

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – April 13, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Aldrich called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Pro Tem Aldrich called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Dearborn, Hund, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Absent: Mayor Wiita

Staff: City Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, Community Development Director Hart, Police Chief Alanis, and City Clerk Pevey.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None noted. On a motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the agenda was approved as presented; Motion passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ron Kraut, Sultan – provided written comments and then read them aloud regarding his concerns with current council procedures. (Exhibit A)

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Morgan – Acknowledged citizen comments regarding improving public feedback and participation.

Dearborn – Also acknowledged citizen comments regarding council participation rules.

Hund – Also acknowledged citizen comments regarding council participation rules and looking forward to attending the Sky Valley Chamber Auction set for Saturday, April 15^h.

Sivewright – Also looking forward to the chamber auction; VOA fundraiser currently in progress and challenged councilmembers for donations; acknowledged citizen comments and explained council decision on placing the public comments section at the end of council workshops.

Beeler – Explained history of public comments during meetings and expressed appreciation for public input as is valuable in the decision-making process. Acknowledged his absence at the council workshop held on April 3rd.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Thanked Mr. Kraut for his attendance and comments; enjoyed attending the community easter egg hunt held Saturday, April 8th; Also acknowledged will be attending the upcoming chamber auction.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The city is accepting applications for an open deputy treasurer position; acknowledged four council vacancy applications received to date and application acceptance closes on April 19th with interviews to be conducted at the April 27th meeting. City trucks updated with new vehicles through the Enterprise fleet management program; Explained Mayor Wiita was acknowledged in the Everett Herald recently as an emerging business leader for 2023 and was attending a dinner tonight in relationship to that acknowledgement. The city will be providing binders of comprehensive plan to be housed in the library for review, as well as other city documents, in response to a recent citizen comment.

STAFF REPORTS

No written reports submitted.

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CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Hund, the council approved the following consent agenda items; Motion passed 5-0.

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval
- 2) 3/23/2023 Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEMS

AB 23-21 Enterprise Lease for 2023 Nissan Rogue

This vehicle will replace the current chevy traverse and will cost the city \$100 less per month; On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, council authorized the Mayor to sign a lease with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Nissan Rouge; Motion passed 5-0.

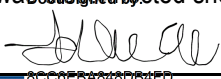
AB23-22 Blueline Group LLC On Call Planning Services Agreement

This agreement would be a back-up in case the small Community Development Department gets swamped with permit applications. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, council authorized the Mayor to sign an on-call planning services agreement with Blueline Group LLC for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 without prior authorization from council; Motion passed 5-0.

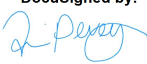
Before the meeting ended, Councilmember Beeler requested an additional moment to speak. Upon receiving approval from Mayor Pro Tem Aldrich, he stated that several Snohomish county cities were in the process of creating ordinances banning open drug use in public. He stated that the City of Everett was the most recent city to bring this forward due to other cities; requesting Sultan to review and consider this as well. Administrator Ibershof confirmed staff would discuss this further at this request.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the council meeting was closed at approximately 7:38 pm. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.



 Stephanie Aldrich, Mayor Pro Tem

DocuSigned by:


 Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk

**WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
AND ATTACHED AS REFERENCE**

EXHIBIT A - Ron Kraut Comments

I have taken a look at the city's adopted council meeting procedures.

1. I recommend that the city configure the agenda for their "regularly scheduled council workshops" so that public comments occur in compliance with adopted rules. That is, allow public comment prior to discussion items. The recent practice has been for public comments to occur just prior to the closure of the meeting.

2. I would like to point out that council rules allow exceptions to the 3 minute time allotment for public comment.

3. I would also like to point out that citizens are afforded the right ^{to} request multiple comments periods during council meetings, with a time limit not to exceed 30 minutes.

4. Back and forth discussion between the public and the council may be permitted.

I believe implementation of long standing ^{those} rules will encourage public participation.

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES

4.1 Order of Business:

The order of business for all regular meetings shall be transacted as follows unless the Council, by a majority vote of the members present, suspends the rules and changes order:

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Changes/Additions to the agenda
- (4) Presentations
- (5) Comments from the Public**
- (6) Councilmembers comments
- (7) Hearings scheduled during the Council meeting
- (8) Department Head/Council Committee/Commission Reports
- (9) Consent Agenda
- (10) Action Items
- (11) Discussion Items
- (12) Executive sessions (may be held at anytime during the meeting)
- (13) Adjournment

7.2 Subjects Not on the Current Agenda:

Under agenda item "Comments From thePublic" citizens may address any item they wish to discuss with the Mayor and Council. They shall first obtain recognition by the Chair, state their name, address and subject of their comments. **The Chair shall then allow the comments, subject to a three (3) minute limitation per speaker, or other limitations as the Chair or Council may deem necessary.** Following such comments, if action is required or has been requested, the Chair may place the matter on the current agenda or a future agenda or refer the matter to staff or a Council committee for action or investigation and report at a future meeting.

7.3 Subjects on the Current Agenda:

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Council on an item on the current agenda shall make such request to the Chair or Presiding Officer. The Chair shall rule on the appropriateness of public comments as the agenda item is reached. The Chair may change the order of speakers so that

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testimony is heard in the most logical grouping (i.e. proponents, opponents, adjacent owners, etc.). All comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker or other limitations as the Chair or Council may deem necessary.

7.4 Manner of Addressing the Council – Time Limit:

Each person addressing the Council shall step up to the podium, give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record and, unless further time is granted by the Council, shall limit his/her remarks to three (3) minutes. Agenda items "Comments From the Public" and "Public Comments on Agenda Items" shall be limited to a total of 30 minutes each unless additional time or less time is agreed upon by the Council (dependent upon the length of the agenda). All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the Chair, members of the Council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through the members of the Council. No questions shall be asked of the Councilmembers, except through the Chair. The Council will then determine the disposition of the issue (information only, place on present agenda, workshop, a future agenda, assign to staff, assign to Council Committee or do not consider)