

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – June 8, 2023

Mayor Wiita 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 Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Hund, Dawson, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Councilmembers Absent: Dearborn

Staff: City Administrator Ibershof, Community Development Director Hart, Building Official Marshall, Interim Chief Alanis, and City Clerk Pevey.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council added the following items to the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

- Add Consent Agenda #3: Excused absence of Councilmember Dearborn.

PRESENTATIONS

AB23-09_Comprehensive Plan Update_Community Engagement

Community Development Director Hal Hart introduced Tyler Quinn-Smith, Urban Designer & Planner for Frameworks. Hart explained the city is updating the comprehensive plan and Frameworks is assisting the city in the process. Tonight, the staff is seeking council input on the proposed engagement plan part of the process. Tyler-Quinn kicked into the project timeline broken down into three phases that will be ongoing through final Comprehensive Plan adoption planned for October 2024. Focus this evening on the public engagement process to include timeline, planned events, potential outreach partners, key stakeholder groups, and ways to monitor engagement efforts. Project information also being posted to www.sultan2044.com and will be updated throughout the process. The council then assisted in product branding efforts for the process to include the project logo.

Council input as follows:

- target populations should include property owners within commercial zones.
- ESL population: to include alternative communications in citizens preferred language.
- Preference for project logo to emphasize mountains versus city hall, including S as subtle road to Sultan; council in agreement Alternative 2 lower left as starting point for added improvements.
- Project catch phrase discussion needed more thought, so the council was encouraged to email staff later on with feedback.

AB23-34_Resolution 23-05_2024 to 2029 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Nate Morgan presented the proposed 2024 to 2029 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Morgan reminded the public projects are listed in an effort to apply and possibly obtain grant funding. These projects are not necessarily planned, but projects the city is interested in pursuing. Provided the updates to the plan from last year to include NM-3 project identifies ADA Barrier Removal this year, addition of T34B Intersection Improvements, and T34F US 2 intersection improvements, as well as staff removed east west connectors from the list at the direction of council. Confirmation that suggested costs are not always accurate and are rough estimates at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nancy Yargas, Skykomish: Representing a community group that feels there is a critical safety issue and imploring council assistance regarding supporting repair of the Old Cascade Highway at Miller River and provided additional information as to why it should be restored as an alternate route.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Morgan: Thanked representatives tonight on presentations; in support of repairs to Old Cascade Highway at Miller River.

Hund: Thanked presenters.

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Beeler: In support of repairs to Old Cascade Highway at Miller River. Looking forward to the council retreat set for June 24th. Acknowledged emails regarding US 2 timing of light at Old Owen Road and traffic backups caused by a shortened timeline.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Earlier this evening attended Sultan Middle School Entrepreneurs Day in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and felt it was a great opportunity for students to learn about running a business. Encouraged citizens to check chamber events calendar for activities occurring during the summer. June 17th councilmembers will distribute welcome packets to new homeowners and will continue this effort through the coming months.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Public Works Director Morgan filled in for Administrator Ibershof and updated council that the road striper buggy has arrived and work has begun to improve painting on various streets; council retreat set for June 24th 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.; Mountainview Park work continuing and bids will go out for construction; civil approval for 60 additional homes; recent population released at 6,730 people and growing; shindig final preparations for the June 7th to 9th event with carnival tickets available at various locations. AWC Conference upcoming and City Administrator willing to carpool to the event; work continuing on parks and recreation levy with first open house planned in the coming weeks. WUE code update has been postponed for 120 days; grant application submitted for construction of the main street roundabout; staff working with DOT regarding traffic light timing issues.

STAFF REPORTS

No written reports submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council approved the amended consent agenda to include the following items: Motion passed 6-0.

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval
- 2) 5/25/2023 Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEMS

AB23-45 Resolution 23-07 Support Repair of Old Cascade Highway at Miller River

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Sivewright, the council approved Resolution 23-07 supporting the repairs to the Old Cascade Highway at Miller River; Motion passed 6-0.

AB23-42 WWTP Project Change Order – Effluent Pipeline Replacement

Public Works Director Morgan provided the council with an update on the WWTP Construction to date to include budget savings and budget impacts at this time. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council approved change order #1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project to replace the effluent pipe from the plant to the outfall for an amount not to exceed \$134,493.38; Motion passed 6-0.

AB23-44 WWTP Loader Purchase

Public Works Director Morgan explained this was planned as part of the WWTP Upgrade project and will be located at the plant. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized staff to purchase a new loader for the WWTP through the Source Well contract for an amount not to exceed \$308,420.00 which includes sales tax and a 15% contingency) without prior authorization from council; Motion passed 6-0.

AB23-43 Pressure Washer Trailer Replacement Purchase

Public Works Director Morgan explained council had previously authorized this purchase, but the delay in gaining approval from council the price had gone up exponentially and staff chose to hold off until the cost stabilized. On a motion by Councilmember

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Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized staff to purchase a new pressure washer trailer for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 which includes a 36% contingency without prior council authorization; Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council meeting was closed at approximately 8:20 pm. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.



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