

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 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 Shepro 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, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Police Chief Jason Toner, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Parks Planning Manager Carly Ruacho, Assistant to the Administrator & Communications Manager Krista Hintz, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Pearce to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation

a. Employee Recognition Awards

Mayor Roberts presented the first annual City Employee Excellence Awards.

Marcy Mathis has worked in the Finance Department since 2013, she received the External Customer Service Excellence Award for her outstanding customer service to the citizens of Stanwood.

Nate Towse started as a seasonal employee during high school and became a full-time employee in 2013. Nate works in the Public Works Department in the Streets, Drainage, Parks and Facilities division, he received the Internal Customer Service Excellence Award.

5. Public Comments

The city received two written comments that were forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. Written comments must be provided to the Clerk by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. Verbal comments may be provided by attending the meeting in-person or via Zoom.

Written Comment

Jenny Deininger,	Stanwood	Topic: Dike Repair: Funding and Project Priority
Christina Everson,	Stanwood	Topic: Sidewalk Safety and Traffic Control

6. Staff / Department Reports

- a. Police Compstat Report – May 2022

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2022
b. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022
c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 11 and May 9, 2022
d. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2022

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
b. Approve June 9, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the consent agenda items A - B. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. Public Hearing

- a. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028

Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen said the Six-Year TIP was discussed at the March, April and May Public Works Committee meetings and was brought to City Council on May 26th. Hushagen answered Council questions:

- Was the widening of 72nd St. between SR532 & 276th removed from the Six-Year TIP? Hushagen answered that last year Council asked for a study to be done at that corridor. The study was completed by Transpo Group, the recommendation is to put in a 3-way stop. Will the project be added back on the 6-Year TIP list? Hushagen said that the Vine Street Group is looking at developing that area, at least they have been attending the general information meetings, if they do, they will do some street improvements.
- Is the plan to install a-round-about at SR532 & 64th (project I-2)? Hushagen said it is the long-term plan. Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) is doing a corridor study of SR532 from I-5 all the way to Terry's Corner on Camano Island.
- Who takes care of planter strips? Hushagen said most of the planter strips in the city are maintained by homeowners or the HOA. The plan is to codify the Stanwood Municipal Code (SMC), so all planter strips are maintained by adjacent homeowners or HOA. For the project on 80th, those planter strips will be maintained by the adjacent homeowners, so no additional work will be added to the Street Crew.
- A comment was made that Kevin Hushagen, Shawn Smith and Amanda Slattery put in a lot of hours, work and effort into the TIP, looking at projects, priority levels, and funding options.
- Does the SMC require parking strips be maintained by homeowners throughout the city, including Main Street? Hushagen answered that the SMC does not require homeowners to maintain parking strips, but some of the plats do specify that homeowners will take care of them. The plan is to codify into the SMC, when it is updated, that parking strips are maintained by homeowners.

With no further questions, Mayor Roberts opened the public hearing to take comments regarding the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028.

i. Open Public Hearing

Written Comment

Christina Everson, Stanwood Topic: Sidewalks issues on 73rd

Hushagen addressed the sidewalk issues on 73rd. Staff submitted a grant application to Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) to help repair the sidewalks on 73rd but was denied. The street trees are causing the sidewalks to buckle. A project to remove trees, replant trees and repair sidewalks will need to be added to the 2023-2024 budget and workplan.

Verbal Comment

Barbara Mazzio, Stanwood Topic: Sidewalk Safety and Traffic Control

Peggy Wendel, Stanwood Topic: 80th Traffic, 83rd Ave needs attention

ii. Adopt Resolution 2022-08 City of Stanwood Six-Year TIP 2023-2028

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Pearce to adopt resolution 2022-08 adopting the City of Stanwood's six-year transportation improvement plan 2023-2028

Roll call of votes was taken, motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business – None

12. Public Closing Comments - None

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Staff continues to focus on the dike rebuild. Grateful for the media publicity last week.
- Toured Creekside Apartments Phase 3 with Joe Sievers, who was very impressed with the City and Building Inspector Scott Black.
- Tax assessments are in the mail.
- Sad news, former Fire Chief Jerry Hood passed away last week. Jerry served the city for 14 years, he was known as a gentle, kind and well-respected leader who was dedicated to serving the Stanwood community.
- The next Walk With The Mayor is Friday, July 1st at 8:00 am.
- Twin Cities Idler's is Sunday, June 26th.

b. City Administrator Report - None

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

- At the Economic Development Board meeting the topic of banning fireworks was discussed. Could this be implemented in 2024?
- The Discover Stanwood advertisement on SR532 by Smokey Point is very compelling.

- The Stanwood Summer Concert Series event was very well organized.
- Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Schmitt to add to a future City of Stanwood Council meeting agenda the discussion of amending the city municipal code to authorize initiative and referendum. This item will be added to a future agenda, Mayor Roberts explained that Councilmember Shepro will have 15 minutes to discuss why this topic is important, Council will then vote; if it passes with a majority vote, staff will then work on the item and bring it back to Council.
- Shoutout to Mayor Roberts, City Administrator Smith, and the rest of staff for all the media work in bringing awareness to the dike issue.
- Congratulations to Sara Cho for being appointed to the Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Board, she will represent Stanwood well.

14. Recess to Executive Session – None Scheduled for this Meeting

15. Reconvene and 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.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk