

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING - March 25, 2021

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom Internet Conference Service with all members in attendance at remote locations via computer or phone. Mayor called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers in attendance: McCarty, Aldrich, Walker, Vaughn, Neigel, Sivewright, Beeler. Absent Student Rep DeBock.

Staff in attendance: Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, City Attorney Evans, and City Clerk Pevey.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Sivewright, the following items were added/changed on the agenda: 1)removing Consent Agenda #4 regarding Ordinance 1319-20 Uniform Building Code Update Scribner Error Correction. Motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS**Snohomish County Health District**

Presentation on file with the City Clerk

Katie Curtis, Prevention Services Director presented agency rebuilding changes to include online service delivery, IT infrastructure, Rucker Building improvements, and working with a company called ClearGov to provide transparency and accountability regarding how the funds are received and utilized. Provided an update on continuing public health activities, prevention services division, and work directly related to the Sultan community. In response to Covid Curtis explained the agency website improvements were made so citizens could find information easily to include a map of Covid cases by area and touched based on their continued work in relationship to Covid response. Mayor and Councilmembers thanked the health district for assisting to provide information during the Covid pandemic as it was the most accurate and up to date source of information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Smith, Marguerite Lane, Sultan: Acknowledged efforts by Council, staff, and police department in bringing awareness to the following: Scheduled "drug takeback" Event and Hammer Property park plans. Addressed concerns regarding proposed park plans on Hammer property to include traffic impact, interest in safety, maintenance schedules and budgets to maintain the City park; concerns with parks already in play due to accessibility issues from what appeared to be lack of maintenance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

McCarty: Sharon from Snohomish County Parks Board has a potential meeting date of Monday, March 29th to discuss the Centennial Trail plans for the Sky Valley area.

Walker: Thanked Administrator Ibershof's response regarding questions about water usage from the City of Everett and requested Ibershoff provide the same update to Council.

Vaughn: Thanked McCarty for all of his work with the City over the years; Thanked Citizen Smith for comments.

Sivewright: Thanked Citizen Smith for comments.

Beeler: Acknowledged Citizen Smith comments and concerns; appreciates the graphs included in the staff reports and feels the information presented expresses its importance and documents the hard work staff is doing. Looking forward to spring and the continued reopening of businesses.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Continuing to look for ideas on how to spend the new Covid relief funds coming from the federal government and will be bringing forward a package to Council for approval on ways to spend the funds; Representative Eslick stated that there is some positive movement at the state level regarding a request for \$2 million dollars for US 2 improvements; Continue to encourage citizens to let representatives in Olympia know about your concerns regarding US 2 traffic issues; Currently have three seats on the planning board coming up for appointment in June and the City is calling for applicants; Thanked Citizen Smith for her comments regarding the drug takeback program and advised if there is anything City can do to assist this effort moving forward let the Mayor know; community meeting for the proposed park set for Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. specific to the neighborhoods near it; contract in front of Council tonight is for the design of the park; process for designing park will include outreach and community input as well as traffic analysis later on in the process.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Administrator Ibershof explained the new interim finance director is fitting in well, the next phase of the Main Street Sewer Project is starting in a couple weeks, Planning Department is working on rolling out new permit software that would allow a complete online process for developers and permit applicants, The City Clerk is doing a great job in the leadership of a records organization project. Acknowledged CM Walker acknowledged 6000 gallons of water used from Everett Water System due to high rainfall causing murky water and plant can't handle the amount of water that needs to be processed to clean it out causing the City to switch to Everett Water during this timeframe. Responded to questions about an abandoned vehicle getting a lot of attention in the area. It is being addressed by the police department.

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports submitted and on file as follows: 1) Public Works Department, 2) Planning Department, and 3) Police Department

CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, Council approved the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included: 1) March 3 & 25, 2021 vouchers for approval in the amount of \$239,233.94 and payroll through March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$98,677.73 to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts; 2) minutes of the March 4, 2021 Council Workshop; and 3) minutes of the March 11, 2021 Council Meeting; Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS**AB21-36 Contract with KPG for park design on the Hammer Property.**

Morgan explained the scope of work and addressed questions explaining the City is providing proposed ideas, but that the scope of work will change as Council and public comment is received. Discussion on concerns Council had regarding the need to have more community outreach and input before a decision can be confirmed. Concern with location and potential access points for a park, as well as financial concerns if the City tried to obtain property elsewhere. On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, Seconded by Councilmember Walker, to table this item for two weeks to allow for community meetings to occur. Motion passed on a 4-3 vote. Councilmembers voted as follows - McCarty - aye, Aldrich - nay, Walker - aye, Vaughn - aye, Neigel - nay, Sivewright - aye, Beeler - nay

AB20-45 Ordinance 1328-20 Development Code Update Scribner Error Corrections

City Clerk Pevey explained the Scribner error corrections and stated that Planning Director Galuska is in the process of fixing any continued issues with the Development Code and anticipated new changes being brought back to Council in approximately 4-6 weeks. On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, Seconded by Councilmember Walker, Council adopted the Scribner's error corrections in Ordinance 1328-20; Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm. Motion passed 7-0. The zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.



Russell Wiita, Mayor



Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk