CITY OF STANWOOD

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Erica Schorn called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Dianne White, Elizabeth Callaghan, Timothy Pearce, Larry Sather, and Judy Williams. The meeting was quorate.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Callaghan, to excuse Councilmembers Johnson and Ryer. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: City Administrator Ryan Larsen, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Police Chief Norm Link, Fire Chief John Cermak, Attorney Emily Guildner, and Deputy Clerk Erica Schorn.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Citizen Comments

Larry Aljets – Stanwood Lions Club

Mr. Aljets with the Lions Club, along with the Kiwanis and Rotary Club, wanted to let the public know that these organizations are here and what they do. They are all service organizations that help people in the community.

Glenda Mitchell – Kiwanis Club

Mrs. Mitchell is President of the Kiwanis Club. The club has been in the Stanwood/Camano Area for 50 years. This Saturday the club will be holding a party. Kiwanis includes several clubs including builders clubs, a key club, and an action club for disabled adults. Kiwanis, along with other community clubs, fund scholarships, and would like to have a place to put signs.

Terry Greer – Stanwood/Camano Rotary Club

Mr. Greer is President of the Rotary Club, which has been in the area for 25 years. Each year the club spends about $30,000 - $40,000 helping the community. His concern is that there is no signage in the area announcing that organizations like the Rotary Club exist. He would like there to be signs recognizing civic organizations in the community.

Sharon Morrison – Stanwood Lions Club

Mrs. Morrison is the President of the Lions Club, which takes care of community flags, and the smoke stack. She believes the area needs a sign that announces that these clubs are in the community.

The mayor asked if this topic should be assigned to a committee.

City Administrator Ryan Larsen stated he has an idea for this.

Cathy Wooten - 27828 84th AVE NW

Mrs. Wooten commented that she knows two families in the area with disabled young adults who participate in the Kiwanis action club and she has seen the impact that participation in the club has had on them.

Tim Schmitt – 27308 101st Ave NW

Mr. Schmitt commented that he is against an advisory vote of retail marijuana in Stanwood. Elections cost money, which could be used for better purposes. There has been plenty of opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions on the topic. He believes the elected body is better equipped to make a decision on the topic because it represents both the impressionable teenager as well as the ailing cancer patient equally.

Michael Wooten – 27828 84th AVE NW

Mr. Wooten commented on the retail marijuana sales topic, which is a controversial issue. The use of marijuana has a stigma, and he believes we should not allow a store in the commercial area, and instead keep it in the industrial area. He stated that people don't want it in the main street business areas.

Aleph Fackenthall – 6104 284th NW

Mr. Fackenthall believes that alcohol and smoking are more of a gateway drug than marijuana. He visited a marijuana retail shop, and was impressed with the security. His father turned to marijuana to help with his suffering as a bladder cancer and Parkinson's patient. The city could use the money collected from taxes, and if the proposed ordinance limited retail to the light industrial zone, it would be more acceptable. When the topic of retail marijuana was brought up recently, a grass-roots survey was started. Over 700

people have taken the survey. Initially the survey was against sales, but swung to about 47 percent against marijuana sales. Of the 265 people surveyed who left their name and address, 80 percent felt an advisory vote should be taken on this issue. If an advisory poll isn't taken now, it could well be taken in the future if the council majority perspective on the issue changes. Mr. Fackenthall submitted the survey results into the record.

The mayor suggested he not submit the results because the names and addresses of surveyors are included.

Mr. Fackenthall stated this was not advertised as an anonymous survey.

5. Staff Reports

a. Public Works Monthly Report – February 2018
b. Police Compstat Report – February 2018

6. Committee Reports

a. Public Works
b. Community Development

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
b. Approve March 8, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
c. Authorize the mayor to sign contract with GeoTerra

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

8. New Business

a. Ordinance 1455 – Edits to Zoning Use Table – Tattoo & B&B Changes, First Reading

City Administrator Ryan Larsen presented first reading of Ordinance 1455 relating to zoning use table edits affecting Tattoo and B&B changes. Staff has proposed changes based on recommendations from citizens and the item has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and Community Development Committee. The committee is recommending B&B's continue to require a conditional use permit, which would require a public hearing, instead of an administrative use permit. This Ordinance would allow for four rooms per B&B instead of two, and would allow for tattoo parlors as a permitted use in the MBI and GC Zones.

Councilmember Callaghan stated the Community Development Committee talked at length regarding this ordinance and saw no issue with increasing the room limit from two to four, and also saw no reason not to add the tattoo parlor change.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Callaghan, to approve first reading of Ordinance 1455 as identified in Attachment A. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Adopt Resolution 2018-04 Adopting a Revised Fee Schedule

Finance Director David Hammond presented Resolution 2018-04 updating the City's consolidated schedule of fees and charges. This update is part of an ongoing effort to consolidate all fees into one resolution. Duplicated lines from the fee schedule have been removed. There are two new fees including a re-inspection fee to encourage people calling for inspection to be prepared, and an adult family home fee. There is one additional edit to Exhibit 1 of the resolution, under the Grading section. Under the fee column, the words "Per 1997 UBC plus engineering reviews at actual cost" should be stricken. Finance Committee reviewed the resolution and supports moving forward with the resolution, including the edit to the grading section.

Councilmember White stated the Finance Committee is in agreement that this resolution is a step in the right direction towards making fees more user friendly to access for our citizens.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Williams, to adopt Resolution 2018-04 adopting a revised consolidated fee and charge schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Authorize the mayor to sign an indemnification agreement with Shopping Center Properties

Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen presented an indemnification agreement with Shopping Center Properties of Stanwood, LLC for use of the old Thrifty Foods parking lot for three city sponsored events: Clean Sweep, Touch-A-Truck and National Night Out.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember White, to authorize the mayor to sign an indemnification agreement with Shopping Center Properties of Stanwood, LLC for use of property for city events. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Award Project and authorize the mayor to sign agreement with Inland Potable Services, Inc.

Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen presented an agreement with Inland Potable Services, Inc. for a water tank cleaning project. Every five years the water reservoirs need to be cleaned and inspected. Over time sediment builds up on the floor of the reservoirs, and it needs to be removed. Potable Services was the lowest responsive bidder.

Councilmember Callaghan asked if we could plan for this in the future.

Public Works Director stated we will put this on a five year cleaning schedule.

Councilmember Pearce commented on the fact that Potable Services from Colorado will do the project for much less than a company in Kenmore, WA.

Public Works Director stated Potable Services has done work in Washington for other projects, including Marysville, and came highly recommended.

Motion by Councilmember Sather, second by Councilmember Williams, to authorize the mayor to award and enter into an agreement, not to exceed $8,362.51, with Inland Potable Services, Inc. for the water tank cleaning project. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report

Skagit River Brewing may be hosting the beer garden during this summer's concert series. They will help promote the events, and will donate half of their proceeds to the Chamber.

The mayor attended the opening ceremony for the new opioid treatment facility in Smokey Point on Tuesday. A few weeks ago he attended a meeting where it became apparent that there are limited support opportunities for family members of addicts. There will be a meeting taking place on April 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Willow and Jim's Café in Silvana to discuss this topic. Anyone struggling with a family member's addiction is welcome to attend.

b. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Ryan Larsen reflected on the fact that today is the four year anniversary of the Oso mud slide.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

Councilmember Sather commented that his wife recently fell and broke her leg, and he was impressed with the EMTs from the fire department who responded to the 911 call. They were very sensitive to his wife's needs, and he thanked Chief Cermak for his wonderful employees.

10. Citizen Closing Comments

Michael Wooten - 27828 84th AVE NW

After 30 years in the fire service, Mr. Wooten says he has a great appreciation for paramedics. He also commented that marijuana is a very controversial issue, and people want an advisory vote.

Cathy Wooten - 27828 84th AVE NW

Mrs. Wooten commented that it is her understanding that the costs paid by an applicant for a conditional use permit includes the costs for a hearing examiner to review any citizen concerns. In the case of an administrative conditional use permit, the decision to allow an application to move forward is made by staff. She appreciates the decision of the council to keep the B&B zoning as a conditional use permit.

Councilmember Callaghan suggested that council make an effort to check city email frequently, or coordinate with the Deputy Clerk to ensure citizens requesting to speak with a councilmember can reach them.

Councilmember Williams asked what citizens are told if they call asking to get in contact with a councilmember.

Deputy Clerk Erica Schorn commented that she lets the citizen know she will get a message to the councilmember that a citizen is attempting to reach them.

11. Adjourn to Executive Session – Property Acquisition [RCW 42.30.110(c)]

At 7:47 p.m., Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting to executive session to discuss property acquisition and a personnel issue for 10 minutes with no action anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Schorn, Deputy Clerk