

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – February 7, 2022**

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 Kathy Hayden presiding.

Staff present via electronic device: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Deputy City Attorney Maili Barber, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Police Chief Brad Moericke, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, and City Clerk Michelle Converse

Mayor and Councilmembers present via electronic device: Mayor Kathy Hayden, Councilmembers Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Neuman, Reed and Stuard

COUNCILMEMBER NEUMAN MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA, DELETING ITEM 3A UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ORDINANCE NO. 2800 – AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS OPERATION FACILITY. SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2022 regular council meeting, the study session of January 24, 2022 and the special study session from January 31, 2022.
2. Resolution No. 1615 - Interlocal Agreement with East Pierce Fire and Rescue for Investigation Services
3. Resolution No. 1616 - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bonney Lake for Municipal Court Services
4. Resolution No. 1617 - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bonney Lake for Building Inspection Services
5. Operations Facility - Design Contract Supplement

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2806 – Adding the Lucy V. Ryan Park as a City Park

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2806, ADDING THE LUCY V. RYAN PARK TO THE CITY OF SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE SMC 12.60.

Community Director Ryan Windish addressed the Council.

At the January 3, 2022 Council meeting, Ordinance No. 2806 was sent back to committee for review of new language related to prioritizing reservations for use of the Lucy V. Ryan Park.

The Lucy V. Ryan Park, which also contains the "Ryan House", was dedicated to the City in 1926 with covenants and restrictions retaining it as a city park by the Ryan family. In accordance with the 1926 deed and its 1979 amendment, Lucy V. Ryan Park shall remain open and accessible for use by the public. The City works with public and private partners to establish short- and long-term leases using the facility and maximize its ability to remain open and accessible to the public for recreation and gathering, either through use agreements or as outlined by the Special Event Permit process. Ordinance No. 2806 would add Lucy V. Ryan Park to the list of city parks in the Sumner Municipal Code and establish specific rules for said park.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1608 - Community Court Interlocal Agreement with Bonney Lake

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1608 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BONNEY LAKE FOR COMMUNITY COURT SERVICES.

City Attorney Andrea Marquez addressed the Council.

The Bonney Lake Municipal Court and the Sumner Municipal Court were awarded a grant from the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for a Community Based Therapeutic Court in the amount of \$395,293 as authorized by Senate Bill 5476. Bonney Lake is willing to continue providing municipal court services to Sumner under the terms and conditions set forth in the previous 2020 Court Services Agreement and to provide services to Sumner under the terms and conditions of the new Community Court and the AOC Grant Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2808 - Amending Sumner Municipal Code No. 10.36 – Parking

MOVED BY REED SECONDED BY STUARD TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2808 - SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 10.36 – PARKING

Police Chief Brad Moericke addressed the Council.

Current municipal code does not prohibit vehicles from parking in front of street mailboxes during periods of mail delivery and parking of vehicles blocking required access to mailbox(s) dangerously

places postal workers into automotive traffic and obstructs mail operations. There is also no current prohibition of parking vehicles in marked bicycle lanes. With the addition of new bicycle lanes, the city finds that the parking of vehicles in marked bicycle lanes would dangerously divert bicyclists into automotive traffic and discourage the use of bicycle lanes. In the interest of public safety, this ordinance would amend SMC 10.36 to prohibit parking within 10' of a clearly marked mailbox adjacent to any roadway and also prohibit parking in any marked bicycle lane.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution No. 1612 - 2022 Refuse and Recycling Rates

MOVED BY STUARD SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1612 - 2022 REFUSE AND RECYCLING RATES

Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens spoke to the topic.

The City's contract with Murrey's Disposal stipulates that rates will be adjusted annually based on two factors. The first factor is the change in landfill/disposal costs. In March 2022, Pierce County will be decreasing the landfill rate from \$168.51 per ton to \$166.45 per ton. The second factor allows Murrey's an annual inflation increase equal to 80% of the Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area for the period of October to October of the previous year. Eighty percent of the CPI change for this period is 5.23%. In total, the average residential rate increase is 4.69% and the average commercial rate increase is 4.29%. A detailed list of the proposed 2022 rates is attached to the Resolution as exhibit A. The public was provided a forty-five (45) day notice of the proposed rate increase, which is scheduled to go into effect March 1, 2022.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2813 - 2021/2022 Biennial Budget Amendment

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY STUARD TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2813 AMENDING THE 2021/2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer addressed the Council.

On December 6, 2021, the City Council voted to table this item in the Biennial Budget Amendment to this date for consideration in order to get the full update and completed 2021 studies about the Ryan House Renovation. This recommendation originated with the funding recommendations forwarded from Sumner's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) from their meeting on September 15, 2021, including \$125,000 for Ryan House. The intent of LTAC's recommendation was to keep the Ryan House renovation project moving forward in a timely manner to achieve results (increased tourism and room nights) from these investments as quickly as possible. At the time, we believed exterior renovations were the most efficient path forward, given the occupancy of the interior. Since then, staff have worked extensively with the Sumner Historical Society, including an agreement with a timeline to vacate the building in preparation for renovation. Thus, the best option forward now for this funding is to work on the interior, including clearing of any items remaining except those approved by the City for storage during renovation, demolition of false walls in the cabin area to better understand further renovation needs and adding accessibility and life-safety systems to the house. Staff believe this use remains within the intent of Sumner LTAC's original recommendation to keep the Ryan House renovation project moving forward. Council may approve without further process with LTAC. However, per RCW, any changes to the amount of \$125,000 or desire to see this funding used elsewhere, not associated with the Ryan House Renovation, requires reconvening Sumner's LTAC.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bitetto joined Mayor Hayden and participated in the Homeless Point-In-Time Count on January 28th. She reminded Council sometimes homelessness is caused by life getting the way, illness, job loss, etc. It was very informative. She encouraged councilmembers participation in the next count, the end of January 2023.

Councilmember Stuart had no comments tonight.

Councilmember Brown reminded citizens the cost of a 32-gallon garbage container will increase \$1.50 per month beginning in March.

Deputy Mayor Hochstatter nothing this evening.

Councilmember Cole attended the Rainier Cable Commission meeting on January 19, 2022. There were two main topics on the agenda, one being the Commission negotiating a lease agreement. She found it very interesting the value for in-kind services & surplus gear and studio accessibility. Councilmember Cole also attended the Public Safety Commission which included the topic of Police Body Worn Camera training on January 24th, 2022.

Councilmember Reed nothing tonight.

Councilmember Neuman had a book recommendation in honor of Black History Month, The Sum of Us - What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee, also a podcast titled Code-Switch from NPR.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Jason Wilson updated council with the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session:
 - Senior Housing Code Amendments
 - Multi Family Tax Exemption
 - 2022 Comp Plan Amendments
 - Utility Disconnection Update
 - Pandemic Policy Update
- Next Regular Council Meeting on February 22nd (Tuesday):
 - Resolution adopting the Parks Improvement Plan
 - Ordinance amending the Contract Approval Code
 - Ordinance amending the Parking Code related to truck parking on 136th

Personnel Issues:

- At the end of January two long time shops employees retired. Superintendent Pat Clerget retired after 31.5 years of service as well as Field Supervisor Gary Lucas with 26.5 years of service. We wish them both well in their retirement.

Miscellaneous:

- The Police Department began using Body Worn Cameras. There was a nice article in the TNT regarding the training and use.

- Also in the Puyallup Herald was a nice article on the City's PSAR award for the White River Restoration Project.
- The Daffodil Parade is scheduled for April 9th. The City is beginning to work on the community float and is in need of volunteers. Anyone who is interested should contact Community Engagement Specialist Lana Hoover by email (lanah@sumnerwa.gov).

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hayden reiterated two items that were previously discussed tonight, the Homeless Point in Time Count and volunteering to work on the float for the Daffodil Parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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