



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360**  
**Monday, July 18, 2022**  
**7:00p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m. and Councilmember White led the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, White, Peretti, Ceder, Strader, Whalen and Linden.

Absent: None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Finance Director Robbecke, Public Works Director Madden, Police Chief Hernandez, Planning Manager Stahlnecker and City Clerk Summers.

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Susan Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue** -1) Lower trail from Porter to 70<sup>th</sup> there was a man with pants down on the trail and a truck on the trail. Need to make sure WSDOT takes up the issue of vagrancy on state property. 2) Fireworks were out of control on the Fourth of July this year, with what looked like fireworks that were illegal. Would like to see police proactively patrolling neighborhoods during the holiday from now on because when someone calls in to report illegal fireworks to 911, they are usually done doing them by the time police arrive.

**Jacquelyn Whalen, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Played an audio of fireworks to the audience and asked for Council to please ban all fireworks in the city.

**Ashley Morelia, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**- Roads are a problem in the city. Would like to see more paving happening to all the roads.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Check Approval Process**

##### a. Minutes Approval:

- i. June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting
- ii. July 11, 2022, Study Session

##### b. Claims Approval:

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 70443 to 70551 in the amount of \$586,004.39.

- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for June 20, 2022, and July 5, 2022, in the amount of \$492,609.32.
- c. Ordinance Approval:
  - i. Approval of Ordinance 2051-22 MMC Chapter 2.49 update

**MOTION** (Ceder/Peretti) “to approve the Consent Agenda.” **Passed 7/0.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Styron Sherrell opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. and closed it at 7:18 p.m.

Susan Johnson, *8<sup>th</sup> Avenue* - Agrees with Councilmember Ceder’s comments regarding traffic calming and lowering speed limits and lowering speed limit on Hwy. 99. Would also like the city to discourage pass through by changing some streets to local only. There will be more road issues around 23<sup>rd</sup> and Taylor when the new church is opened.

Jacquelyn Whalen, *13<sup>th</sup> Avenue* - Would like to see more detail incorporated into the plan in the future with maps and a detailed study session on a yearly basis. Narrow streets, wider sidewalks, clarity with bicycle paths and more flashing pedestrian signs would be a welcome addition.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **A. Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan Resolution 22-1953 Approval**

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council and invited discussion amongst Council. Director Madden explained that the items on the plan aren’t prioritized but are listed so that the city is able to apply for grants. The current document was updated from what was presented to Council last year.

Council would like to see an in-depth study on this plan next year and members of the council be involved in that process from the beginning. Council would like to put some tactics in place to stop cut through traffic. Street repairs, speed limits, pedestrian accommodations and design standards are all important topics to Council, and they look forward to studying them and making a robust document for next year.

**MOTION** (Ceder/Peretti) “move to approve Resolution 22-1953, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identified between the years 2023-2028.” **Passed 7/0**

#### **B. Budget Amendment Ordinance 2052-22 Approval**

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to Council. This is the first ordinance amending the 2022 budget. The adjustments were made to jail expenses and to the replacement of a police vehicle.

Council inquired about the cost of jail costs being higher even though there were less people going to jail due to the Covid pandemic.

**MOTION** (Peretti/Whalen) “move to adopt the attached Ordinance 2052-22 amending the 2022 budget as detailed in Exhibit A – 2022 Budget Amendment #1.” **Passed 7/0**

#### **C. DKS Electrical Conservation Contract Approval**

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. This is an annual renewal for professional services the city has offered since 2015. The city received a grant for electric conservation from BPA which allows the city and residents to receive rebates for certain emergency efficiency products and purchases.

Council asked for an explanation of the program in greater detail and also inquired about how to find out about the rebates that are offered to citizens.

**MOTION** (Whitaker/Ceder) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with DKS Associates in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the electrical conservation program engineering services.” **Passed 7/0**

**MOTION** (Ceder/Whitaker) “to extend tonight’s meeting until 9:30 p.m.” **Passed 7/0**

#### **D. Interim E2SHB 1220 Discussion**

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. The amendments to Title 17 being presented tonight is the work of multiple Planning Commission meetings and a product of input also received from city attorney and the Department of Commerce. The interim document adopting in July of 2021 have been extended and are currently in effect until September 6, 2022. Planning Manager Stahlnecker went through the Title 17 draft document section by section and fielded questions for each section from Council.

Council had questions about whether the draft document had been changed at any time since it was taken to the Planning Commission for recommendation to Council. Councilmembers also asked questions pertaining to the Tier 1-3 accommodations such as licensing requirements, number of occupants and parking requirements.

This City Council will hold a public hearing on this topic on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be asked to approve this document at that time.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### Councilmember Whitaker-

- Good discussion tonight, citizen input is very important, and your opinions are valued.

#### Councilmember White-

- Fireworks were out of control and intense this year. Inquired about whether or not anyone was fined this year for the illegal fireworks and if enforcement is an impossible task. Fireworks went for two days this year starting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Councilmember Peretti-

- Agrees with the fireworks issue this year, was out of control.

#### Councilmember Ceder-

- Would support a ban on fireworks in Milton and would like to see the city do a show for the citizens.

#### Councilmember Strader-

- Agrees with a ban on fireworks to have the ability to enforce.
- Great discussion tonight on E2SHB 1220. We need to think about our citizens and be able to respond to complaints quickly. Thank you to staff for their hard work on this.

#### Councilmember Linden-

- Will be resigning from Council due to work life balance and the official last date is tonight, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to staff, Council, and citizens for electing me.

#### Councilmember Whalen-

- The new sports court is always crowded and it’s good to see but there have been people there after dark, when it was supposed to be closed.
- The fireworks this year were out of control.

- Street striping is missing on Milton Way beyond 16<sup>th</sup> and around curve. Are we going to do stop bars?
- Would like Council to study political signage for the wire holders that are used.
- Thanked Councilmember Linden for his time on Council.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Public Works Director Madden-

- Fully staffed in the Electrical Department.
- Fifth Avenue will have delays and one- and two-way closures in August due to the Bridge Development project.

Finance Director Robbecke-

- Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> for the budget retreat.

Police Chief Hernandez-

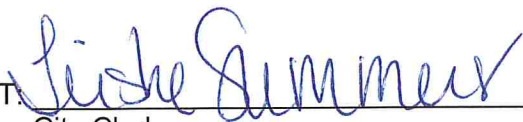
- Officer Kidwell and Officer Arnhold have both left the department. Officer Omelanchuk will be leaving in September as well. All officers will no longer be in law enforcement. We have no laterals on the list and we are looking at entry level. Departments and counties are down all over, everyone is struggling to retain.
- Through a grant, we recently purchased two traffic motorcycles. Sergeant Murray has been patrolling with one of them and is doing a great job with enforcement on it.
- We are being asked constantly to back Fife up as well as trying to handle our calls too. Our staff is getting tired, they are working lots of overtime so keep that in mind with service calls.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Budget retreat on Wednesday, please park on the other parking spaces due to the Touch a Truck event happening that same day.
- National Night Out is August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Faith Family Church.
- Milton Days involvement level – let me know at our next meeting what you would like to do.
- Chief and I have been making rounds around the city to talk about public safety and to pay attention when voting. Have been to Alder Ridge, Safeway complex and Coffee with the Mayor meeting recently.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

  
Sharrina Styron Sherrell, Mayor