

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Gaumond 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, Timothy Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Police Chief Jason Toner, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Associate Engineer Alan Lytton, Stanwood-Camano School District Student Representative Bee Hartell, City Clerk Lisa Sokolik, and Utilities Supervisor Leigh Danielson via zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Gaumond to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentation

Lincoln Hill High School

Student Body Representative Bee Hartell said there are several activities planned to engage the students and bring them together as a community. Activities include a spirit week, pancake breakfast, fall social dance, and the leadership team is working on a Camano Island Animal Shelter foundation.

5. Public Comments

Verbal

Topic

Cathy Wooten, Stanwood

Thanked Councilmembers for serving in city government.

6. Staff / Department Report

No council comments on the Police CompStat Report for September 2023.

7. Council Committee Reports

No Council comments on the following committee reports:

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes 10/5/2023
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 9/11/2023
- c. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 9/18/2023

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 10/12/2023
- c. Approve City Council Special Workshop Minutes 10/12/2023
- d. Approve Second Water Leak Adjustment for Account 1481

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

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. Authorize the Mayor to Execute Documents to Purchase PUD Property for the Viking Way Project

Associate City Engineer Lytton presented this item to council and answered questions. Schmitt asked about ground contamination from creole-soaked power poles. Lytton answered that the City's Geotech consultant did not find any ground source contamination. PUD did their own contaminate remediation a few years ago and cleaned up the soil.

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Bergman to authorize the Mayor to execute documents necessary for the acquisition of approximately 18,094 square feet of property and for the required temporary construction easements from Snohomish County Public Utility District to enable completion of the Viking Way Phase 2 project not to exceed \$247,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approve Second Reading and Adoption SMC Title 3 – Revenue & Finance

Community Development Director Love highlighted the changes made to SMC Title 3 in response to council's questions during the first reading:

- Purpose and History of Impact Fee Incentives.
- What has been the financial impact of the 10% commercial fee reduction?
- What is the impact of the re-use of existing buildings impact fee credit in the downtown?
- Low Income Impact Fee Credit.
- Definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and can the 50% credit be applied differently to family members or renters?
- How is the gambling tax applied to "card games"?

Council discussed and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Robb to accept the second reading of Ordinance 1520 as set forth in attachment "A" and to proceed with the third and final reading of the ordinance on November 20, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Approve Second Reading and Adoption SMC Title 5 – Business Licenses

Love answered questions and highlighted the proposed changes made to SMC Title 5 in response to council's questions during the first reading:

- Language added regarding food trucks.
- Seasonal fruit stands.

- Internet service fees and charges.
- Fireworks language amendment.

Council discussed and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to accept the second reading of Ordinance 1521 as set forth in attachment "A" and to proceed with the third and final reading of the ordinance on November 20, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Public Hearing:

- First Reading of Ordinance 1525 2024 Property Tax Levy

Finance Director Hammond led the discussion on the proposed 2024 property tax levy and briefed the city council on major general revenue sources and the economic outlook.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m. to take public comments and testimony. With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Council discussed, asked questions, and made comments in support of the levy especially with regard to significantly rising public safety costs.

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Gaumont to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1525 levying taxes upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Stanwood, Washington for 2024, with one percent levy increase from 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Adopt Resolution 2023-14 Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2029

Lytton presented the proposed 2024-2029 CIP and highlighted the line items that may be unclear or have changed.

- Parks - projects have been split out per park.
- Church Creek Park Forest Mitigation Plan item for 2026-2028 is intended to be a general amount for future Church Creek Park projects, but the actual amounts are unknown.
- 2024 dollars are budgeted amounts, and the 2025-2029 may be grant dependent or require additional funding sources.

Council discussed and asked questions.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 8:48 p.m. to take public comments and testimony.

Written Comment:

Jerry Fure, Stanwood

Topic:

Add paving the bottom section of Cedarhome Road North (brick hill) and tying into Pioneer Hwy.

With no further public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to adopt Resolution 2023-14 – Six Year Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2029.

11. New Business - None

12. Public Closing Comments - None

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Attended the AWC Mayor's Exchange Conference in Leavenworth. Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Pearce for running the last council meeting. A take-away from the conference is he is amazed at how much Stanwood gets done with the budget and the number of employees we have. Other cities our size have 30%-40% more employees and have big box stores for tax revenue.
- Attended the Snohomish County Cities meeting with Councilmembers Gaumont and Metz, affordable housing was the topic of discussion.
- Spoke at the Rotary Club, City Administrator Smith also attended.
- Thanked all the councilmembers for their contribution to the discussion on all items tonight. Thanked staff, especially Director Love, for all the hard work that goes into the staff reports.

b. City Administrator Report

- 84th from 270th to SR532 was paved today and looks very nice.
- A semi-truck and trailer going east bound on Lover's Lane took the sharp corner onto 92nd, it looks like the trailer broke off some of the asphalt on the corner making it an even tighter corner. This corner will need to be added to the CIP and possibly need to be an emergency fix.
- The Everett Herald had an interesting article about tax levies and using banked capacity.
- Reminded councilmembers to attend the AWC Elective Officials Essential training on December 9th.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Councilmember Gaumont asked for an update on the Community Farm that was going to go in at Ovenell. Smith answered that Andrew Davis was working with the Food Bank on this project, the Food Bank has a new executive director who doesn't want to proceed with the same legal structure, so Davis is working on setting up his own non-profit before he proceeds, hopefully in 2024.
- Councilmember Pearce walked in the homecoming parade with six other alumni.
- Councilmember Shepro is seeing comments and concerns on Facebook that parade floats will not be able to drive down Main Street due to the new divider. Smith answered that he does not anticipate any problems, if the float is built on a trailer made for street travel, it should be fine.

- Councilmember Shepro asked when Hamilton Landing will be completed. Lytton answered it will be finished in the next couple months, just waiting for the restrooms to be completed.
- Councilmember Bergman thanked Finance Director Hammond for his work on the budget and keeping the numbers conservative.
- Councilmember Schmitt has enjoyed seeing all the Halloween decorations around town.

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 9:00 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk