

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – April 18, 2022**

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact the health and safety of our community and in an effort to be diligent, the city is continuing to conduct all public meetings using a hybrid model of in-person and the ZOOM computer application.

CALL TO ORDER

The Sumner City Council met in regular session at 6:00pm, with Mayor Kathy Hayden presiding.

Staff present: City Administrator Jason Wilson, Police Chief Brad Moericke, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond, Public Works Director Mike Dahlem, Associate Planner Scott Waller, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Deputy City Attorney Maili Barber, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, and City Clerk Michelle Converse.

Council present: Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Neuman, Reed and Stuard

PRESENTATION

Introduction of New Police Officers by Police Chief Moericke. The Chief welcomed entry level officer Chase Vento and lateral officer Ryan Keller to Sumner.

Sumner Senior Center update was given by Executive Director Tina Pries and Susan Bryant Sumner Senior Center Program Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER, SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA containing:

1. 160th Pervious Sidewalks - Construction Contract
2. Resolution No.1625 - Approval of Heritage Capital Projects Application Submittal
3. Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2022, regular meeting and the April 11, 2022, study session.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to the Sumner Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE MAYOR HAYDEN'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MEILEE ANDERSON TO THE SUMNER LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF ONE-YEAR.

Most of Sumner's lodging tax funding (5% tax) continues to go to Pierce County for allocation. Sumner still receives a smaller 2% shared sales tax that is the State Transient Rental tax. In order to use this funding, Sumner must still follow State rules to form a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to provide feedback to the Council. Per RCW 67.28,

1. One member shall be an elected official of the city of Sumner, who shall serve as chair; (Councilmember Hochstatter-selected by Council with the committee selection process)
2. Two members shall be representatives of businesses required to collect tax under this chapter;
3. Two members shall be persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter.

The members must be confirmed annually.

Mayor Hayden recommends appointing Meilee Anderson of Visit Rainier to fill one of the representatives of persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received. As a marketing consultant, Meilee represents and promotes Visit Rainier, one of two destination marketing organizations serving the Pierce County region and Sumner. Meilee has already been instrumental in guiding Sumner with suggestions and partnerships to help us succeed in driving tourism.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Reappointment to the Cultural Arts Commission

MOVED BY NEUMAN, SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF COURTNEY SHORE TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF 4-YEARS.

City Administrator Jason Wilson addressed Council.

The Mayor is seeking the reappointment of Courtney Shore to the Cultural Arts Commission for a four-year term. Ms. Shore has served on the commission since 2018. She continues to help enrich the community through art and environmental improvements.

The Sumner Cultural Arts Commission consists of fifteen members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The members are to be selected without respect to political affiliations and shall serve a four-year (4) term without compensation.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Appointment to the Design Commission

MOVED BY REED, SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DUSTIN MADDEN TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING IN APRIL 2026.

Associate Planner Scott Waller spoke to the topic.

The Mayor is seeking the appointment of Dustin Madden to the Design Commission for a term of four-years. The Design Commission consists of seven voting members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Five of the members shall be practicing professionals within the fields of architecture, planning, civil engineering, landscape architecture, and development. The members are to be selected without respect to political affiliation and serve a four-year (4) term without compensation.

Mr. Madden was formerly part of the Arts Commission where he served for the last four-years. He is passionate about design and his personal and professional interests align with the mission of the Commission.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Ordinance No. 2816 – Amending Sumner Municipal Code 6.04 – Kennel License Definitions and Requirements

MOVED BY BROWN SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER ADOPT ORDINANCE 2816 AS PRESENTED.

Police Chief Moericke spoke to the topic.

The City wishes to clarify the definition section of our existing animal code to accommodate our Kennel Licensing process. This ordinance would amend certain sections of SMC 6.04.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution No 1619 – Park Master Plan Approval (Seibenthaler Park and the Bennett Property)

MOVED BY STUARD, SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1619, APPROVING THE MASTER PLANS FOR SEIBENTHALER PARK AND THE BENNETT PROPERTY.

City Administrator Jason Wilson spoke to the topic.

Over the last year the City has been working with consultants and the community to complete Master Plans for the Bennett Property and Siebenthaler Park and describe the existing conditions, the overall future vision, and proposed programming. It's critical that a master plan reflects the vision, character, and activities identified by the community. The master plan contains features and activities you might want to experience. Activities could include passive uses like nature walks or having a picnic area; active uses like playing basketball or in a spray park; or different types of community events. A master plan also includes the infrastructure and circulation plan needed to support those activities like walkways, parking, lighting, and restrooms. Ultimately, a master plan is intended to guide future implementation, with more detailed design and funding to follow at a later date. This report documents the master planning process for Seibenthaler Park and the Bennett Property, describing the existing conditions, the overall vision, and the proposed programming.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Ordinance No. 2817 – Updating Electronic Signatures

MOVED BY COLE, SECONDED BY STUARD TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2817 -
UPDATING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.114, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.

City Attorney Andrea Marquez addressed the topic.

The legislature adopted the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, ESSB 6028, repealing RCW 19.360. This law provides a framework for states to address the validity of electronic signatures for transactions related to business, commercial and governmental matters.

The Act continues to allow cities and other agencies to determine whether or not to accept electronic signatures in the course of daily business and be given the same legal effect.

The City began using e-signatures in 2019. This has proven to be a timely and efficient way to do business. The purpose of this ordinance is to update the references to state law (from RCW 19 to RCW 1.80) and to remove the references to DocuSign so that future flexibility is permitted.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bitetto was pleased to see more police hired. She found it interesting to learn about all of the activities that are going on at the Senior Center and thanked Tina and Susan for their report.

Councilmember Cole had a lot of fun at the Daffodil Parade. In her opinion, the fire truck the council rode on was the coolest!

Council Neuman had no report tonight.

Councilmember Brown appreciates having more police officers in Sumner, as long as they aren't behind him with flashing lights!

Deputy Mayor Hochstatter received information from Eli Hill School about making front or backyards habitats, it looks interesting to her, and she will be researching that further. She also accepted Councilmember Stuard's challenge and bought a tree last week, now she is looking for the perfect place to plant it.

Councilmember Reed had no committee reports. He thanked the new commissioners for their service and welcomed the new police officers.

Councilmember Stuard had a wonderful time at the Daffodil parade. He thanked Deputy Mayor Hochstatter for joining his Arbor Day challenge. Welcomed the new officers. He thanked the Sumner Senior Center for their update. He too is planning on participating in the Eli Hill habitat program.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session:
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training
- Next Regular Council Meeting on May 2nd:
 - Proclamation for Police Week & Peace Officer Memorial Day
 - Presentation from East Pierce Fire and Rescue
 - Resolution adopting a MOU related to Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Resolution amending the Council Rules and Procedures
 - An Ordinance Amending Pet License Fees
 - Adopting the Council's 2023-24 Strategic Priorities

Miscellaneous:

- Lahar Exercise: On April 29th the City will be participating in a large scale evacuation and preparedness exercise for a short notice lahar. All Sumner, Puyallup and Orting schools in the lahar zones will be evacuating. Expect increased traffic impacts and temporary road closures, particularly East of Valley Ave. More information can be found on our website. If you have students in a Sumner school, watch for information from the Sumner Bonney Lake School District.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hayden, thanked everyone who attended the Daffodil Parade. It was great seeing so many people in attendance! As part of the City's agreement with the YMCA, Sumner residents have an opportunity to use the YMCA four-times a year for free. For more information and to get your voucher, check out the City's spring newsletter arriving in mailboxes now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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