

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, August 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Leonard Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Sara Robinson called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Rob Johnson, Dianne White, Elizabeth Callaghan, Timothy Pearce, Larry Sather, Kelly McGill and Judy Williams. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, City Attorney Brett Vinson, City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Makela, Police Sergeant Jason Toner, Senior Planner Amy Rusko, Administrative Assistant Amy Bergemeier and Deputy Clerk Sara Robinson.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember McGill, to amend the agenda to delete Item 11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Callaghan to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Comments

Attorney Brett Vinson spoke to set expectations for the Citizen Comment section of the meeting. The City Council has been advised not to discuss the Crematorium subject at this time. Council does not have a role in approving or denying this project.

William Dexter – 17617 89th Ave NE, Arlington WA

Owner of the American Cremation and Casket Alliance (ACCA) business that is relocating to Stanwood.

He wanted to make it clear that he has been upfront and open about the business from the beginning. Mr. Dexter spoke regarding the approval process with the City as well as the work that has been done so far, including the amount of money spent on the project to date. He thinks that there is a misconception about the cremation business.

Cookie Spirk – 8704 Nordic Way, Stanwood WA

She first heard about the cremation business coming in to Stanwood last week. She would like more information about it. In the past there were other new businesses that went through a long approval process including public comment, etc. Why didn't this happen for this business? Maybe this is a planning issue? Ms. Spirk would prefer that there were no other pollutants in our downtown core.

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Kathleen Ruesken – 3122 140th St NW, Marysville WA

Spoke in regards to the crematory.

The owners of ACCA - Bill and Tari Dexter are amazing people with high integrity. She has worked with them in the past and highly recommends them and thinks they would be an asset to Stanwood.

Tari Dexter – 17617 89th Ave NE, Arlington WA

In regards to the crematory.

William Dexter is her husband and they are the owners of the ACCA. She spoke about the services that they plan to offer including assisting families as well as retiring Honorably Discharged Veteran Flags. They want to be part of the community. Mrs. Dexter feels like this has been a political attack. If there has been a mistake it is not theirs.

Cathy Wooten - 27828 84th Ave NW, Stanwood, WA

Regarding the crematory.

Referred to Ordinance 1459 referring to the development and performance standards in the industrial zones in order to mitigate potential impacts on commercial and residential properties. She spoke about the negative effects of the crematorium especially in children. Does not agree with the crematorium being classified the same as a funeral home.

Tim Schmitt – 27308 101st Ave, Stanwood, WA

Regarding the crematory.

Mr. Schmitt is opposed to allowing incineration in the downtown core. Feels like this is a mistake. Wants to know if the councilmembers feel that the incinerator is compatible with the downtown core. Spoke about emission output of the incinerator vs. cars. Would like to have answers from the councilmembers.

The mayor reminded Mr. Schmitt that the City Attorney has advised the council not to respond to questions about this topic.

Michael Wooten- 27828 84th Ave NW, Stanwood, WA

Mr. Wooten takes personal offense at the remark toward a citizen that is concerned about the city they live in.

5. Staff Reports

- a. Finance Report 2nd Quarter – 2019
- b. Police Compstat Report

6. Committee Reports

- a. Community Development June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- b. Public Works Committee Report

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7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Youth Athletic Fields Grant with the Recreation and Conservation Office

Motion by Councilmember Sather, Second by Councilmember McGill to approve the consent agenda items a through c. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Old Business

- a. Adopt Ordinance 1475 – Shoreline Code Amendment - Second Reading & Final Adoption

Patricia Love, Community Development Director, presented the second reading of Ordinance 1475 for final adoption. There have been no changes since the first reading.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Johnson to approve the second reading and final adoption of ordinance 1475 amending Chapter 150 of the Stanwood Municipal Code, titled Shoreline Management. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. Approval of the Hamilton Landing Site Plan Design.

Patricia Love, Community Development Director, presented the request to approve the Hamilton Landing Site Plan Design and proceed with the design, permitting and bidding of the project. The plan has been approved by the PTAC. The next step will be moving from design to permitting with the hope of beginning the project by Summer, 2020.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember McGill to approve the Hamilton Landing Site Plan Design and proceed with the design, permitting and bidding of the project.

- b. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Lautenbach Recycling for cleanup work at Ovenell Park.

Kevin Hushagen, Public Works Director, presented the request for the Mayor to sign a contract with Lautenbach Recycling for cleanup work at Ovenell Park. There is still a lot of debris left on the property from the previous farming operation. It is necessary to clear the property to make it safe.

Councilmember Callaghan asked where the funds will come from. Finance Director, Hammond noted that there are currently planning funds allocated in the budget. Future planning funds will be discussed in the mid-biennium budget meeting in October.

Councilmember Williams is excited for the new park, however she would like to see those funds used at another more viable park like Heritage.

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Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember McGill to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Lautenbach Recycling for \$93,529.80 for cleanup work at Ovenell Park. Johnson – yes, White-yes, Callaghan-yes, Pearce-yes, Sather – yes, McGill – yes, Williams –no. Motion carried.

11. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report - Mayor Kelley

National Night Out Against Crime was a huge success in Stanwood. It was a very well attended event. Thank you to all staff who participated.

There are several events happening this coming weekend. Art By the Bay and the Summer Concert Series.

Huge thank you to all City Staff and City Council for all you do!

b. City Administrator's Report – Jennifer Ferguson

The random selection part of the Community Survey has been mailed out to Stanwood residents. The Opportunity Survey will be available for all other Stanwood Citizens on the City Website. The community's feedback is very important to assist in the strategic planning for the City of Stanwood.

c. Councilmember Reports and Questions

Councilmember White – A friend commented to her that the community of Stanwood sure does a lot of wonderful things. She proudly responded "yes, we are cool!"

Councilmember Johnson- Bernice Rothrock passed away at 96 years old. She was a moving force in the City of Mount Vernon parks development and was in the forefront of all committees. He would like to encourage citizens to get involved. It takes a lot of perseverance to create a great parks system.

Councilmember Pearce – Would like to commend the Stanwood Fair Board for the great event this year. Would also like to mention that this weekend the Sky Valley Tractor Club is having an antique tractor show at the Stanwood Fair Grounds.

11. Citizen Closing Comments – Removed from Agenda

12. Adjourn to Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

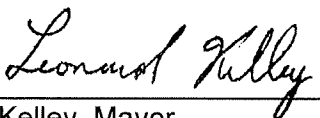
Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:43 pm for 20 minutes with no action anticipated.

At 8:07 pm an additional 10 minutes was requested.

13. Reconvene and Adjourn

Mayor Leonard Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Robinson, Deputy Clerk