

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, June 22, 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 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, Andreena Bergman, Tim Schmitt, and Steve Shepro attended via Zoom. The meeting was quorate.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz, to excuse Councilmember Tim Pearce. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Director David Hammond, Police Sgt. Adam Wirth, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, City Planner Tansy Schroeder, Associate Engineer Alan Lytton, Human Resource Manager Pat Adams, City Clerk Lisa Sokolik, and Utility Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts asked Council to amend the agenda by adding item 14. executive session to discuss pending city litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i),.

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

4. Presentations - none

5. Public Comments

Written:

Brittani Wortham, Stanwood

Topic:

Concern over the removal of trees in the Cedarhome Ridge Neighborhood

Verbal Comment:

Les Anderson, Stanwood

Topic:

Concern with raised medians in the design of the Twin City Mile Project on 271st Street.

Shannon Kyle, Stanwood

Concern with extremely loud noise on 276th coming from New Redemption Hill Church every Sunday Morning.

They built an Amphitheatre where they hold their worship services and planning on having concerts.

Sara Stiers, Stanwood

Concern with extremely loud noise on 276th coming from New Redemption Hill Church every Sunday Morning. Church's Amphitheatre is directly behind her house. The church service consists of full-out concerts, the decibel reading inside Stiers house is measuring at 51 decibels. Concern that they are now planning public summer concerts. Asking City to enforce the zoning code and the noise code.

6. Staff / Department Reports - None

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2023
- b. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023
- c. Community Development Committee and Planning Commission Joint Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023
- d. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023
- c. Approve Second Utility Account Adjustment for Accounts 1850 and 2449

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

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. Public Hearing

Stanwood Housing Action Plan

City Planner Schroeder presented the Stanwood Housing Action Plan to Council. The city received a grant from Department of Commerce to plan for housing affordability, diversity and availability and to analyze the housing needs of Stanwood. The grant has three components that are required to be addressed:

- Housing need assessment.
A data analysis of Stanwood's existing housing and demographic condition.
- Public Engagement Summary.
Report covering the city's public engagement efforts, which include a housing survey and a robust Farmers Market public engagement.
- Adoption of a Housing Action Plan (HAP).
The HAP is not a regulatory document but is meant to be a toolkit menu approach of strategic recommendations unique to Stanwood. The toolkit is organized into three goals:

- Provide the foundation for a growing urban community
- Promote a wider variety of housing opportunities for homeowners and renters.
- Promote opportunities for affordable housing for everyone, now and into the future.

The Community Development Committee and the Planning Commission are in support of the HAP. The Department of Commerce grant requires the HAP be adopted by the end of July.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Council Comments and Questions:

Councilmember Robb said the HAP is very engaging and thanked staff and Blueline Group for all the hard work going into the plan. Robb commented that the plan has more tools in the menu than will ever be needed, he wants council to be cognizant of what is done with the tools and be deliberate and take the long approach to how Stanwood will look in the future. Robb said the good news is Stanwood has enough vacant and rebuildable land to meet the growth target. Robb thinks Council needs to spend more time discussing form-based codes and subarea plans. Robb has concerns about eliminating maximum density in TN zones and tax exemptions.

Councilmember Schmitt said city will need less than a 1,000 units per year through 2044 to meet goal. What will happen if the city does not adopt an HAP? Schroeder answered the HAP is not the mandate, it will help figure out how to meet the state mandate. The HAP is a data gathering tool.

Councilmember Metz asked if the grant is specifically for the HAP? Schroeder answered depending on the grant agreement, the funds will be used either to develop a HAP or to implement the HAP.

Councilmember Shepro said the HAP is a well-constructed document that is good for the city and the residents.

Councilmember Gaumond commented that the rental prices listed on page 126 are from 2019 and are not accurate with current prices. Love agreed and said they have had conversations about it, and the consultants that are working on the plan are pulling from public data that is available to them and at the time it was written the 2020 data was not out yet.

Councilmember Bergman had concerns about the fees and tax exemptions for developers that would be passed on to homeowners and renters, but after this

discussion she is happy to know that this is just a tool and they don't have to implement any of the items.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve adoption of Resolution 2023-09 for the Stanwood Housing Action Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Love gave a huge thank you to Tansy Schroeder for her leadership role, this was her first major long-range plan, and she did a fantastic job.

11. New Business

- a. Authorize Mayor to Sign TRANSPRO Task Order-Intersection Control Evaluation-SR 532 and 64th Ave. NW

Associate Engineer Lytton discussed the study with council and answered questions.

Love added that staff has had conversations with WSDOT and Snohomish County, the issue is that the development pressure is coming from the city not Snohomish County, so having this study done will help address the transportation impact issues. Also, Snohomish County does not have this project on their transportation list. In terms of funding, the Mayor and City Administrator have been talking to our legislator representatives to get funding for the full design. WSDOT will not allow any work on the highway until the study is done.

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Robb to authorize the City Administrator to sign a task order with Transpo Group to prepare an intersection control evaluation study for the 64th Avenue / SR 532 intersection not to exceed \$40,000. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Approve Resolution 2023-10 – Parks Lead Position

Human Resource Manager Adams discussed the job description and the reason for a reclassification from a Public Works Engineering Technician to a Public Works Lead (*Parks Maintenance/Construction Inspector*) position.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Gaumond to pass Resolution 2023-10, updating the Represented Employee Salary Schedule to include the new classification of Public Works Lead (Parks Maintenance/Construction Inspector). **Motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Adopt Ordinance 1522 - Emergency Noise Disturbance

Love said the update to the Stanwood Municipal Code Title 9 – Public Peace, Safety and Welfare was adopted on June 22nd. Part of the update was to move the noise ordinance to Title 7 to be added to the nuisance section of the code, so all nuisance elements are in one chapter. Inadvertently that section did not get written, so an emergency ordinance will need to be adopted for a new chapter 7.30 adopting the state noise ordinance regulations. This section will be reviewed with the update to Title 7 to make sure there is consistency between the noise and nuisance regulations.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve Ordinance 1522 as set forth in attachment "A" adopting new chapter 7.30, Noise Control. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

Les Anderson, Stanwood

This Saturday is the first Concert Summer Series out of six. Groove Nation will be playing on the east end of 271st from 2pm-4pm. Afterward, the Saturday Night Car Cruise is from 5pm – 6pm. The Twin City Idlers Car Show is on Sunday, 9am – 3pm, hoping for another year of 700 cars.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Preliminary funding for the dike repair has been secured, but the city does not have the funds in hand yet.
- Delegates for the Fireworks Ban PRO/CON committees have been appointed.
- In case you were wondering, council absences are excused during the meeting because the state says if a councilmember has more than three unexcused absences in a row they can be removed.
- The sidewalk by the bowling alley has been paved.
- Next council meeting is in three weeks, July 13th.

b. City Administrator Report

- The Farmers Market is every Friday starting at 2pm.
- Toured the food bank, the grocery store model is fabulous.
- The Twin City Foods building is being painted.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Thank you to Twin City Idlers for bringing a great car show to our city.
- The food bank parking has been paved and looks great.
- The Farmers Market has asked for parking suggestions since the Country Store parking lot is all torn up. Smith answered Viking Village area by the Foursquare Church.
- When should we see some steel on the pillars on 88th? Lytton answered the week after 4th of July.
- When will work start on the intersection in front of Ixtapa? Lytton answered today, they started to saw cut.

14. Recess to Executive Session

At 8:21 p.m., the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Smith, Finance Director Hammond and City Attorney Thompson recessed to Executive Session for a 5-minute discussion on pending city litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), no action was taken. The regular city council meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk