

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1
DATE: October 8, 2009
SUBJECT: Council Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Rosemary Murphy, Utility Clerk

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the September 24, 2009 Council meeting as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

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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, Blair and Beeler.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**PRESENTATIONS:****Facility Report:**

The results of the surveyed buildings are provided and prioritized in the Facility Assessment Study which is the main body of the report. The report findings are based on two inspections (July 24, 2009 and August 20, 2009)

Driftmier staff and sub-consultants made observations related to building envelopes, water intrusions, egress and the general conditions of the structure. The architect's building inspection notes and mechanical and electrical reports from Interface Engineering are included.

Limited visual structural integrity review was included. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of the buildings were assessed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brett Thomas: Advised the Council about an incident involving a fire bombs on September 18th There was a family gathering going on at the time and he wants to know what the City is doing about this incident.

Gerry Gibson: Asked what the code on notification requirements are for ADU's. The code originally was not written for mobile homes on people's lots. Thinks there should be more clarification on the intent of the code.

Teresa Knuckey: She had seen a fire bomb at the Skate Park and at the Riverside Park.

Bob Knuckey: Apologized to the Council for the picture in the Herald. He gave them different pictures for the Adopt-a-Street article and Herald chose to go with the one with all the garbage instead of the one with the council members. Since the article came out they have had 30 people sign up for streets.

Donna Wagner: Concerned for her family and what the city do to protect them from whoever has been terrorizing them.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS:

Champeaux: Apologized that they had to go through that incident. Citizens need to let the police know of any incidents as the Snohomish County Sheriff has a unit to help with crime scenes.

Slawson: Agrees and apologizes for what the Wagner's and Thomas' have gone through. Agrees people need to let police know about problems in their neighborhood.

Wiediger: Apologizes also about what the Wagner's and Thomas' had to go through.

Davenport-Smith: Apologizes to the Wagner's and Thomas' for the incident at their home. Would also like to see what can be done about the metal slide at Osprey Park so children do not get burned.

Flower: Gives his condolences for what happened to the Wagner's and Thomas'. Also would like to know if there will be a group adopting north side of Rice Road.

Blair: Apologized for what happened to the Wagner's and Thomas'. There are 22 new cameras in and around the City and we should be checking them regularly for drug or illegal activity and the citizens need report the same to police.

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Beeler: There are 4 officers dedicated to Sultan and an ongoing presence with other officers coming and going at the East Precinct. Could consider looking at the budget to see if we could hire another officer. Thanks to the staff that the stripping and paving on Sultan Basin Road.

Mayor Eslick: There was an arrest made in the incident with the fire bomb. Apologized to the Wagner's and Thomas' for what they had to go through. The homeless have been growing in numbers lately because we have people feeding them on Fridays and others are giving them money and food at other times. We will take another look at the ADU code and see what can be done to clarify the code.

HEARINGS:**Greens Estates Planned Unit Development Developer Agreement:**

The public hearing on the Greens Estates Planned Unit Development Developer Agreement was opened by Mayor Eslick.

Staff recommended the hearing be continued as the City and Developer have not completed the necessary paperwork for the agreement.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Flower, the hearing was continued to October 8, 2009. All ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are incorporated into the consent and approved by a single motion of the Council. On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, the consent agenda was approved as presented. Champeaux – aye; Wiediger – aye; Slawson – aye; Davenport-Smith - aye; Flower – aye abstain on #4; Blair – aye; Beeler - aye.

- 1) Minutes of the September 10, 2009 regular Council Meeting as on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 2) Approval of vouchers in the amount of \$221,640,85 and payroll through September 4, 2009 in the amount of \$71,674.24 to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 3) Adoption of Resolution 09-19 in Support of the Boeing Company.
- 4) Adoption of Resolution 09-20 perpetually waiving the park rental fee for use of the Sportsman Park by the Sportsmen Club.

ACTION ITEMS:**Resolution 09-21 Sultan and Sky Valley Community History Committee:**

The issue before the Council is to approve Resolution 09-21 supporting the establishment of the standing committee to honor the history of Sultan and the Sky Valley community. The committee recognizes the importance of working with other community stakeholders to bring Chief John Tseul-Ted and the living history and vision of the City of Sultan to the fore.

This standing committee will consist of the following stakeholders:

- City of Sultan Mayor – ad-hoc member
- Tulalip Tribes
- City and County Government
- The Farming Community
- The Logging Community
- The Historical Society
- Community Members

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Resolution 09-21: On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Weidiger, the Mayor was authorized to sign Resolution 09-21 establishing a standing committee to honor the history of Sultan and the Sky Valley community. All ayes.

Community Transit Board Representative:

The issue before the Council is to appoint one elected official to represent the City of Sultan at a special Community Transit Board meeting to be held Thursday, October 1, 2009. In recent months, four board members have resigned from the Community Transit Board and it was determined to have an “Out of Phase” election to fill these positions. Councilmember Steve Slawson expressed interest in serving on the Community Transit Board.

On a motion by Councilmember Champeaux, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, Councilmember Slawson was nominated and elected as the representative for the Community Transit Board and Councilmember Davenport-Smith was nominated and elected as alternate. All ayes.

Permit Efficiency Task Force:

The issue before the City Council is to consider appointments to the permit efficiency task force. The purpose of the task force is to look for opportunities to streamline the city’s development regulations and improve the City’s procedures for issuing planning and building permits. The task force would work through the end of 2009.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Blair, the Council appointed CH Rowe, Sultan business owner and former Mayor; Tom Lochmann, Director of Operations Romac Industries; Nathan Porter, Sultan business owner; Steve Harris, Developer; and Jerry Knox, Planning Board member to the permit efficiency task force. All ayes.

Ordinance 1058-09 Recycle Rates:

The issue before the Council is the introduction of Ordinance 1058-09 to establish rates for recycling services provided by Allied Waste in accordance with the approved Franchise Agreement. The rates will be effective October 1, 2009 and the first billing will be sent out in November 2009.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Champeaux, Ordinance 1058-09 was introduced for a first reading has requested clarification in the wording. All ayes.

Sultan Basin Road Paving:

The issue before the Council is to consider participation with the Timber Ridge Developer in the cost of the asphalt overlay of Sultan Basin Road. In order to provide a 2% crown section in the finished roadway, which is needed to provide cross-drainage from the street for rain and snow water run-off, additional asphalt in the form of a pre-level course is needed. It is estimated that this extra asphalt will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The Contractor and City have agreed to split the cost. The street was paved on September 18, 2009, so the extra asphalt and crown section was installed prior to the Council meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Champeaux, an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000 was approved for the improved crown section of the street for safety purposes. All ayes.

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – September 24, 2009**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****Snohomish County Jail Service Contract:**

The Jail services contract with Snohomish County expires at the end of 2009. The County has asked cities to review and agree to a new three year contract for services. The city must have a signed jail services contract in place to book and house all misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor suspects and inmates. Since the Snohomish County Jail operation was transferred from the County Executive to the Sheriff's Office January 1, 2009, there have been significant changes in the operation and philosophy of the jail and its staff. Some of those changes include removing the three tiers of contract which allowed some cities with more robust budgets to secure a higher level of service than other cities. The tier system would require smaller cities to remove their inmates from the County Jail before larger cities, if the jail were overcrowded. The old contract did not give as many "Community Corrections" alternatives to incarcerations and had a jail oversight committee, partially staffed by city officials.

City Staff also has some recommendation for changes. Because of the climbing costs of booking and incarceration of city prisoners, Sultan and many other cities have looked to other counties such as Chelan County for jail services contracts at a lower cost. During the negotiation period city staff recommends contacting other municipal and county jails around the area to see what space they have available, terms of a contract and their interest in entering into a contract with Sultan. This could help the city secure a better jail services contract and save money, while keeping our community safe.

The current "Draft" contract language does not include a process for billing dispute resolution or the formation of an oversight committee, including contract city staff. Sultan staff believes these issues should be included in the contract. Council requested staff look into other options for jail services.

Health and Wellness Program:

The issue before the City Council is to discuss establishing and supporting a Health and Wellness Program for the City of Sultan employees. The City of Sultan purchases its employee health benefits through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) benefits "pool". AWC encourages cities through grants and other incentives to adopt employee wellness programs.

Employee health is related to lifestyle decisions and many illnesses and injuries can be prevented by having a wellness program in place. Wellness programs increase participant awareness of their health options by helping them acquire knowledge, skills and motivation to achieve healthy lifestyles. Many employers and health providers recognize that employee health can result in less absenteeism and enhanced productivity.

AWC offers mini grants and other incentives for cities that participate in a wellness program. A new program starting in 2011 offers cities a financial reward to members with outstanding wellness programs. Cities that win the 2011 Well City Award will get a 2% premium discount on their Regence Blueshield/Asuris Northwest Health employee and spouse premiums. The discount would be applied to the next years premiums.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffrey Cofer: The Permit Task Force is long overdue and he is supportive making changes and clarifying code.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Eslick: Councilmember Slawson will do a great job on the Community Transit Board. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Pumpkin Throw at Bartelheimer Farms on October 3.

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Executive Session: On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Blair, the Council adjourned to executive session for 22 minutes to discuss real estate acquisition. All ayes.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Flower, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:41PM.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Rosemary Murphy, Clerk