

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1

DATE: November 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the October 23, 2008 regular Council meeting as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

MOTION:

Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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The regular meeting of the Sultan City Council was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Eslick. Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Wiediger, Slawson, Flower, Davenport-Smith, and Blair. Absent: Doornek.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Discussion: Add D 3 US 2 Safety Project Priority List

Consent: Add excused absence of Councilmember Doornek

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dave Wood: Thanked the City for the help with the grand opening of the Skateboard Park. There was a great turnout and it meant a lot to the kids that there was a good support. Requested the Council consider making the Skateboard park a smoke and tobacco free zone in the proposed Park Regulations.

Howard Durant: The Skateboard Park is a great thing. The rules for the park should include the tobacco free and require full safety gear such as helmets and pads. There is a problem with vehicles parked in the middle of the street talking to kids at the park. Children under 14 should be supervised by adult to prevent older kids from bullying them. Safety of the children is the main concern.

Debbie Copple: Announced the Sultan High School Marching Band took first place in all divisions in Yakima last week and will be in a competition in Everett this weekend. The Trap Shooting team going to districts.

Robert Keck: On Main Street from 3rd Street to 5th Street, there are a lot of dog feces on the sidewalks. The park benches have become a roosting place for the homeless with their dogs. The City should remove the park benches to prevent the loitering. There should be an ordinance to require people to clean up after their animals. There are sandwich boards around town and some have been placed on the sidewalks and block the walkway.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS:

Blair: Agrees with the issue of the dog feces and the City is working on an ordinance to provide control. Attended the Skateboard Park dedication and there were some issues with smaller children. The fence needs to be installed as soon as possible.

Davenport-Smith: The Sub-committee is working on the noise and special events ordinances.

Wiediger: The dog issue is a problem that needs to be addressed. The City does require a dog license in town.

Slawson: Cleanup after animals needs to be added to the ordinance. The City is working on the park, noise and animal control ordinances. The Council can move forward with other issue since the Comprehensive Plan is complete.

Mayor Eslick: The Police Department has made arrests for the auto thefts that have occurred in the City. The City needs to do something with the Police staffing issue to be able to run the department properly. The proposed contract from the County would be a benefit to the City and the East County precinct would provide more officers in the area.

HEARINGS: Public Hearings were held on the proposed Regional Police Contract, 2008 budget amendments and the 2009 Preliminary Budget. The minutes of the hearings are available as separate reports.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are incorporated into the consent and approved by a single motion of the Council. On a motion by Councilmember Champeaux, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the consent agenda was approved as amended. Champeaux – aye, except for #12; Wiediger – aye; Slawson – aye; Davenport-Smith - aye; Flower – aye; Blair – aye, except for #12.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2008 regular Council Meeting as on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2008 Public Hearing on the 2008 Budget amendments as on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 3) Approval of vouchers in the amount of \$434,633.26 and payroll through October 3, 2008 in the amount of \$101,009.91 to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 4) Set a Public Hearing on School Impact Fees for November 13, 2008.
- 5) Approval of the Utility Sub committee recommendations for relief from excess utility charges and adjustments to accounts.
- 6) Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Furnishing Equipment Maintenance/Repair Services.
- 7) Confirmation of the appointment of Sandy Delvecchio to the Sultan Library Board for the term ending December 31, 2014.
- 8) Authorization for the Mayor to sign the professional service contract with Aimee Trua for Public Defender services.
- 9) Authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-29 establishing the Transportation Impact Fee rate at \$5,727.
- 10) Authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-39 establishing the Park Impact Fee rate at \$3,175.
- 11) Set a Public Hearing on Amendments to SMC 16.116.110 for November 13, 2008.
- 12) Excused absence of Councilmember Doornek from the October 23, 2008 Council meeting.

Stop the Clock: On a motion by Councilmember Champeaux, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the clock was stopped at 10 PM. All ayes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance 997-08 2008 Budget Amendments: The Council held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the 2008 Budget. Amendments are proposed to the General Fund, Water and Sewer capital and debt service funds.

On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, Ordinance 997-08 was introduced and passed on to a second reading. All ayes.

Ordinance 998-08 Police Bond Tax Levy:

The issue before the Council is the introduction of Ordinance 998-08 which sets the tax levy for the 2004 General Obligation Police Bond. The amount of the levy for 2009 is \$30,895.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Wiediger, Ordinance 998-08 setting the tax levy for 2009 for the Police Bonds was introduced and passed on to a second reading. All ayes, except Councilmember Champeaux who voted nay.

Ordinance 999-08 2009 Tax Levy:

The issue before the Council is the first reading of Ordinance 999-08 which sets the property tax levy for the 2009. In accordance with RCW 84.55.120, a taxing district with regular levies must hold a public hearing on the proposed increase and use of property tax funds. Ordinance 999-08

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sets the regular property tax levy for 2009 and provides for a 1% increase (\$5,995) over the 2008 levy. Include in the total levy amount is \$15,510 for new construction and \$763 in refunded amounts. The total tax levy is \$665,156. The funds will be used for General Fund and Street purposes. The budget provides for \$70,000 to be used for Street maintenance and operations and the balance of \$595,156 to be used for General Fund.

On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, Ordinance 999-08 setting the 2009 tax levy was introduced and passed on to a second reading. All ayes.

Creation of New Funds:

The proposal before the Council is to establish three funds under Title 3 SMC.

- 1) A Building Maintenance Fund will be created to establish reserves and provide a funding source for repairs and improvements to municipal buildings.
- 2) A Cumulative Reserve fund will be established for the Water System (SMC 3.40 amended)
- 3) A Cumulative Reserve fund will be established for the Sewer System (SMC 3.24 amended)

There are two sections of the Sultan Municipal code regarding CR Reserve funds for water and sewer. SMC 3.24 was adopted in 1949 for the water fund and SMC 3.40 was adopted in 1974 as a combined reserve fund. The reserve fund is combined now and it is difficult to determine the amount of funds available for each system. Amendments will be made to SMC 3.24 and SMC 3.40 to provide for separate funds.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Wiediger, Ordinance 1001-08 establishing a Cumulative Reserve Fund for the Sewer System was introduced for a first reading and passed on to a second reading on November 13, 2008.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, Ordinance 1002-08 establishing a Cumulative Reserve Fund for the Water System was introduced for a first reading and passed on to a second reading on November 13, 2008.

On a motion by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wiediger, Ordinance 1003-08 establishing a Building Maintenance Fund was introduced for a first reading and passed on to a second reading on November 13, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Linth: There has been discussion about factoring in an automatic increase based on the cost of living and it would be easy to put into the fee schedule.

Executive Session: On a motion by Councilmember Champeaux, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the Council adjourned to executive session for ten minutes to discuss real estate. All ayes.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Flower, seconded by Councilmember Blair, the meeting adjourned at 10: 20 PM.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk