

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 14, 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 Robb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks, to excuse Councilmember Dani Gaumond. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Police Sgt. Karl Gilje, Police Sgt. Kore Oyetuga, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Kraski, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, City Planner Tansy Schroeder, City Engineer/Capital Projects Manager Alan Lytton, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Public Works Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Presentation

No presentations.

5. Public Comments

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Kathy Wooten	Stanwood	Update on Puget Sound Public Farms at Ovenell Park

6. Staff / Department Report

- a. Police Compstat Report – February 2024
- b. Comprehensive Plan / SMC Update

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2024
- b. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024
- c. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee – January 17, 2024
- d. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2024

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024
- c. Approve Third Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1527 Sewer Utility Rates
- d. Approve Second Leak Adjustment for Account 2794

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

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing:

Cedarside Development Agreement

Mayor Roberts continued and opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. to receive public testimony on the Cedarside Development Agreement.

City Attorney Nikki Thompson reminded everyone that the public hearing is a continuation from the February 22nd meeting to allow the public an opportunity to review social media communication. Thompson asked Council eight questions regarding the Appearance of Fairness Colloquy.

- 1) Does any member of this Council have knowledge of or have conducted business with either the proponents or opponents of this project? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 2) Does any member of this Council either have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in the outcome of this proceeding? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 3) Does any member of this Council know whether or not their employer has a financial interest in the property or area which will be impacted by the decision in this proceeding? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 4) Does any member of this Council live or own property within 300 ft of the area which will be impacted by the decision in this proceeding? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 5) Does any member of this Council have any special knowledge about the substance of the merits of this proceeding which would or could cause the Councilmember to prejudge the outcome of this proceeding? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 6) Is there any member of this council who believes that he or she cannot sit and hear this matter fairly and impartially? **Each Councilmember answered No.**
- 7) Has any Councilmember had any ex-parte contacts concerning this matter? (Includes social media comments) **Schmitt Yes, Bergman Yes, Shepro Yes, Hicks No, Robb No, Metz No.** Of those Councilmembers that answered yes, have any of the social media been turned over to staff to be provided to the public in the project folder? **Schmitt Yes, Bergman Yes, Shepro Yes.** Does anyone have additional ex-parte communications they wish to disclose? **Schmitt No, Bergman No, Shepro No.**
- 8) Is there any member of the audience who because of the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine wishes to disqualify any member of the Council from hearing this matter? **Heard no objection from members of the audience.**

Council is there anyone on this council that should be disqualified from hearing this matter? **Each Councilmember answered No.** Mayor Roberts noted that Councilmember Gaumond recused herself from hearing this matter.

City Planner Tansy Schroeder re-introduced the Cedarside Commons project which is a mixed-use development located northeast of the 72nd Ave and SR 532 intersection. Schroeder addressed the questions that were raised by the public from the February 22, 2024, public hearing.

Andrew McKinley, property owner and developer addressed the public's comments that were received at the February 22, 2024, public hearing.

Ellen Paige, potential Cedarside property manager, who works for the developer's flagship property in Arlington introduced herself to the City Council and attendees. She has seen first-hand the care and consideration with which this builder approaches their projects.

Public Testimony:

Name	Address	Comment
Tim Pearce	27823 80 th Ave NW, Stanwood	Against the variance. Stick with city codes.
Peter Kamb	9414 Thomley Rd, Stanwood	Support for the development.
Megan Dasher Watkins	2424 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood	Concerns on lack of transparency of how the property was sold / purchased.
Matt Syrvke	6640 281 st NW, Stanwood	Safety concerns regarding pedestrians crossing SR 532.
Lyle Bartley	4204 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood	Safety concerns regarding traffic on 72 nd St and SR 532; last 2-years six kids have been hit at that intersection, mitigation needs to be done. Is city's infrastructure ready for this growth?
Joyful Tower	7011 300 th St NW, Stanwood	Concern for the impact on the wastewater treatment plant and drinking water supply from the growth of this project.
Christy Bell	7011 300 th St NW, Stanwood	Suggested an all-way stop at the 72 nd and SR 532 intersection so pedestrians can cross safely. Concerned that the development will not be affordable.

City Council asked many questions and Schroeder gave very detailed and thorough answers. Andrew McKinley and Patricia Love also answered Council's questions.

Ryan Ovenell, Stanwood-Camano School District said on December 13, 2022, the school provided comment that they desire safe walking routes to the schools. The proposed plan will satisfy that desire. He also clarified that the number the school uses to anticipate students is .28 to .30 for a single-family resident, not for a one-bedroom or studio apartment.

Mayor Roberts closed the public hearing at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Roberts opened the public hearing for the 268th Street Vacation at 9:46 p.m.

Schroeder said staff is supportive of the 268th Street Vacation for a multitude of reasons, mainly traffic safety. Relocating 268th St is a good decision regardless of what is developed on this property, and it does meet the criteria for vacation requirements.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Peter Kamb	9414 Thomley Rd, Stanwood	Supportive of the street vacation. Request for a small round-a-bout on 268 th and 72 nd

Mayor Roberts closed the 268th Street Vacation public hearing at 9:48 p.m.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to extend Resolution 2024-03 Cedarside Commons Development Agreement to a future council meeting dated March 28, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.***

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1530 as set forth in attachment "F" vacating a portion of 268th Street NW between 72nd Avenue NW and 68th Avenue NW. **Motion carried unanimously.***

11. New Business

No new business.

Mayor Roberts asked Council for a motion to extend the Council meeting.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Bergman to extend the council meeting for 15 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Acknowledged the dedication, comprehensive questions and answers from the people who showed up tonight, it shows commitment to our community.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Attended a ribbon cutting for Costal Vie Espresso.

b. City Administrator Report

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Schmitt reminded everyone to participate in the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Bergman thanked staff or extensive knowledge in answering Council's questions.
- Shepro encouraged everyone to look at North County Regional Fire Authority's Annual Report, it's posted on their website. Great job to Chief Cermak and his staff!
- Hicks topic tonight can be emotional. The challenge for council is to find the right balance between what the state is telling us to do, what is in our code, and what is right for Stanwood; this is not an easy process.
- Robb was saddened to hear about the passing of former Councilmember Larry Sather, he was a voice on City of Stanwood's council and the Planning Commission

for many years, he was well respected in our community. The memorial service is on Monday, March 18th at 1:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran.

- Metz thanked everyone for their time and participating in the meeting.

14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk