

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – June 30, 2022

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:05 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, Dearborn, Hund, Neigel, Sivewright, and Beeler. (Noted that Beeler entered a short time after the meeting started.)

Staff: City Administrator Ibershof, 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 Hund, the following changes to the agenda items were approved with motion passing 6-0.

- 1) Add a Discussion Item to discuss the Sultan Basin Area Park.

PRESENTATION:

AB22-46_US 2 Public Engagement Round 1 City Council Check-in

Presentation on file with City Clerk's Office

Victor Salemann, President of Transportation Solutions Inc (TSI) provided the council with an update on the US 2 public engagement process. An open house was held in conjunction with an on-line survey and the city has received 900 responses to date. Three working groups (technical, regional, and local) have been formed and provided a summary of their progress to date. Explained four alternatives to US 2 are being reviewed along with four alternatives for an east west connector and it has been confirmed that an east west connector will not sustain traffic flow along. An additional east west connector across the River to connect with Old Owen Road is also being reviewed at the request of WSDOT. He further explained US 2 alternative three which would make US 2 four lanes with multi lane roundabouts is standing out as the preferred alternative. He then provided the feedback from the three working groups regarding the options being reviewed. Further work being completed by TSI and next steps in the process were discussed. Upon further discussion, council confirmed their desire to see more information on regional trips versus local trips, as well as the number of trips not stopping versus those utilizing local services.

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 Hund, council closed the Public Hearing regarding the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan; Motion passed 7-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ron Kraut, Bryant Road: Expressed his interest in serving on the US 2 input board and questioned why Walbrun Road was not being considered as a potential east west connector route and provided reasons why it should be considered.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Many councilmembers thanked the public for their comments and provided their thoughts to the public in response. In addition, they also acknowledged the hard work being done by public works staff in keeping the city looking clean and well maintained.

CM Sivewright encouraged councilmembers to attend the annual AWC Conference in the future and shared highlights from some of the classes she attended. Suggestion of future council workshop topic regarding emergency communications and how to support the city in an emergency.

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MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wiita also acknowledged the training sessions and networking that was done at this years AWC annual conference; and shared lobbying efforts to have AWC add public safety and other legislative priorities to their lobbying priorities as well. Encouraged council to consider attending AWC January advocacy days in 2023.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Community Development Director Galuska stepped in for City Administrator Ibershof and provided council with a brief storefront studio project update to include the report that had been released. He discussed the housing action plan outreach, survey, and announcements that would be kicking off starting with public outreach. Shared the Alliance Summer Kick off event was a success for its first year.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the following consent agenda items as amended were approved with motion passing 7-0.

- 1) Vouchers in the amount of \$155,142.52, payroll and payroll benefits #10 & #11 in the amount of \$217,194.20, bank fees in the amount of \$7,889.72, taxes in the amount of \$16,297.01 and bond payment in the amount of \$3,589.53 all to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 2) 5/5/2022 Council Workshop Minutes
- 3) 5/12/2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) 5/26/2022 Joint Council and Planning Board Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION

AB21-35_Sultan Basin Area Park

Discussion amongst council and staff regarding community outreach for naming of the park, an update on the next steps, as well as a timeline. Public Works Director Morgan explained the timeline and restrictions but confirmed he would check with the consultant to confirm if it could be sped up. Mayor confirmed staff to research the best way to proceed regarding naming of the park.

ACTION ITEMS

AB22-48_Confirm RaeAnna Marshall to the Alliance Board

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Sivewright, council confirmed Mayor Wiita's appointment of RaeAnna Marshall to the Sultan Community Alliance Board of Directors. Motion passed 7-0.

AB22-40_Resolution 22-05_2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan

Discussion amongst council and staff regarding priorities on various projects with emphasis on US 2 improvement over east west connectors being considered. On a motion by Councilmember Neigel, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, council adopted Resolution 22-05 approving the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion passed 7-0.

AB21-36_Sultan Basin Area Park Design Contract

Public Works Director Morgan acknowledged council direction for full design to be broken into phases for construction to allow for budget constraints. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council approved a contract with KPG Psomas for an amount not to exceed \$409,782.95 to design the Sultan Basin Area Park. Motion passed 7-0.

AB22-47_Evacuation Trail Lighting Project

Public Works Director Morgan discussed with council the current challenges affecting price and purchasing of equipment. He also explained there would be an additional cost of approximately \$3000 - \$5000 to connect the lighting to PUD and confirmed he would provide council with an update as the project progresses. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council approved the purchase of all equipment for the

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evac trail project that will be installed by public works staff for an amount not to exceed \$63,842.17 which includes a 30% contingency. Motion passed 7-0.

AB22-49_Data Sharing Agreement with the State Auditor's Office

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council authorized the mayor to sign a three-year data sharing agreement with the State Auditor's Office. Motion passed 7-0.

AB22-50_USPS Lease Agreement


Discussion confirmed the lease agreement included a consumer Price increase (CPI) each year. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council authorized the Mayor to sign a five-year agreement with the United States Postal Service (USPS). Motion passed 7-0.

AB22-43_SAFEbuilt Agreement_On Call building Inspections and Plan Review

Planning Director Galuska explained the need for on call services while staff are being trained and brought up to speed. Discussion and clarification regarding rates shown as presented. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, council authorized the Mayor to sign a two-year agreement with SAFEbuilt for on-call building inspections and plan review. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Beeler the meeting was closed at approximately 8:48 p.m. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.


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Russell Wiita, Mayor

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk