

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – June 9, 2022**

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:04 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, Neigel, Sivewright, and Beeler

Councilmember Absent: Dearborn

Staff: Community Development Director Galuska, Public Works Director Morgan, and City Clerk Pevey.

### **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Sivewright, the following changes to the agenda items were approved with motion passing 6-0.

- 1) Add excused absence of Councilmember Dearborn to the consent agenda
- 2) Add an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 3) Add an action item to reschedule the June 23, 2022 council meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **AB22-40\_2023-2028 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**

*Presentation on file with the City Clerk's Office*

*Minutes of the public hearing under separate cover*

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council continued the public hearing regarding the changes to the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan; Motion passed 6-0.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jeff Estes – link to meeting not clickable; speaking on behalf of the school and in support of the school's request to the city to increase the school impact fees as he feels they are too low and below those of districts in surrounding areas.

Ron Kraut, Bryant Road –Expressed concerns with elements of the TIP to include concerns regarding East West Connector at Bryant Road and proposed a different location not currently listed on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Morgan: Thanked citizens for input and look forward to hearing from staff regarding questions raised.

Sivewright: Thanked citizens for input; Addressed a safety issue that occurred in the city yesterday and advocating continued city support for social and community services.

Beeler: Acknowledged Walbrun Road and desire to fix that connection with US 2 for safety concerns; also acknowledged there is never a set decision of council and changes put into place can be changed later as councilmembers change.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Wiita explained the City Administrator is attending District 5 recovery open house for Snohomish County's Office of Recovery where they are discussing the ways the county will spend their ARPA funds. The city suggested that the county supplement city efforts regarding ARPA funds.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Community Development Director Galuska explained the final Storefront Studio Project open house was held last Friday and it was successful. The UW Students are finalizing the project plan and it will be presented to council upon completion. Suggested council and citizens review the QR code in this month's city newsletter that links them to the

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US 2 Survey and encouraged all citizens and users of US 2 to participate in the survey. The city just completed the first meetings with the US 2 technical group, regional group, and citizen advisory group. The next round of meetings will be held on July 11, July 18, and July 25th and staff will keep council updated on the progress. On Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> the new Communications Intern will start work and split their time between the city, fire department and school district. Staff is also working with FCS Group continuing the rate study work and will be presenting their findings at an upcoming council meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the following consent agenda items as amended were approved with motion passing 6-0.

- 1) Voucher Approval thru June 9, 2022, accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$239,603.95, and payroll benefits #9 in the amount of \$67,909.92 all to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 2) Excused Absence of Councilmember Dearborn

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **AB22-08\_Three Party ILA re: Communications Intern**

An interlocal agreement between the city, fire department, and school district to share the Communications Intern over the summer with the aim of improving communications with/for all three agencies. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized the Mayor to sign a three-party ILA with the City of Sultan, the Sultan School District and Fire District 5; Motion passed 6-0.

#### **AB22-07\_Contract with Snohomish County for Utility Assistance**

Planning Director Galuska stated the city acknowledges the pandemic continues to impact citizens as they recover financially. Council and Utility Billing Specialist Mann discussed the pros and cons of offering an additional option for citizens and the reasons for needing additional assistance. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Snohomish County Human Services low-income household water assistance program; Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Rescheduling June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mayor Wiita explained three city managers, the mayor, and one council member will be in attendance at the AWC Conference set for June 21-June 24, 2022. On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, council rescheduled the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting to June 30, 2022; motion passed 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **AB22-44\_2022 Comprehensive Plan Update**

##### **A) Sultan School District Capital Facilities Plan 2022-2027**

Community Development Director Galuska provided the basic background information of the comprehensive plan update and the docket process where applications are accepted. Two applications were received during the docket process in 2022 from the School District and the City itself. Discussion tonight is the first of several more meetings planned over the next few months.

Galuska explained the biggest change to the comprehensive plan would be increasing the school impact fee for single family residences from \$2,966 to \$14,842 and 2+ bedroom multi-family units from \$2,685 to \$9,576.

School Superintendent Dan Chaplik explained the school has 5-year capital facilities plan in place and that it gets updated every two years. Requesting that the city update the impact fee portion of this plan into the comprehensive plan as soon as possible. The challenge the school faces is that they don't have regular building plans going on all the time as they are a small school district. The last significant construction work at the school district was 2006-2007 timeframe. The school acknowledged the significant growth the city is experiencing, and the school district is trying to

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make sure all the impact fees are fair. Discussion amongst council with Superintendent Chaplick on the reason for the high increase and other factors that went into the decision.

**B) Draft Chapter 9 Capital Facilities Plan Update**

Community Development Director Galuska explained last year's update included an unintentional error to the final document that was presented to council, therefore staff is presenting last years intended changes as well as a few small updates to sewer project estimates based on the recent bid on the Sewer Treatment Plant. He explained the cost estimates for the sewer plant included a 35% increase to costs. Galuska explained the city will be updating the entire comprehensive plan in 2024 but think these changes are necessary in this year's docket update to keep the document up to date. Discussion amongst council about cost increase impact.

Galuska explained the next steps will be to move this discussion to the Planning Board for approval before being brought back to council for final adoption.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Collective Bargaining Session**

Mayor Wiita explained the executive session needed to be a closed session and therefore would occur after the meeting ended. It should be noted that the closed session started at approximately 8:03 p.m. and ended at approximately 8:25 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

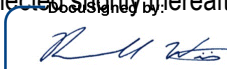
On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich the meeting was closed at approximately 8:02 p.m. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk



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Russell Wiita, Mayor