

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 8, 2024 | 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 Schmitt 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, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Police Chief Jason Toner, Fire Chief John Cermak, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Building Official Scott Black, City Engineer/Capital Projects Manager Alan Lytton, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Presentation:

5. Public Comments

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Vivian Henderson	Stanwood	Support for the Ovenell Community Farm. She is a board member of Puget Sound Public Farms
Holly Yidson	Refused	Pledge of allegiance
Mittzy Bephe	Stanwood	Black history month
Bill Shaner	Refused	Anti-defamation league
Jeff Refused	Refused	Read an FBI article
Jim Conley	Refused	Proclamation request to honor our navy

6. Staff / Department Report:

- a. Police Compstat Report – January 2024
- b. Finance 2023 Q4 Report
- c. Transportation Benefit Fund 2023 Annual Report

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2023
- b. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2024
- c. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2023

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024

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

9. Unfinished Business

Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1518 Amending SMC Title 14 Uniform Codes - Building and Fire Code

Building Official Black said that Ordinance 1518 adopts the International Building and Fire Codes which are updated every three years by the state. Adopting this ordinance will put the city in concurrence with the state but will allow the city to amend certain sections. If Council does not adopt Ordinance 1518 by March 15th, then it will be mandatory for the city to adopt the state's ordinance in its entirety.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1518 as set forth in Attachment A amending Title 14 of the Stanwood Municipal Code, Uniform Codes, and proceed with the second and final reading of the ordinance of February 22, 2024. **Motion carried 6 yea, 1 nay.***

10. Public Hearing:

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2025-2030

Public Works Director Hushagen said the Six-Year Tip is consistent with our Capital Improvement Plan, which was adopted in October 2024, and coincides with the budget and two-year work plan.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Comment:</u>
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Would like more sidewalk improvements on 80 th

With no other comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Hushagen said that there is developer funded improvements planned for 80th, those may have been inadvertently missed, he will have staff update to show those project areas.

Councilmembers discussed and asked questions. Councilmember Robb noted a few errors on the map and project list. Hushagen said he will have staff correct the errors.

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to adopt Resolution 2024-02 the City of Stanwood's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2025-2030.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business

a. Municipal Finance and Budget 101

Finance Director Hammond presented an overview of Municipal Finance and Budgeting.

b. Approve First Reading Ordinance 1527 – Sewer Utility Rates

Finance Director Hammond said that the City's rate consultant, FCS Group provided analysis of the summer discount rate. FCS Group recommended to extend the winter periods that the rate is based on from four months to six, and to extend the period the discount is applied from four months to six months.

Councilmembers discussed and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1527 amending the methodology for calculating the summer sewer discount and increasing the sewer rate. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments:

Motion by Councilmember Robb, Second by Councilmember Bergman to suspend Closing Public Citizen Comments.

Councilmember Robb commented on the risks associated with introducing technology to allow for on-line public comments during a public meeting. Council would like to thank our small-town Stanwood for participating, but steps need to be put in place to avoid the situation that happened earlier in the opening Public Comments. The public comment portion of our meetings are available for our local public that want to address council for issues that are germane to City of Stanwood business.

Councilmember Shepro commented that the citizens attending in person should be able to make a comment.

Motion failed 1 yea, 6 nay.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, Second by Councilmember Bergman to suspend on-line closing public comments and retaining in-person public comments. **Motion carried unanimously.***

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Andrew Davis	Mount Vernon	Ovenell Park Community Garden
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Ovenell Park Community Garden and Summer Sewer Discount Cycles

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Thanked Council for all the work done earlier tonight at the Special Workshop.
- Last year's council informally decided not to do proclamations unless of significant city importance. Let the Mayor know if this should be changed or continued as is as the city has received a few requests.
- At the most recent Community Transit Board meeting, City of Snohomish Councilmember Tom Merrill was selected as Chair and Mayor Roberts was selected as Vice-chair, this is a good thing as both are representing small cities.

b. City Administrator Report

- The boat launch at Hamilton Park opened on Monday, it is already being used.

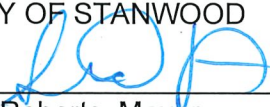
- Construction on the dugouts at Heritage Park has begun. Our city crew is doing the work.
 - The remodel for city hall, police station, and public restroom begins on Monday, February 12th.
- c. Councilmember's Report/Questions
- Councilmember Schmitt reminded everyone to admire the light display on top of the Hamilton Smokestack.
 - Councilmember Shepro passed on a 'thank you' from the Little League President for Council approving the baseball dugout project.

14. Recess to Executive Session – None

15. Adjourn

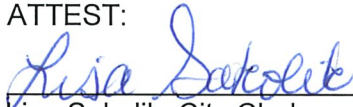
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk