

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, February 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
In-Person & Zoom Online Meeting
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Schmitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Dani Gaumond, Darren Robb, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Pearce. The meeting was quorate.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Pearce, to excuse Councilmember Marcus Metz. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Associate Engineer Alan Lytton, Parks Planning Manager Carly Ruacho, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief John Cermak, Police Chief Jason Toner, Patrol Sergeant Raulie Robertson, Communications Manager Krista Hintz, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Bergman to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentation

5. Public Comments

Written comments must be provided to the Clerk by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Verbal comments may be provided by attending the meeting in person or via Zoom.

Written and Verbal:

Katrina Dohn, Tukwila, WA

Topic: Fireworks Advisory Vote

6. Staff / Department Reports

7. Council Committee Reports

a. Community Development Committee Minutes – February 2, 2023

Councilmember Shepro encouraged everyone to read the Capital Improvement Plan Questionnaire when it becomes available.

b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022 & January 10, 2023

c. Public Works Committee Minutes – February 6, 2023

Councilmember Shepro asked where we are with the continuation of the sidewalk on the north side on 276th. Hushagen answered that the City will need to work with a property owner about obtaining Right-of-Way for the sidewalk.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023
- c. Approve City Council Special Workshop Minutes – February 9, 2023

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Gaumond to approve the consent agenda items A through C. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

10. Public Hearing

11. New Business

- a. Approve Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Member Meagan Watne

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Shepro to appoint Meagan Watne to the Stanwood Parks and Trails Advisory Committee, Position Seven (7), for a term ending December 31, 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Intent for the Ramaley Property

City Administrator Smith said the 1.24 acres is similar in size as the 72nd Avenue parcel so it should be large enough for a potential Police Station and Council Chambers if needed. To properly evaluate the site for civic use, a feasibility study should be prepared which includes an appraisal, geotech report, critical areas, cultural resources, and a preliminary site design analysis.

Council comment and questions:

- Why would a municipality go through this expense before a purchase and sale agreement is in place? City Attorney Thompson answered that the letter of intent says the city will enter into an agreement with the property owner and that the city will do its due diligence before finalizing the purchasing agreement.
- What will happen to the property on 72nd? Smith said that property will be sold.
- How will a site feasibility analysis be done when we don't have a building plan? Smith said we are looking at how we will access the property and looking for a flat area that would work for a building pad.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Robb to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent in a form acceptable to the city attorney to explore possible purchase of real property located at 26855 Pioneer Highway.

*Roll call of votes was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology for \$141,921.00 from Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant program. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- d. Approve Resolution 2023-04 Placing an Advisory Measure on the November 2023 Ballot Regarding a Fireworks Ban Within the City Limits

Finance Director Hammond discussed the key points of this issue.

- The City currently allows the sale and use of fireworks around the July 4th holiday and on New Year's Eve.
- This is a non-binding advisory vote. It will allow residents to inform council if they are for or against prohibiting consumer sales, purchase and use of fireworks within the city limits.
- A 'yes' vote would mean the voter is in favor of banning fireworks, a 'no' vote would mean the voter is in favor of allowing the sale and use of fireworks within city limits.
- A representative from TNT sent a letter to council with an option for a modified ban.
- The City will advertise for a Pros and Cons committee.

Council comments and questions:

- CM Pearce asked if we could have more than two options? Hammond said the auditor's office said that the interpretation of the answer may be muddled and unclear with multiple choice answers, so is not allowed. Mayor Roberts added that the council can submit a second question on the ballot.

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Gaumont to adopt Resolution 2023-04, for voters of the city of Stanwood to approve or reject the advisory measure regarding a fireworks ban within the city limits.

*Roll call of votes was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

Katrina Dohn, Tukwila, WA Topic: The difference between a modified fireworks ban and a full fireworks ban

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor delivered the State of the City address last Monday, February 20th at the New Stanwood Commerce Alliance. Nate Nehring shared some Snohomish County updates. There were about 60 people in attendance.
- Krista Hintz, Communications Manager is leaving the City after 6 ½ years, she has worn many hats at the City, she will be missed and we wish her well.
- Encouraged Council to read and study the three title issues that were on the February 9th agenda and to contact Director Love with any questions. The titles will be on the

next council agenda as a second read and final, but if there are lots of questions there can be a third read before final adoption.

b. City Administrator Report

- Wished Krista Hintz well in her new adventure, she will be missed. She is like a utility player on a baseball team, she can pretty much do everything, she will be hard to replace.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions


- Thank city staff for participating in the Great Glass Quest, the community really enjoys this event.
- Glass Quest was great event for businesses; some business owners tallied a couple hundred people coming through daily.
- Sorry to see you go Krista, but Good Luck!
- Councilmember Pearce attended the memorial service for Carol Schmitt, she worked for the Stanwood Camano News for 45 years, she was a real pillar of our community. It was a well-attended service and a testimony to who she was.
- Thank you, Krista for all you've done for Council and the Planning Commission, you will be missed.

14. Recess to Executive Session

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk