

**CITY OF STANWOOD**  
City Council Special Workshop Meeting  
Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.  
Stanwood-Camano School District  
Administration Building Board Room  
26920 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councilmembers present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman and Tim Schmitt.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Manager Wendy Dowhower, Associate Engineer Alan Lytton, Communications Manager Krista Hintz, City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. City Attorney Nikki Thompson joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**1. 2023 Management Workplan**

City Administrator Shawn Smith presented the 2023 Management Workplan which consists of projects from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), process improvement projects and routine items.

Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen discussed the streets, sidewalks, wastewater, water, storm water, and parks and trails projects listed on the workplan.

**Council Comments and Questions:**

- Why is the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave Sidewalk project not on the TIP? Hushagen said it's on the CIP and the project is currently being designed so it is on the workplan to be completed.
- Why is Ovenell Park not listed on the workplan? Hushagen said projects for Ovenell have been put on hold by Council.
- Request to take down the sign 'future park' at Ovenell', it needs some repair/cleaning. Hushagen said a volunteer citizen group may do that as a project and clean the photo banners.
- What is happening with the second water source for Stanwood? Hushagen said RH2 Engineering is working on the water plan update. Stanwood's regional water source is Everett. An issue is the cost of getting the infrastructure from Stanwood to Everett.
- Do we have any other aquifers we can use? Hushagen said the constraining issue is water rights.
- The design phase for the Church Creek Park Loop Trail project is shown as a low priority in 2026 on the TIP, but on the workplan it's listed for 2024, which one is the

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preferred year? Hushagen said with Council's emphasis on parks, with the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave sidewalk going in, and all the improvements going into Church Creek Park, that project has been moved up probably to late 2024.

- Council approved \$70,000 for a study of a new Cedarhome area park, but it's not on the list. Can we survey the citizens to see what they would want, so we know what size of property and what features will be needed? Love said we need to do a needs assessment to identify what we want before we buy property. Smith said we can add this to the workplan.

Community Development Director Patricia Love discussed the community development projects listed on the workplan.

### Council Comments and Questions:

- The joint Planning Commission and City Council meetings were put on hold due to Covid; can those meetings resume? Love said yes, she can work with the Community Development Committee to come up with an agenda.
- Is there an agency in Snohomish County that helps preserve farmland? Love said that Conservation Futures is involved at the county level. There is a group that the City used when purchasing the farm rights on the Johnson property.

Finance Director David Hammond discussed the finance, clerk, and information technology projects listed on the workplan.

Shawn Smith discussed the police, administration, human resources, and communication projects listed on the workplan.

### Council Comments and Questions:

- Very interested to see the in-house police comparison.
- What is meant by update resident priorities? Smith answered it will be a survey taken to update priorities.

## 2. Social Media Use

City Attorney Nikki Thompson attended the special workshop to discuss the social media and public records.

## Adjourn

Mayor Roberts Adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk