrepancies in how current regulations are applied, staff has proposed minor updates regarding non-conforming uses, definitions, requirements for buffers in developed areas, etc., in SMC Chapter 16.40 and Chapter 16.46.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Ordinance No. 2776 - 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update 4 of 4: Planned Action Ordinance for East Sumner

MOVED BY HAYDEN SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2776 REPLACING THE PLANNED ACTION ORDINANCE FOR THE EAST SUMNER NEIGHBORHOOD AS PART OF THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Associate Planner Ann Siegenthaler addressed the Council.

The item being presented for City Council action is a new Planned Action Ordinance for the East Sumner Neighborhood Plan area. A Planned Action Ordinance (PAO) is an alternative process under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) that allows for environmental impacts of development to be analyzed in the early neighborhood planning stage with the intent of streamlining permit review when development occurs. After potential impacts are identified, the PAO establishes development thresholds, such as maximum number of housing units and maximum vehicle trips, that future development projects cannot exceed. If a project meets those thresholds, no further SEPA review is needed, which greatly streamlines permitting. The proposed ordinance would replace the 2015 Planned Action Ordinance (PAO). Note that it includes several exhibits that guide applicants through the process, similar to the 2015 ordinance exhibits.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Master Plan Consultant Services Agreement

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH HOUGH BECK & BAIRD, INC (HBB LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE), IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$169,409 FOR THE PARKS MASTER PLANS, SUBSTANTIALLY IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Community Services Manager Derek Barry addressed the Council.

These Parks Master Plans are for the Bennett property and Seibenthaler Park. The plans will have a phased approach of priority improvements to seek funding opportunities.

Hough Beck & Baird, Inc (HBB Landscape Architecture) was selected to provide consulting services for this project through a qualification-based selection process. The scope includes, but is not limited to, public outreach, development of engineering drawings, specifications, and cost estimates. Once the Parks Master Plans are complete and grant funding is secured for construction it is possible that this consultant will provide final design for phase 1 and future phases as well as construction management services under a future supplement.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2772 – Public Facilities and Parks Rules Update

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2772 AMENDING PARK RULES AND SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 12.60.

Community Services Manager Derek Barry addressed the Council.

Staff recognized regulations regarding the rules and hours of parks, trails and facilities needed updating to more accurately reflect current needs of the community and to correct unintended oversights in the way the code is written and interpreted.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers Hamilton, Brown and Hochstatter had no reports tonight.

Councilmember Bitetto shared the YMCA is hosting a Healthy Kids Day event on June 5th. It feels good to be moved into PHASE 3! She congratulated the library on 75 years and cannot wait for the new library.

Councilmember Neuman congratulated everyone on their new mask-less freedom, hopefully it will be an incentive for others.

Councilmember Reed echoed Councilmember Bitetto comments on the Library and 75 years.

Deputy Mayor Hayden stopped into City Hall and saw the new chambers – it looks awesome! She ended her comments with some useless trivia, while she was in the chambers, she noticed the plaque showing all of Sumner's Mayors. She has cut the hair of 12 pervious Mayors and one was her neighbor.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Jason Wilson reported on the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session
 - SBLSD Presentation on the Sumner High School Modernization Project
 - Development Agreement with the Sumner Bonney Lake School District
 - Legislative Update
- Monday May 31st is Memorial Day (and a fifth Monday) so there will be no meeting.
- Next Regular Council Meeting on June 7th
 - Public Hearing Development Agreement between the City and the SBLSD regarding the Sumner High School Modernization Project
 - Ordinance Amending Animal Code SMC 6.04 general provisions
 - Ordinance Amending Animal Code SMC 6.10 potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs
 - Ordinance Amending several sections of the code relating to fire services
 - Ordinance Amending Emergency Management Code
 - Ordinance Amending Fireworks Code related to inspections and city responsibilities

Commission Updates:

- Cultural Arts Commission is seeking artists to create three separate murals throughout the City (Loyalty Park, 906 Main Street, and 15715 Main Street). The deadline to apply is June 1st and more information can be found on our website.

Personnel Issues:

- Seasonal Positions—still vacancies for 3-month seasonal positions
 - Filled Cemetery and Parks Seasonal positions

- The City continues to recruit for our two police officer vacancies. All levels (entry, exceptional and lateral) are continually open and available for applicants to apply.
- Deputy Chief Engel announced his retirement effective August 31st. The City will be opening a recruitment for a new Deputy Chief in the next couple of days. The goal is to hire a new Deputy Chief prior to DC Engel's retirement.
- Chief Mechanic Rick Shively is retiring, May 31st after over 25 years with the City.
 - Jeff Jamerson has been promoted to Chief Mechanic effective June 1st. Recruitment for a new mechanic will occur per the process set forth in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Lucas Zackaj has been hired as a new Lab Analyst at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. With this hire, the WWTF is back to full staffing.

Policy Follow-Up:

- The Request for Proposals for the Sound Transit Access Improvements and Rivergrove Sidewalk repairs is currently out. Bids are due on May 27th, with award in early summer. This is exciting because it will be a significant and very noticeable investment in sidewalk infrastructure.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Pugh tagged onto Councilmember Neuman's thoughts on vaccinations. The end of June opening all depends on vaccinations rates. In East Pierce County there is more resistance to getting the vaccine. Anything that you can do to encourage people to get vaccinated will help! There is a lot of misinformation out there which isn't helping us returning to normal. A 70% vaccine rate will help not only us, but the economy!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.
Councilmembers concurred.

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