

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – January 9, 2020

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting of the Sultan City Council to order in the Sultan Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: McCarty, Aldrich, Walker, Vaughn, Neigel, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Staff Present: City Administrator Ibershof, Finance Director Koenig, Public Works Director Morgan, Planning Director Galuska, and City Clerk Pevey.

Guests: Snohomish County District Court Judge Trish Lyon, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Lowe, Goldbar Mayor Bill Clem, Sheriff Adam Fortney, and Undersheriff Jeff Brand.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None Noted

PRESENTATIONS**Swear-in New/Returning Councilmembers**

Snohomish County District Court Judge Trish Lyon administered the oath of office to New Councilmember Calei Vaughn and Returning Councilmembers Joe Neigel and Jeffrey Beeler.

Mayor Wiita explained that himself and returning Councilmember Stephanie Aldrich were sworn in once the election was certified in November.

Sheriff Adam Fortney

New Sheriff Adam Fortney came to introduce himself and Undersheriff Jeff Brand to the community. Fortney stated he would follow notes in his campaign such as being tough on crime, but also helping people and providing services, and not turning a blind eye to crime occurring. Here to help and advocate for small cities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written comment from Colleen Rupke in opposition to the Tortorice Annexation. Expressed displeasure with consultant chosen for the Code Update project.

Written comment from Judy Heydrick in opposition to the Tortorice Annexation on the agenda this evening

Written comment from Bonnie and Geri Gibson in opposition to the Tortorice Annexation on the agenda this evening

Jim Flower, Rice Road: Thanked councilmembers and gave credit for the work they do. Raised concern over new RV Park on Rice Road and drainage issues it has created.

Bronn Journey, Sultan Basin Road: Raised concerns over Tortorice Annexation.

Reid Shockey, Everett: Planning Consultant representing Tortorice on the Annexation; acknowledged concerns brought forth through public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Beeler: Gave support to New Sheriff Fortney and acknowledged public comments.

Sivewright: Acknowledged concerns of citizens regarding Tortorice Annexation and explained a yes vote tonight on the Tortorice Annexation means she wants to hear the clearer picture before making a final decision and presented her reasons behind the decision.

Walker: Acknowledged concerns raised by citizens.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Looking forward to a great new year. Presented his state of the city address at the chamber meeting yesterday. Met with city management team before the holiday to prepare a work plan for 2020 and will share those discussions that with the council at another time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Reminded Councilmembers that January 28th and 29th is are the dates of the AWC City Action Days in Olympia and those that are attending with be lobbying for park money while there. Also reminded the public of the February 5th bus to Olympia to lobby for Highway 2 and that there is still time to sign up to attend that event. February 22 is the suggested date for a council retreat to be held at the Monroe Fairgrounds. Republic Services will be attending the next council meeting to discuss an increase in recycle rates. A workshop of the whole council is also set for the next council meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. regarding the 2018 Audit Exit Conference. The city is finally closing the sale of the property surplus with the school. Announced Chris Conley is the new face in the Public Works department. Also explained will be presenting a resolution at the next council meeting addressing money for affordable housing projects.

CONSENT AGENDA: The items are incorporated into the consent agenda and approved by a single motion of the Council. On a motion by Councilmember Walker seconded by Councilmember Beeler, the consent agenda was approved; all ayes.

- 1) Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Council Meeting
- 2) Voucher Approval thru December 20th and payroll through December 13, 2019
- 3) Voucher Approval thru December 30th and payroll through December 20, 2019
- 4) Voucher Approval and payroll through January 3, 2020.
- 5) Professional Service Agreement – Goldbar Geek

ACTION ITEMS**AB 20-20 Professional Services Agreement – LDC, Inc. Code Project**

Planning Director Galuska explained city would be working with LDC to update the development code within the city. The contract includes working with a student researcher from the University of Washington as well. Council questioned the savings to have a student researcher included and the savings is estimated at roughly \$170 per hour having a student researcher involved. On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with LDC, Inc; all ayes

AB 19-18 Tortorise Annexation – Intention to Commence Annexation

Planning Director Galuska explained the vote tonight doesn't approve annexation, just allows staff to start the annexation process and start reviewing the project. Council acknowledged public comments and requested to see a an executive summary and a cost benefit analysis during the process. On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich directing staff to begin the procedures to review the proposed annexation and process the request as is appropriate; all ayes.

AB 20-05 Ordinance 1319-20 Chapter 15 Building Code Updates

Planning Director Galuska explained simple updates to bring the sections presented up to date to match the most recent revision of the Uniform Building Code. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich to adopt Ordinance 1319-20 Uniform Building Code Updates; all ayes.

AB 20-02 2020 Council Budget Workshops

Dates suggested for a council retreat and budget hearing dates for 2020; no action taken at this time and will re-review at future meetings as needed.

AB 20-03 2020 Mayor Pro Tem Appointment

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Neigel to confirm the appointment of Councilmember Beeler as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2020; all ayes.

AB 20-04 2020 Sub Committee Appointments

Administrator Ibershof explained the Sub Committees would meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to council meetings, unless an urgent need requires something different.

Government Services, Finances and Public Safety Committee discusses topics focusing on utility, policy, personnel, budget, and public safety set to meet the first council meeting of the month as needed unless something urgent arises. He further explained that initially this committee would be meeting every other week to discuss a series of financial policies that need updating. Agreement to CM Neigel, CM Sivewright, CM Vaughn; with alternate CM Walker; all ayes.

Community Development and Public Works Sub Committee discusses topics focusing on planning and development regulations, public works capital projects and equipment set to meet the second council meeting of the month as needed unless something urgent arises. Agreement to CM McCarty, CM Beeler, CM Aldrich; with alternate CM Sivewright; all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich the council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm.



Russell Wiita, Mayor

Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk