

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, March 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 Metz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

*Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Shepro, to excuse Councilmember Tim Schmitt. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Parks Planning Manager Carly Ruacho, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief John Cermak, Police Chief Jason Toner, City Planner Tansy Schroeder, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts asked Council to amend the agenda by moving new business item 11f. before item 11a.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentation

Waste Management 2022 Annual Report was presented by Han Kirkland, Public Sector Manager and Rob Rutledge, District Manager for the Marysville and Skagit hauling sites.

5. Public Comments

Written Comment:

Andrew Davis, Marysville
Jodie Wilson, Camano Island

Topic:

Proposal for a community garden at Ovenell Park
Stanwood's growth negatively affecting school zoning

Verbal Comment:

Leslie Bradley, Fife

Callie Bolton, Seattle
Andrew Davis, Stanwood

Topic:

Dish Wireless cellphone service as an alternative for internet service
Dish Wireless leasing space on water tower proposal
Ovenell Park community garden

Dolors Ruschà, Camano Island Artwork proposal for the 88th Ave Archway
Peggy Wendel, Stanwood Asked Council to have more discussion on the initiative and referendum issue.

6. Staff / Department Reports

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2023
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023
- c. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2023
- d. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023
- e. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023
- c. Approve Second Utility Account Water Leak Adjustments

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

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1512 SMC Title 1 - General Provisions

Community Development Director Love said the only significant change to the ordinance since the second reading is a new chapter adopting the Washington State initiative and referendum process. An initiative will be placed on a special election ballot within 45 days, unless there is a general election within 90 days, then it will be on the general election ballot.

Councilmember Robb commented that the initiative and referendum process is a worthy fallback for residents to step up when necessary and make quick action with city legislative issues.

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1512 as set forth in attachment "A" amending Title 1 – General Provisions of the Stanwood Municipal Code.

Councilmember Shepro commented that he is a strong advocate for greater citizen involvement and participation in civic matters and this will be one more opportunity to give the citizens to accomplish that.

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

- b. Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1513 SMC Title 2 - Personnel

Community Development Director Love discussed the minor changes to the ordinance that were made after the second reading.

Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1513 as set forth in attachment "A" amending Title 2 – Personnel Provisions of the Stanwood Municipal Code.

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

c. Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1514 SMC Title 4 - Administration

Community Development Director Love discussed the changes to the ordinance that were made after the second reading.

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1514 as set forth in attachment "A" amending Title 4 – Administration – of the Stanwood Municipal Code.

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

10. Public Hearing - none

11. New Business

a. Discuss the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029

Public Works Director Hushagen introduced the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2024-2029. The TIP was discussed at the February and March Public Works Committee meetings, the TIP is part of the city work plan and the Capital Improvement Plan, but the TIP can be changed anytime during the year by holding a public hearing. Hushagen asked Council to discuss and ask questions as the TIP will be brought back to Council on April 13th for a public hearing and adoption.

No action taken

b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with Dish Wireless

Community Development Director Love presented the Dish Wireless proposal to attach internet technology to the side of the city's water tower and asked Council to discuss.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Gaumond to continue the Dish easement request item to the April 13, 2023, City Council Meeting and to hold a public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.***

c. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Restorical Research

Community Development Director Love said the Raplee property located at 271st Street and 270th Street has been identified as a strategic point along the Twin City Mile project. Staff has been in communication with Kathleen Raplee and working with the Dept. of Ecology. DOE has asked the City to research if there are any old insurance policies that may be used to assist with future cleanup costs. Restorical Research is a company that conducts historical research to find old insurance policies which may cover the cost of the cleanup.

The contract fee is 10% of the recovery amount, i.e., if they do not find anything the city would not have to pay a fee.

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumont, second by Councilmember Shepro to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Restorical Research LLC, for investigative work associated with the Raplee property. **Motion carried unanimously.***

d. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract Amendment with Maul Foster Alongi

Community Development Director Love said this is a housekeeping item. The contract amendment is for the additional costs associated with the Downtown Park site cleanup work and for the 5-year monitoring that is required by the Dept. of Commerce grant.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Pearce to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment with Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc. in the amount of \$72,710.00. **Motion carried unanimously.***

e. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources

Community Development Director Love said the city will be building a motorized boat launch and a handheld boat launch at Hamilton Park, but a lease agreement with the Department of Natural Resources is required. One unexpected requirement of the 30-year agreement is that the city must remove 9 in-water pilings within 15 years. Key lease terms include: no rent for the lease, the security deposit has been waived, and an as-built survey of the construction.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Pearce to authorize the Mayor to sign the Hamilton Landing lease agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as Provided in Exhibit A. **Motion carried unanimously.***

f. Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Purchase with American Ramp Company

Parks Planning Manager Carly Ruacho discussed the proposed phase 2 of the Skate Park located at Heritage Park. The original skate park (phase 1) was built in 2000 and it's the most used facility in any of our parks. The proposal also includes a facelift to the phase 1 components.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Pearce to authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase from American Ramp Company in the amount of \$164,695.58. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Last week the No Meat Factory closed on the Twin City Foods building. It was a lot of work for the buyer and seller and there was a lot of help from Economic Alliance of

Snohomish County and the City. We are very excited!

- Clean Sweep is on April 29th this year, the event will be held in the parking lot behind the police station.
- The Twin City Idlers Car Show is scheduled for June 25th.
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b. City Administrator Report

- Waste Management's increase is 4.65% starting on May 1, 2023.
- Councilmembers: remember to file your F-1 form with PDC by April 15th.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions


- Hoping the Raplee property will be buildable so it can be part of the Twin City Mile.
- Kudos to Patricia and staff for all the work on the Municipal Code updates.
- North County Fire & EMS Annual Report is exceptional this year. Chief Cermak said he has an amazing staff.

14. Recess to Executive Session - None

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk