

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – November 15, 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, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Deputy City Attorney Maili Barber, Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, and City Clerk Michelle Converse

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Electronic checks and payments in the amount of \$1,617,301.99.
2. Approval of the council meeting minutes from the November 1, 2021 regular council meeting and the study session from November 8, 2021.
3. Resolution No. 1599 - Interlocal Agreement with City of Pacific Regarding Extension of Sewer and Water to Mosby Parcel
4. Resolution No. 1601 - Accepting Housing Implementation Grant
5. Resolution No. 1602 - Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Planning
6. Sumner Tapps Guardrail Upgrade – Construction Management Supplement

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No, 2802 – 2021/2022 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment

Mayor Pugh opened the Public Hearing at 6:05pm and called on Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond to address the council.

City Council adopted the 2021/2022 Biennial Budget by Ordinance #2758 on December 7, 2020. Per RCW 35.34.130, cities adopting a biennial budget are required to provide by ordinance a mid-biennial review no later than the conclusion of the first year of the fiscal biennium. This review provides staff the opportunity to review revenue and expenditure trends, capital programs, and make adjustments as necessary. The mid-biennial budget amendment was reviewed by the Finance & Personnel Committee on November 3, 2021, and in City Council Study Session on November 8, 2021. This public hearing provides the community opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments. City Council action is scheduled December 6, 2021. This 2021/2022 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment makes changes as follows:

- General Fund (001): Recognizes one-time criminal justice revenue distribution. Includes amendments for a variety of operational adjustments, including legal prosecution services, and changes to events.
- Tourism Tax Fund (106): Amendments for the recommended 2021/2022 work plan.
- Sidewalk Capital Fund (302): Amendments to support 2022 sidewalk program administration.
- Parks Capital Fund (310): Includes support for Heritage Park Design funded by Tourism Fund.
- Street Capital Fund (320): Recognizes new grant funding and expenditures for Maple Street Pedestrian Signal and Stewart Road Bridge.
- Facilities Capital Fund (325): Includes expenditure amendments for Public Works Operations Facility design of the north property. Also includes support for Ryan House improvements funded by the Tourism Fund (106).
- Water Fund (401): Includes amendments to support purchase of water meters, and various capital projects.
- Sewer Fund (402): Includes amendments to support lift station improvements. Also includes amendments to support capital projects at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, with support from the City of Bonney Lake.
- Stormwater Fund (408): Amendment to support paving and planting of Decant facility.
- Cemetery Development Fund (415): Recognizes revenues and amends expenditure for Green Burial development.
- Animal Control Fund (440): Re-appropriates funding from 2020 for the office remodel (funded by a bequest).
- Information Technology Fund (551): Amends budget for 2021 unanticipated expenditures and corresponding assessments to user funds.
- Development Impact Fee Fund (605): Amend expenditure to support the Stewart Road Bridge project.
- All funds: Recognizes 2021 labor changes from non-representated staff salary survey (Ordinance No. 2799)

Ordinance No. 2802		
Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$41,467	\$129,808
Reserve Funds	-	-
Special Revenue Funds	25,000	318,000
Debt Service Funds	-	-
Capital Funds	2,066,700	2,047,700
Utility Funds	106,406	1,445,564
Other Enterprise Funds	40,000	50,690
Internal Service Funds	76,130	84,186
Fiduciary Funds	-	700,000
Totals	\$2,355,703	\$4,775,949

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1600 – Setting the 2022 Ad Valorem Property Tax

MOVED BY NEUMAN SECONDED BY HAYDEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.1600 - SETTING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2022.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the council.

RCW 84.55.120 mandates a public hearing on revenue sources for the upcoming year's budget, including consideration of any potential increases in property tax revenues. The hearing process provides Sumner residents with the opportunity to voice their opinions prior to the adoption of the property tax levy. The required hearing about the property tax levy was held November 1, 2021.

In accordance with RCW 84.55.120, the Mayor of the City of Sumner must certify to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and the Pierce County Council that the City of Sumner requests the following property tax amounts to be collected in 2022:

A total levy of \$4,319,808, which includes a 2.5% increase over the prior year's collections as authorized by RCW, plus revenues resulting from new construction and improvements (\$102,724), and administrative refunds (\$513).

In authorizing this action, it is the Council's intent that:

1. Of the effective levy rate, \$0.077087 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation shall be committed to leveraging funding opportunities (e.g. grants) for street/transportation projects, in an amount equal to \$330,000.
2. Of the effective levy rate, \$0.081759 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in an amount equal to \$350,000, shall be reserved for Council appropriation in a future biennial budget cycle.

The 2021 levy rate of \$1.10 (rounded) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation was based on an overall City assessed valuation of \$3,731,166,761. Based on the 2021 preliminary certification from Pierce County for tax year 2022, the 2021 assessed valuation for 2022 taxes is estimated at \$4,280,857,384, resulting in a preliminary levy rate for tax year 2022 of \$1.01.

COUNCILMEMBER REED MOVED THAT SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH TWO BE AMENDED TO READ, "THE MAXIMUM LEGALLY AUTHORIZED LEVY IS \$4,606,892.17. THE REQUIRED REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY NEEDED BY THE CITY OF SUMNER OF \$4,258,173 IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR THE LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN THE 2022 TAX YEAR. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE OF THE ACTUAL LEVY AMOUNT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR IS \$41,090. THIS IS A 1% INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS INCREASE IS EXCLUSIVE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED PROPERTY, ANY ANNEXATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED AND REFUNDS MADE.

SECONDED BY BROWN.

Discussion ensued.

AMENDMENT PASSED 4-3.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING YES – BITETTO, BROWN, REED AND HAMILTON

COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING NO – NEUMAN, HAYDEN AND HOCHSTATTER

MAYOR PUGH THEN CALLED FOR THE VOTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 1600 – SETTING THE 2022 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX AS AMENDED.

PASSED 6-1

COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING YES – REED, HOCHSTATTER, BROWN, HAMILTON, BITETTO AND NEUMAN

COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING NO - HAYDEN

PASSED AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Hayden voted no on Resolution No. 1600 – Property Tax, she fears there may be implications in the future. She also hopes the weather will settle down.

Councilmember Hamilton told everyone to stay safe out there.

Councilmember Hochstatter had nothing to report tonight.

Councilmember Brown joked that he didn't have to remove the leaves in his yard, because the wind was blowing them into his neighbor's yard.

Councilmember Neuman is feeling torn, she really enjoyed the Sumner Main Street Association Trick or Treating event, it was great to see something normal happening. But, on the other hand, please remember to wear your mask if you aren't vaccinated. She has been assured that Puget Sound Energy is tracking the storm activity, and she hoped everyone stays safe or are able to find a safe place.

Councilmember Bitetto had no report tonight.

Councilmember Reed complemented Animal Control Supervisor Nikki Thawsh. This morning in his neighborhood was a very confused racoon. AC Supervisor Thawsh was dispatched to the call, captured the racoon and assured the neighborhood that after the animal is examined, it will be released into a safe environment.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Wilson reported on the following-

- Next Week's Study Session
 - ARPA Committee Update
 - Main Street Vision Plan
- No meeting on November 29th (5th Monday)
- Next Regular Council Meeting on December 6th:
 - Elected and Appointed Official Recognition (Jenkins, Causseaux, Hamilton, Pugh)
 - Resolution Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance

- ILA with Puyallup for Jail Services
- Ordinance Adopting the Mid-Bi Budget Amendment
- Confirmation of the Appointment of Municipal Court Judge
- Adoption of the 2022 Legislative Agenda
- Resolution Adopting the Main Street Visioning Plan

Miscellaneous:

- Happy to report no significant river flooding impacts. The White River will remain high throughout the week.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Pugh thought he was doing better in his recovery from his fall, but after visiting a staff member's office, (who told him he was shuffling like an old man) did he realize that he isn't as far along in his healing as he thought he was. He will get back on his game and make that staff member take back their words.

Meanwhile, the wind has died down, but the temperature has dropped, and he ended his comments by reminding everyone to stay safe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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