

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – October 4, 2021**

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact the health and safety of our community. In an effort to be diligent, the city is continuing to conduct all public meetings virtually, using the ZOOM platform. Access information can be located on the city's website, and on each meeting agenda. As the pandemic evolves, and when it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to City Hall for in-person and hybrid meetings in our newly renovated council chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The Sumner City Council met in regular session at 6:00pm, with Mayor William L. Pugh presiding.

Staff present via electronic device: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Police Chief Brad Moericke, Deputy City Attorney Maili Barber, Human Resources Manager Adrienne McNeilly, Chief Financial Officer Cassandra Raymond, Development Services Director Doug Beagle and Legal Services Coordinator Noel Clark

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

MOVED BY REED, SECONDED BY HAMILTON TO REMOVE ITEMS A & B FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Pugh read the Proclamation into the record. He invited Exodus Housing Executive Director Tonya Tunnell-Thornhill to speak about the organization.

Councilmembers had questions/comments regarding Exodus Housing's services.

Healthcare Heroes Mayor Pugh read the Proclamation into the record. Kristi Hartway, Chief Nurse Executive at Good Samaritan Hospital, Tara Doyle-Enneking, Chief Executive Officer of the Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce, and Shawn Fisher of Virginia Mason Franciscan Health addressed the Council regarding the event, and ways to support our healthcare workers in the South Puget Sound area.

Councilmembers thanked our healthcare workers for their efforts during the pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

1. Approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting of September 20, 2021, the September 27, 2021, study session and the special meeting of September 27, 2021.
2. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Training Consultant Agreement
3. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,151,466.89.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Murrey's Disposal Agreement Amendment

MOVED BY HAYDEN, SECONDED BY REED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MURREY'S DISPOSAL.

Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens addressed the council.

The City's service agreement with Murrey's Disposal is set to expire on February 28, 2022. The parties have proposed an amendment to the current agreement that would extend the termination agreement to February 28, 2032. Also proposed are some changes to the Billing/Customer Service section of the agreement. These proposed changes are relatively minor in nature and make some slight modifications to Murrey's billing and collection procedures, including giving them added authority to pursue payments on past due accounts.

Josh Metcalf, District Manager Murrey's Disposal was also present to answer questions. Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Hayden and Councilmember Hochstatter had no reports tonight.

Councilmember Brown stated, "Go Spartans!"

Councilmember Neuman wanted to thank Rotary for their fundraising efforts and reminded everyone that October is also Polio Awareness Month.

Councilmember Hamilton expressed his excitement for homecoming week and the parade on Friday.

Councilmember Bitetto reminded the public that it is election season and encouraged everyone to register to vote.

Councilmember Reed shared his appreciation for all First Responders and noted that he stands with them.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session
 - Sumner Meadows Purchase and Sale Agreement Extension
 - Non-Represented Employee Salary Study
- Next Regular Council Meeting on October 18th:
 - Ordinance amending the 2021 compensation schedule and adopting the 2022 compensation schedule
 - Ordinance adopting the third quarter biennial budget amendments
 - Ordinance amending the International Building and Fire Building code
 - Ordinance amending the Interchange Commercial Zoning Code
 - Approval of the Sumner Meadows Purchase and Sale Agreement Extension

Personnel Issues:

- The city is currently recruiting for a Municipal Court Judge, Associate Engineer or Public Works Project Manager. The Records Management Specialist position will open later this week.

Significant Development Activity:

- Sidewalk improvements: Visit our project page to see weekly updates on where the contractor will be working. This week work will continue on Kincaid, Sumner and Cherry Avenues.
- Kincaid Ave Apartments (Red Apple): Developers are beginning the site remediation work this week. This will involve excavating a large portion of the property and refilling with clean material. This is an exciting first step towards redevelopment of the property.

Miscellaneous:

- Covid activity among staff remains high, with several staff members testing positive or having close contact exposures.
- The SHS Homecoming Parade is this Friday at 4:30. Be at Heritage Park at 4:00pm, don't forget your mask. We only have two RSVPs (Reed/Hayden).

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Pugh had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40pm, the Mayor adjourned the regular council meeting into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing with legal counsel labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4). 15 minutes, there will not be action to follow. At 6:55pm, Executive Session was extended by 2 minutes.

At 6:57pm, the Mayor reconvened the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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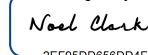
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