

CITY OF STANWOOD
Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, January 23, 2020– 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Leonard Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Presentation

Oath of Office- Police Chief Robert Martin

Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Jennifer Rancourt administered the Oath of Office for the new Police Chief Robert Martin.

3. Roll Call

Deputy City Clerk Sara Robinson called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Rob Johnson, Steve Shepro and Sid Roberts and Judy Williams. The meeting was quorate.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, Second by Councilmember Williams, to excuse Councilmember White, Councilmember Callaghan and Councilmember Pearce. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Director David Hammond, Fire Chief John Cermak, Police Chief Robert Martin, City Attorney Brett Vinson, City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson and Deputy City Clerk Sara Robinson.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizen Comments

Bill Dexter, 17617 89th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223-

Bill is the owner of the American Casket and Cremation Alliance (ACCA). He would like to thank the City employees and staff and Community for support during the crematory appeal process.

Now that all of the appeals are exhausted it is time to make the financial losses of ACCA right. Mr. Dexter stated that a claim was submitted to the City's Insurance Company Washington Cities Insurance Association (WCIA) to recover losses the business incurred since being unable to open as planned. After multiple attempts to communicate with the insurance agency a call was received on Monday from a WCIA adjuster offering a much lower settlement amount and stating that ACCA really should take the settlement or they might get nothing. The Dexter's are discouraged to be treated this way after being so cooperative and patient throughout the whole process. Bill hopes that the Council will encourage the City to do the right thing and make the business whole for the losses that were a direct result of the City's actions.

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Tim Schmitt, 27308 101st Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-

Mr. Schmitt spoke in regards to the City Comprehensive Plan. Recently it was described as an aspirational document with no binding value. The plan conveys a beautiful vision for Downtown Stanwood. It seems that there is a gap between desire and implementation. He would like to see a regular process to check the Comp Plan against reality.

6. Staff Reports

- a. Police Compstat Report – December 2019
- b. Small Works Roster Projects Report
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2019

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve January 09, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign on-Call Professional Services Agreement Extensions
- c. Approve the Mayor's Appointments and Re-Appointments to the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
- d. Approve the Mayor's Appointments and Re-Appointments to the Planning Commission
- e. Approve a Task Order with Perteet for Plans, Specifications and Estimates of the 276th St Overlay Project

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, Second by Councilmember Roberts to approve the consent agenda items a through e. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Council Committee Selection 2020

David Hammond, Finance Director, explained the process for the selecting the committees. There are four Council Standing Committees: Community Development/Economic Development, Finance/Personnel, Public Safety and Public Works/Parks.

Council must choose committee members to serve on the 2020 standing committees for an annual term. Per Council's Rules of Procedure, each councilmember ranks his committee membership choices on a ranking sheet and submits that to the mayor pro tempore. The nominating committee consists of the mayor, mayor pro tempore, and the longest serving councilmember. These three choose committee membership based on the ranking sheets and present their selection to council for approval. The nominating committee, consisting of Mayor Kelley, Mayor Pro Tempore White, and Councilmember Johnson have chosen committee membership based on the ranking sheets submitted by each councilmember.

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Motion by Councilmember Johnson, Second by Councilmember Williams and Councilmember Shepro to approve the council standing memberships as submitted by the nominating committee. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Citizens Closing Comments

None

10. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report –

Mayor was elected to the Community Transit Board of Directors again this year to represent small cities in Snohomish County. It's an honor to work on that board.

Monday and Tuesday Mayor and Jennifer Ferguson will be going to Olympia for AWC Lobby Days. This is where they get to meet with legislation to discuss what important to Stanwood.

b. City Administrator's Report – Jennifer Ferguson

The Community Survey will be a topic at the February 13 Council Workshop as well as Social Media and the Civic Campus financial plans.

She would like to encourage folks to like and follow the City's Social Media pages. If you hear someone looking for information feel free to direct them to our Facebook, Instagram and web pages.

Jennifer is attending AWC Action Days next week with Mayor Kelley. The City Legislative Agenda for 2020 is: Creation of Economic Development Tools, Affordable Housing, Initiatives for Tourism & Marketing, Partnership with Shared Revenue Programs, Funding for Roads and Transportation, Park Benefit District, Floodplain by Design, and Direct Capital ask –Port Susan Trail Project and Hamilton Trail Loop.

It's always a joy to go with Mayor Kelley. It's a great time for cities to go to Olympia and be heard.

c. Councilmember Reports and Questions

Councilmember Johnson asked if there is any new updated information regarding Viking Way? Mayor responded that the funding is put on hold at this time, but not withdrawn.

Jennifer added that the project is on a hold list and is definitely going to be a hot topic next week in Olympia.

Councilmember Shepro wanted to thank all City Staff for all of your hard work. Also commenting on the newly appointed commissioners will all make great members. He does hope that in the future more women will apply.

Councilmember Roberts wanted to give a shout out to Mayor Kelley. Mayor does a great job representing Stanwood and the work he does for the City is greatly appreciated. Also, wanted to thank all City Staff at the Director level. All do a very good job and are very impressive. Shout out to Planning and PTAC volunteers. It is wonderful to see Larry Sather stepping right back up. He hopes this item is moved up from consent next time as he believes it needs recognition. Congratulations to Police Chief Martin. Thank you for stepping up to serve.

Councilmember Williams noted that it was great to see Gordon Bell. He has served for many years and is a great advocate for the needs of the parks in our community. He brings a unique view to the committee. It's not a paid position but it is a great thing. Thank you.

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Councilmember Johnson asked Fire Chief Cermak to give an update. Disaster planning and response & recovery planning is a big part of what is happening. The latest concern comes from the Snohomish County Health Department. There is a health advisory regarding the Corona Virus. The county has come together in the event the virus does spread. The group meets tomorrow to unify and come up with an electronic media trigger. At this time it is not a warning but more of an advisory.

11. Adjourn

Mayor Leonard Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Leonard Kelley, Mayor

Sara Robinson, Deputy Clerk