

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – April 8, 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, Sivewright, Beeler. Absent Neigel and Student Rep DeBock.

Staff in attendance: Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, Interim Finance Director Erdman, and City Clerk Pevey.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Request by Councilmember Walker to move Action #1 Hammer Property Park Design to discussion; Mayor denied the request. On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, Consent Agenda Item 2 regarding the March 25, 2021 minutes was moved from consent agenda to action items; Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Genny Smith, Marguerite Lane: Addressed comments noted in the March 25 council meeting led her to believe she was misunderstood regarding her transparency comments about the park action item and attempted to let council know her thoughts that the any action should have been presented at a council meeting after a community meeting was held as this is a better way to show transparency with the residents of Sultan. Hopeful that the City is going to provide information of funding on upkeep and maintenance of new city parks; feel current parks are under utilized due to safety issues regarding lack of upkeep. Request plan to bring community members to the new proposed park as doesn't feel is accessible due to lack of sidewalks and crosswalks. Concerned about safety and impact on neighborhoods near the park and request answers before a park is installed. Suggesting less is more when considering amenities for the location.

Dave Simons, Marguerite Lane: Feels park action item was tabled only after comments made that called it in question; addressed concerns to potential park to include safety concerns re traffic, lighting, police patrol, and issues with maintaining current parks and concerned that city is considering adding another park when current parks are in obvious disrepair.

Angela Simons, Marguerite Lane: stating already continual requests for lowered speed limits and speed bumps in the neighborhood to address traffic concerns with speeding; with the review of a potential park bringing more traffic to the area increases the need for traffic issues to be addressed; Agrees with suggestion of less amenities versus more when considering options for the property, but does like the idea of a dog park area for potential ideas.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

McCarty: Attended Special Meeting for Centennial Trail running from Snohomish to Sultan. Planning Director Galuska attended this meeting as well. Reviewed right of ways in place for potential trail location. Galuska recognized the potential for the trail bringing visitor traffic in town when completed. Has a high school yearbook and has potential ideas to present to Student Rep DeBock about a pictorial display that could be implemented in the high school.

Walker: Thanked public comment; can't help push back on comments about park disarray as city has installed new equipment with better access. Not in favor of a new park, but recognizing that the property is valuable and that the city won't just sit on it. Warned public that something will happen on the property either way.

Vaughn: Acknowledged public comment, Osprey Park received new equipment; city acknowledges upkeep is an issue and unsure about how to handle in the budget but council will be reviewing. Questioned would it be more beneficial to the community to have overflow parking. Recognized that there are several options for the property that still need to be reviewed before a final decision can be made. At the present time is not currently in favor of a park.

Sivewright: Attended the Community meeting on proposed park. Feels that concerns citizens are raising would be considered in the design of any park. Lives by Osprey Park and utilizes the facility on a regular basis. Echoed previous councilmember comments that a lot of work and new equipment has been done in the parks and feels the current parks are not in disarray. Agreed there are many options for the property and feels if a park is not developed there, foresees a development instead. Feels the views from the property would make a beautiful park and continues to stand in favor of a park at the location and foresees at the city grows the need for a parks and recreation department will be needed in the future. Thanked citizens for their comments.

Beeler: Attended the park community meeting with twenty-three residences in attendance and noted his main comment was "traffic study first" and the impact a park would have on the area. Agreed there are several options and the city is still in review to make the right decision. Acknowledges the comments from citizens and hasn't made a decision yet regarding the property. Acknowledged State Representative Eslick's efforts to gather support and money for a study on the US 2 to address the traffic issues there. Eslick recently published a plea in the Seattle Times regarding her efforts.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Chamber of Commerce announced this week that the Shindig for 2021 has been cancelled again this year. The Chamber is going to attempt smaller scale events such as a farmer's market/swap meet, and music in the park events. Chamber is also working on a cleanup event being planned for late May. University of Washington interns will be in town Friday to have boots on the ground in preparation for the start of work on the Visioning Project. Conversation regarding pedestrian bridge landing near the Chief Sultan statue to include a nice cedar fence and landscaping to create a nice backdrop for the statue and naming that area officially. Reiterated comments regarding hard work of staff who has been working diligently to clean up the parks. Encouraged community members to reach out to the city with issues and concerns in the parks. Addressed the timing of the action item for park design and the holding of the community meeting stating that community outreach was always planned to be involved and timing was not intended to leave it in question.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The City is applying for two federal grants for a US 2 roundabout and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Thanked council for their input at the April workshop regarding staff reorganization and will be bringing action items forward at the next few council meetings. Finance department in final review of fourth quarter finances of 2020 as well as first quarter review of 2021 city financials.

STAFF REPORTS

None noted

CONSENT AGENDA:

Noted 3/25/2021 council minutes was moved from consent agenda to Action Item 7.

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, council approved the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included: 1) Vouchers for approval in the amount of \$165,071.54, Payroll 6 March 2021 in the amount of \$130,582.96, and Bank fees in the amount of \$2,486.47 to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts; Motion passed 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

AB21-36 KPG Task Order 2 Hammer Property Park Design.

Mayor suggested tabling the item for an unspecified period of time to allow time to work with staff to research and review the various input that has been provided by council and citizen comment. Also advised further council discussion on this topic is set for the council workshop on the First Thursday in May. Discussion amongst councilmembers expressing their thoughts, questions, and/or concerns. On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to let the discussion lie on the table. Motion passed 6-0.

AB21-42 Resolution 21-08: Cash Handling Policy

Interim Finance Director Erdman explained the updates are to address internal controls issues identified in the recent Audit finding. On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Sivewright, council adopted Resolution 21-08 updating the City's Cash Handling Policy; Motion passed 6-0.

AB21-43 Ordinance 1346-21: SMC 13.24 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Administrator Ibershof explained that in 2020 the City Council approved a service agreement with Republic Services that privatized the collection of solid waste within the City. Since the current City code reflected the City as the collection company, the update would reflect the change. On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember McCarty, council adopted Ordinance 1346-21 updating SMC 13.24 regarding the City's Solid Waste Management Plan; Motion passed 6-0.

AB21-39 Resolution 21-07 Contract with Washington State Military Department

On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Walker, council authorized the Mayor to sign contract 21-02 with the Washington Military Department; Motion passed 6-0.

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember McCarty, council adopted Resolution 21-07 as written; Motion passed 6-0

AB21-40 Agreement with Sno Co PUD #1 for Pole Attachments

On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized the Mayor to sign the Pole Attachment License Agreement with Snohomish County PUD; Motion passed 6-0.

AB18-22 Snohomish County Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement Extension

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember McCarty, council authorized the Mayor to sign Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Services for assistance in training, planning and support for disaster preparedness; Motion passed 6-0.

March 25, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Pevey explained that it was noted that item AB21-36 Contract with KPG for park design on the Hammer Property vote was presented incorrectly and needed to be corrected as well as to record the split vote. Pevey presented the recommendation to have the final vote read, "Motion passed on a 4-3 vote. Councilmembers voted as follows - McCarty - aye, Aldrich - nay, Walker - aye, Vaughn - aye, Neigel - nay, Sivewright - nay, Beeler - aye. Following discussion and amendment on a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember McCarty, council voted to amend the minutes of the March 25, 2021 council meeting as suggested; Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember McCarty, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:04 pm. The zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.



 Russell Wiita, Mayor



 Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk