

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – September 20, 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 "Washington Ready" 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, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Human Resources Manager Adrienne McNeilly, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Police Chief Brad Moericke, City Engineer Michael Kosa, Associate City Engineer Joe Fessler and City Clerk Michelle Converse.

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

MOVED BY REED SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER HOCHSTATTER FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER NEUMAN REMOVED ITEM 5 (PSE AGREEMENTS FOR WHITE RIVER PROJECT) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, NOTING THAT SHE DOES CONTRACT WORK FOR PSE AND WANTS TO AVOID ANY PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST; THEREFORE, SHE WILL RECUSE HERSELF FROM ANY PSE MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL.

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY REED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1-4.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY HAMILTON TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #5, PSE AGREEMENTS – WHITE RIVER RESTORATION. SECONDED BY HAMILTON.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2021, regular council meeting and September 13, 2021, study session.
2. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$839,227.42.
3. Resolution No. 1595 – Setting Public Hearing Date for Sumner High School Right of Way Vacation.
4. Resolution No. 1596 – Authorizing Houston Road Annexation Petition to be Circulated.
5. PSE Agreements – White River Restoration

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2792 – Juneteenth Holiday

MOVED BY REED SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 2792 - ADDING JUNETEENTH TO THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED PAID HOLIDAYS FOR NON-REPRESENTED STAFF BEGINNING IN 2022.

Human Resource Manager Adrienne McNeilly addressed the council.

Juneteenth – also known as Emancipation Day and Freedom Day commemorates when the last enslaved African Americans learned they were free in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, where Union soldiers brought them the news two years after the Emancipation proclamation.

Juneteenth has recently been recognized by President Biden as a paid federal holiday and Washington Governor, Jay Inslee, has signed House Bill 1016 making Juneteenth a paid holiday for state employees beginning in 2022. If approved, this ordinance would add Juneteenth to the list of recognized paid holidays for non-represented staff beginning in 2022.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2793 – Chapter 10.20 Speed Code Updates

MOVED BY HAYDEN SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2793, REVISING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 10.20 , SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM AS APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

City Engineer Michael Kosa addressed the council.

The Public Works department, through the use of a design consultant, completed a study related to traffic calming in June 2021. During that study, it was identified that some speed limits identified in the city code are inconsistent with RCW 46.61.415 which establishes a minimum 20 miles-per-hour speed limit for city roadways.

This ordinance revises the city code to eliminate 15 mile-per-hour speed limits in the city code and delete other identified speed limit revisions that do not match field conditions or are not otherwise appropriate.

Additionally, it was identified in section 10.20.040 that speed limits may be designated by the Director of Public Works. The Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) recommends all speed limits be designated by council action and codified. This code revision deletes language authorizing the Director of Public Works to designate speed limits.

Finally, the school zone speed limit code section was reviewed and revised based on correspondence with the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (SBLSD) to be consistent with SBLSD operational hours and usage.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers Bitetto, Brown, Hamilton, Hayden and Reed had no report tonight.

Councilmember Neuman thanked Public Works shop staff for clearing debris on the trails from the windstorm.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Wilson reported on the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session
 - Murrey's Disposal Agreement
 - Emergency and Transitional Housing Zoning Code Updates
- Special Council Meeting on September 27th at 7:15 (after SS)
 - Ordinance adopting Emergency and Transitional Housing Zoning Code Updates
- Next Regular Council Meeting on October 4th:
 - Murrey's Disposal Agreement
 - Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Guild
 - Ordinance amending the 2021 compensation schedule

Significant Development Activity:

- The City issued the site development permit for the Sumner High School Modernization Project. The building permit is soon to follow. Groundbreaking will occur on Thursday.
- Triad Machinery broke ground about a week ago.
- Bridges Restaurant (Cannery Way just west of bridge) is scheduled to break ground in the next couple of weeks.

Miscellaneous:

- In response to the increased community spread of Covid-19, and to protect our staff, the Mayor adjusted the in person availability hours at City Hall effective today. The public can receive in person services at City Hall Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9-4. Remote staff contact will continue to be available Monday-Friday 7:30-5:30—and many services are available 24/7.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Pugh received an email from South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) asking for suggestions for board members. Mayor Pugh spoke with Councilmember Neuman, and she has volunteered to do serve. He also thanked the Shops crews for cleaning up after the windstorm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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