

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 27, 2025 | 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: 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 Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Sgt. Karl Gilje, City Engineer Alan Lytton, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Utilities Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to amend the agenda by removing item 4a. Stanwood High School Update.

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

4. Presentations

b. Heritage Park Dugout Enclosure Grant Award.

Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring presented the city a grant award of \$46,691.00 for the Heritage Park dugout enclosure project. This grant was made possible from the Snohomish County's Real Estate Excise Tax Grant fund.

5. Public Comment

Written Comment

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Emily Kim	Camano Island	Support for renewing the Ovenell park lease.

Verbal Comment

Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Read a statement from Andrew Davis, President of Puget Sound Public Farms which included a 2024 year-end report for the Ovenell Park Community Garden and a summary of community involvement.
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Al Schreiber

Stanwood

Thanked council for following a process that is open and transparent and for considering all stakeholders when making decisions.

Vivian Henderson

Support for renewing the Ovenell park lease.

6. Staff / Department Report

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2025

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025
- c. Approve City Council Workshop Minutes – February 13, 2025
- d. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Earthwork Solutions for the Pioneer Highway Sewer Upgrade Project
- e. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract Amendment with Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
- f. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with Puget Sound Public Farms for the Public Farm at Ovenell Park

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Bergman to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve city council regular meeting minutes for February 13, 2025, C. approve city council workshop minutes for February 13, 2025, D. authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Earthwork Solutions for the Pioneer Highway Sewer Upgrade project, E. authorize the Mayor to sign a contract amendment with Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and F. authorize the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with Puget Sound Public Farms for the Public Farm at Ovenell Park. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

10. Public Hearing

11. New Business

- a. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1546 Amending SMC 2.02 regarding Council Meeting Schedule

This item was introduced and discussed at the February 13th Council Workshop. Director Hammond opened the discussion by stating that the current four standing committee system is working fine, so council can take it's time to discuss and make sure any policy changes will also benefit future councils, future staff and future community members.

Council discussed, asked questions, and made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Gaumond to table this item until the next city council workshop. **Motion failed 3 yeas, 4 nays.***

Council continued discussing and gave examples of how they envision how and when a committee of the whole could meet.

No action taken.

12. Public Closing Comments

No public closing comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Roberts read a letter of gratitude written by Fire Chief John Cermak to Council and staff; the letter is attached to these minutes.

b. City Administrator Report

Had a good meeting with the new interim school superintendent. The school district is interested in renting a barn at Ovenell for FAA to raise their pigs, but they will need power. Andrew Davis, Puget Sound Public Farms has also requested power, so staff will bring quotes to council for review.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Thank you to Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring for presenting the city a grant for \$46,691.00.
- Glass Quest was a success this year.
- At a recent Economic Alliance of Snohomish County meeting, the projected economic growth for Everett and Snohomish County was discussed, and it is a huge number. As people move north for jobs, they will be looking at Stanwood to live, we need to pay attention and be prepared.

14. Executive Session

No executive session scheduled for this meeting.

15. Adjourn

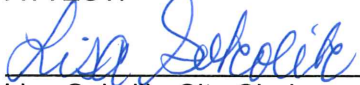
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk

Mayor Sid Roberts:

Please read at council if so chosen-

It is with great honor that I send this letter of gratitude for the amazing partnership I've had serving as the Fire chief of NCRFA and relationship with the City of Stanwood. In 38 years, I can honestly say that this city has been the most professional, transparent, and public safety focused city and community that I have ever served. Not all operate in that fashion. We have passed all levies attempted during this period that has assisted in hiring 30 additional firefighters, created a community Resource Paramedic Program, developed a much needed training center for the entire area, staffing a fire engine/aid unit at a previously unstaffed fire station 96, on 300th and I5, that equally serves all the RFA, City of Stanwood, and City of Arlington, Smokey Point area.

In 2014, I was named fire chief after a National search and testing process which received 60 candidates for NCRFA fire chief. I immediately observed an amazing small town with charm and professionalism. This community is the most giving and caring group of citizens I have served.

I have served multiple councils and Mayors that have transitioned into office in the City of Stanwood that all have the community as its first priority. The staff! Wow! They rock. Previous City administrator, Deborah Knight- smart and strategic leader that knew her craft. Shawn- calm, cool and collected. Allows his people to do their job with full support. David- when he took a short hiatus, then transitioning Mayor Roberts and I met, and all I could say is, "You've got to get him back!" David was on my short list if something happened to my finance director. Always accounting and justifying funds used. Patricia- what can I say! The best community development director I have ever encountered. Amazingly knowledgeable! She cares about community safety and public safety. She always took into account my public safety concerns about fire prevention and was a great partner in transitioning codes to make our buildings safer. Our police chiefs- Rick, Norm, Jason were all amazing partners. We always had open, direct, and strong conversations about community safety and best public safety practices. I saved Kevin for last, because my first interaction was three days into my new job when a major flood caused us to build Fort Freeburg and sand the highway. Managing disasters are somewhat similar, but each having its own flavor. I was used to earthquakes, civil unrest, large wildland fires, but never a flood. I immediately knew I could look to Kevin for technical answers to those different flavors relating to floods. We were anticipating a tough conversation with the railroad all while dealing with all that comes with managing a disaster. Kevin, Rick Hawkins, Mayor Kelly, and I manned the EOC for three days, declaring an emergency to ensure maximum assistance during the disaster, navigating

Lenz for sand and supplies, the Railroad closure, the volunteers annex to fill sand bags, and coordinating with Snohomish County EOC. I knew at this point that Kevin knew everyone and everything about the skeleton, organs, and operations of the city. He has been an amazing partner in our emergency management team!

It is with great honor and gratitude that I was privileged to serve this great community. We have been through multiple flood events that each react different, requiring an amazing team to mitigate. We made it through COVID being the second agency in the state to have an elder care facility affected and successfully mitigated. What you can't measure is the partnership that it takes to protect your public. All of these people are truly the most professional people I have served beside. I close with a big thank you for who you are and the transparency and professionalism you exude!

Sincerely,

John