

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

*Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Metz, to excuse Councilmember Dani Gaumond. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Finance Analyst Tim Niebruegge, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Chief Jason Toner, Fire Chief John Cermak, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Utility Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to have item 4 Lincoln Hill High School Presentation removed from the agenda.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

No presentations

5. Public Comment

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Joe Wiederhold	Stanwood	Requesting code enforcement of inoperable vehicles on private property.

6. Staff / Department Report

Police Compstat Report – October

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024
- b. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2024

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2024
- c. Authorize Participation in Drone Purchase

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve City Council Regular meeting minutes for October 24, 2024, and C. authorize participation in drone purchase. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

Approve Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1539 2025 Property Tax Levy

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 1539 Levying Taxes upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Stanwood, Washington for 2025, with one percent levy increase from 2024. **Motion carried unanimously with 5 yeas (Metz, Robb, Hicks, Shepro and Schmitt) and 1 nae (Bergman).***

10. Public Hearing

- a. First Reading of Resolution 2024-14 Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2030

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Hammond received questions from councilmembers about the Flock cameras. Hammond said for the second reading he will recode the item, so it is a reoccurring operating expense in the general fund.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Tim Pearce	27823 80 th Ave NW Stanwood	Requesting to preserve Stanwood history by keeping the brick road when improving 270 th Street.

With no further public testimony, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Council asked questions and made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Metz to accept the first reading of Resolution 2024-14 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2030. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. First Reading of Ordinance 1540 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Hammond discussed the highlights of the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Joe Wiederhold	7817 Port Susan Pl Stanwood	Concerned about relying on growth, what if 2008 happens again. Can developers be charged a higher impact fee?

With no further public testimony, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1540 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. **Motion carried unanimously.***

11. New Business

- a. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1541 SMC Chapter 12 Utility Rate Adjustment

Hammond discussed the proposed utility rate adjustment which would fully fund equipment replacement, capital improvement, and six years of expected operating cost increases. Hammond explained the proposed rebate program for seniors and disabled low-income citizens who are renters that pay their utility bill to the landlord. Currently, the program is only offered to those that pay directly to the City.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1541 Updating Water, Sewer, and Drainage Utility Rates 2025-2030. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

No closing comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

- a. Mayor's Report
- b. City Administrator Report
- c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session scheduled for this meeting.

15. Adjourn

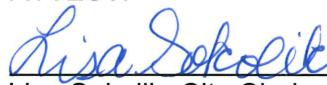
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk