

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Tania Hawes called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Rob Johnson, Dianne White, Elizabeth Callaghan, Timothy Pearce, Larry Sather, and Judy Williams. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Jennifer Olson, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Fire Chief John Cermak, City Attorney Representative Brett Vinson, and Deputy Clerk Tania Hawes.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Williams, to excuse Councilmember McGill. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Callaghan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Comments

Denise Long – 28122 82nd Drive NW

Denise is a member of the Stanwood Labyrinth Committee and voiced her support of labyrinths in the City. There is currently a labyrinth by City Hall that was painted by a labyrinth committee member. The Labyrinth Committee proposes that the new police station and city hall include an outdoor labyrinth in their design. Prior to the beginning of the council meeting, a packet containing labyrinth general information and examples of labyrinth designs were handed out to city councilmembers. The committee would like to become a part of record for the project. The committee invited citizens and council to attend their meetings on the first Monday of every month at 9:45 am at the Stanwood City Hall. The next labyrinth committee meeting is January 7, 2019 at 9:45 am.

5. Presentation

a. National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White presented a proclamation to Karen Flint proclaiming November 2018 to be national hospice and palliative care month.

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b. Washington State Auditor's Audit Exit Conference

State Auditor Lead Scott Hylton and Assistant Audit Manager Kelly Kohnken conducted an exit presentation on their audit of the city's 2017 financial statement and accountability audit covering the 2016-2017 period, with no findings or exceptions reported.

6. Staff Reports

a. Community Development Report – Third Quarter 2018

7. Committee Reports

- a. Community Development
- b. Planning Commission – July 23, 2018
- c. Planning Commission – August 13, 2018
- d. Planning Commission – September 10, 2018
- e. Planning Commission – September 24, 2018
- f. Planning Commission – October 8, 2018

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Voucher and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve October 22, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve October 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Callaghan, to approve the consent agenda items a through c. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. First Reading, Second Reading, and Final Adoption - Ordinance 1467 - Authorizing the acquisition of portions of real property identified by tax parcel numbers: 32041900309400, 32041900309600, 32041900303400, and 32041900304000 under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for the purpose of constructing roadway improvements

City Attorney Representative Brett Vinson explained that the City is required to provide notice of this Ordinance to the property owners. Notice was provided in the Stanwood Camano Newspaper on October 30th and in the Everett Herald on October 25th and November 1st. Letters were mailed to the property owners as identified on the County Assessor's records, as well as their attorney Ms. Tracy Gilroy.

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Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen presented a description of the Viking Way-90th Street improvements project to Council.

City Attorney Representative Brett Vinson added that staff recommends Council conduct first reading, second reading, and final adoption of the Ordinance in this council meeting.

Tracy Gilroy, legal representative of Viking Village and Foursquare Church spoke on behalf of the property owners.

City Attorney Representative Brett Vinson explained that the City and property owners have been negotiating for nearly a year. The property owners requested around 25% more than the City felt was reasonable, and the City requested the property owners submitted an appraisal to justify their offer. However, the property owners did not provide an appraisal to justify their offer and the City needs to approve this Ordinance to avoid further delay to the project timelines.

Councilmember Callaghan commented that the Council has reviewed this issue many times.

Councilmember Johnson stated that he has been frustrated with the glacial pace of negotiations and supports moving forward with the Ordinance.

Councilmember Pearce clarified with Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen that the City had been asking for another appraisal from the property owners to justify their offer and that the City has yet to receive an appraisal from the property owners.

Councilmember Williams clarified with Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen that there is a timeline on the grant money being awarded to the City for this project.

Councilmember Pearce asked what would happen if Council only chose to conduct first reading of the Ordinance at this meeting, and then conduct second reading and final adoption of the Ordinance at the Monday, November 19th city council meeting. City Attorney Brett Vinson replied that the timeline for the City is very short and that delaying the Ordinance could cause timeline issues for the project.

Councilmembers Callaghan and Johnson commented that even if Council passed the Ordinance in the meeting, the property owners would still have the option to negotiate with the City.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Johnson, to conduct first and second readings and adopt Ordinance 1467 authorizing the acquisition of portions of real property identified by tax parcel numbers: 32041900309400, 32041900309600, 32041900303400, and 32041900304000 under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for the purpose of constructing

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roadway improvements. Johnson – yes, White – yes, Callaghan – yes, Pearce – yes, Sather – yes, Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business

- a. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 1463 – 2019 Property Tax Levy and Ordinance 1464 – 2019 EMS Levy

Finance Director David Hammond presented Ordinances 1463 and 1464 to Council regarding regular 2019 property tax and EMS levies.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White opened the meeting to citizen comment regarding the proposed Ordinances.

Tim Schmitt – 27308 101st Avenue

Mr. Schmitt requested that the city look at budget cuts, alternative revenue sources, and letting the public know where the money from the city's tax increases will be used.

Councilmember Johnson commented that Finance Director David Hammond presented and reviewed the budget with Council in extreme detail. He explained that the city is working to create reserves for infrastructure and emergencies.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White added that when she was Mayor in 2006, Public Works had to use a truck that was deemed unsafe to drive on Interstate 5 due to the lack of reserves for new equipment. She supported the Ordinance stating that the city should be building equipment reserves while it can to that it does not fall into a situation similar to 2006.

Councilmember Callaghan commented that Councilmember Pearce had inquired about the possibility of creating budget cuts before raising taxes. She added that during the October 22 special city council meeting, she felt that the council had come to majority agreement regarding that portion of the budget and therefore discussion would be better spent on other matters in which agreement had not been reached.

Councilmember Williams thanked Tim Schmitt for showing up to the council meetings and participating. She referred to the many projects Tim has seen come to council from public works and how much money it takes to make repairs to the city's infrastructure. Councilmember Williams stated that the city needs steady income to help pay for these repairs and that everyone in the city will need to help take a small portion of these costs to pay for their infrastructure.

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Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Johnson, to approve second reading and final adoption of Ordinance 1463 levying taxes upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Stanwood for the year 2019. Johnson – yes, White – yes, Callaghan – no, Pearce – no, Sather – yes, Williams – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Johnson, to approve second reading and final adoption of Ordinance 1464 levying taxes for emergency medical services upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Stanwood for the year 2019. Johnson – yes, White – yes, Callaghan – yes, Pearce – yes, Sather – yes, Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 1459 – Industrial Zone Code Amendment

Community Development Director Patricia Love presented Ordinance 1459 to Council.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance 1459 amending Stanwood Municipal Code, Chapter 17.50 relating to development regulations in the light and general industrial zones. Johnson – yes, White – yes, Callaghan – yes, Pearce – yes, Sather – yes, Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Hearing

a. Ordinance 1465 2019-2020 Budget – First Reading

City Council opened the meeting to public hearing.

Cathy Wooten – 27828 84th Avenue NW

Cathy referred to Councilmember Williams' comment on how much money it takes to run the city and thanked staff for their time and consideration. Cathy then commented on the furnace and air conditioning unit in city hall. The furnace in city hall is twenty years old and Cathy is concerned about the quality of equipment the city is purchasing. The city will not be able to get a new city hall for at least another ten years, and Cathy estimates that if they bought a new furnace it would cost the city about \$600 a month. Cathy commented that the comfort level of employees plays a large role in their efficiency and supported the idea of a new furnace to increase productivity at city hall.

Councilmember Johnson commented that a new furnace may well cost less than budgeted.

Seeing no other comments, Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White closed the public hearing.

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Finance Director David Hammond presented Ordinance 1465 to Council. Community Development Director Patricia Love presented information on the parks capital improvement plan. Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen presented information on public works projects.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Johnson, to approve first reading of Ordinance 1465 adopting a budget for the City of Stanwood, Washington, for the years 2019 and 2020, and setting forth in summary from the totals of estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all such funds combined. Johnson – yes, White – yes, Callaghan – yes, Pearce – yes, Sather – yes, Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne White announced that the annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off will be taking place on Saturday, November 10th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Camano Center. There is also the "Country Nights" Gala on Saturday, November 10th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Stanwood Senior Center.

b. City Administrator's Report

c. Councilmember Reports and Questions

Councilmember Callaghan commented that the Community Development Committee Minutes passed at this meeting did not include her title of Councilmember next to her name.

Councilmember Johnson thanked Chief Norm Link and his officers for providing protection at city council meetings.

13. Citizen Closing Comments

Tim Schmitt – 27308 101st Avenue

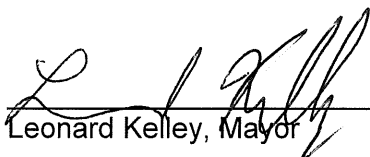
Tim thanked the police and fire department for their participation at public activities.

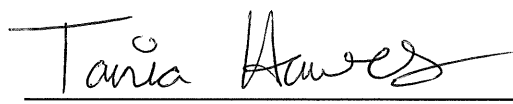
14. Adjourn

Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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ATTEST:


Leonard Kelley, Mayor


Tania Hawes, Deputy Clerk