

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
In-Person & Zoom Online Meeting
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Pearce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Pearce to excuse Councilmember Robb. Motion passed unanimously.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Fire Chief John Cermak, Police Chief Rebecca Lewis, City Attorney Emily Guildner, Finance Manager Wendy Dowhower, Senior Planner Carly Ruacho, Economic Development & Marketing Manager Sarah Cho, Assistant to the Administrator & Communications Manager Krista Hintz, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Gaumond to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation

5. Public Comments

The City received two written comments that were forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. Written comments must be provided to the Clerk by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. Verbal comments may be provided by attending the meeting in-person or via Zoom.

Written Comment

Meagen Watne, Stanwood
Nancy Hansen, Stanwood

Topic: Annexation
Topic: Stanwood City Land Annex

Verbal Comment

Cathy Wooten, Stanwood
Karl Nystrom, Stanwood
Mike Carmichael, Stanwood
Christi Bell, Stanwood

Topic: Kotticks Annexation and Mayor Full-time Status
Topic: Toxic Waste Dump on 300th
Topic: Kotticks Annexation
Topic: Farming Community, Growth and Traffic

6. Staff / Department Reports

- a. Police Compstat Report – March Revised

7. Council Committee Reports - None

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve April 14, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Gaumond to approve the consent agenda items A - B. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. First Reading, Ordinance 1504 – Kottsick Annexation

Community Development Director Patricia Love discussed the first reading of Ordinance 1504, Kottsick's request to annex approximately 30 acres into the City of Stanwood. The properties are located at 7615-284th St. NW and the southern half of the parcel located at 28801-80th Ave NW.

This item has been to council a few times, first to review the application for annexation. Giving a brief background on annexation, Love said that the City of Stanwood's 2015 Comprehensive Plan includes the City's boundaries, future land use development, and zoning; the municipal code implements the zoning. In addition, there is an area called the Urban Growth Boundary, this area is intended to be annexed into the city, it is planned to be annexed into the city, and it is planned for what the land use would look like. The intent of the Growth Management Act, adopted in 1990 and 1991, was to control growth, to reduce sprawl and to protect farmlands. Before the GMA was adopted, growth was happening just based on where and when people wanted to develop their properties. What this means today, is that citizens and developers can apply to be annexed into the city limits if they are within the UGA boundary.

In August 2021, Council accepted the 10% petition and approved the circulation of the 60% petition, which means 60% of property owners must sign the petition (there is only one property owner in this case). In November 2021, Council held a public hearing and approved Resolution 2021-10 directing staff to submit the annexation Notice of Intent to the Boundary Review Board. The Snohomish County Council approved motion 22-107 in February 2022, and the Boundary Review Board issued their approval on March 18, 2022.

The final step in the annexation process is for the final acceptance by the City Council.

The City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Element includes goals and policies to guide future annexation decisions. Love discussed the bullet point summary she included in the agenda packet regarding how the Kottsick Annexation is consistent with city code and with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor reminded Council that this is a first reading and to be fair to Council and Citizens and to ensure all questions and concerns are answered, this item will have a second reading, but may also have a third if needed.

Councilmembers discussed and asked Love questions.

With no other comments or objections, the Mayor moved this item forward to a second reading.

b. Discussion of Mayor Full-time Status

In January, council requested staff to place the subject of a full-time Mayor on their agenda. The issue was discussed at a February 10, 2022 City Council Workshop, and at that time the Council asked staff to provide information regarding the following questions:

- Whether a matrix or threshold existed beyond which a Mayor's role warrants fulltime status?
- How comparable cities pay their Mayors, and what the role or job of a full-time Mayor would be?
- Will the Salary Commission then set the Mayor's salary, and are there legal issues regarding the timing of a move to increase the Mayor's salary?
- Discussion of the Mayor's job description should be looked at in conjunction with the City Administrator job description.

Finance Director David Hammond addressed Council and discussed the matter.

Mayor Roberts read the following statement:

I appreciate this discussion, but this is not something that I brought forward on my own. I did not run for Mayor for the salary, and I'm honored to serve the citizen as Mayor. I'd probably do it even if it wasn't salaried, notice I said probably. I have a profession that I am still working in, so I do have some income. I have found a rhythm in the Mayor position and I have learned to delegate to staff the things that could encumber me. The first month I was running around trying to do everything, then I realized I didn't have to do that and could delegate things out. I empathically support a full-time City Administrator position. Shawn is doing a great job and we have a great working relationship; it works good and I'm totally in support of that. In my other profession, comparable data is everything, looking at the comps provided by staff, the Mayor's salary is lacking a bit, but it doesn't support, in my view, a full-time working wage salary. I still think the City of Stanwood is a size of a city that it's not needed. Some Cities have meeting pay added to the salary to compensate actual time spent; for reference I attend about 20 meetings a month. The insurance benefit provided by the City is unintentionally delusory and doesn't really work, I pay \$29 per month for Medicare, so there is no way I would ever use the city insurance, so I would like to see Council do something about that.

There are 5 possible motions in the packet, if one motion gets made but is voted down, certainly one of the other motions can be moved by Council. If there is no traction in this matter, council can vote to postpone the item, I will continue to do my job the same regardless of what happens. If there is support of referring the issue to the Salary Commission, notes from this meeting can be forwarded to them.

Councilmember Bergman asked under the Washington State Constitution are we allowed to raise the salary for the Mayor during the current term or have to wait until the new term? Hammond answered that Council, by forming and assigning the responsibility to the Salary Commission, their decision would take effect on the subsequent January 1st. If Council took the responsibility back, then the mayor's salary would take effect immediately, but then councilmember's salary increases would not take effect until after the next election. The Council can set the Mayor's benefits in an ordinance and it would take effect immediately.

Councilmember Pearce commented that half of the previous Mayors have had full-time jobs and still were able to perform the Mayor duties. When the City hired the first City Administrator the intent was to continue with a part-time Mayor, because the City needed a professional at this job and it would free up the opportunity for the Mayors, as Mayor Dianne White said, to go out and cut ribbons and kiss babies. Pearce would like to send the issue to the Salary Commission to have them look at it.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Metz to refer the matter to the 2022 salary commission with the recommendation to consider an increase to bring the Mayor's compensation closer to the average for comparable Western Washington Cities.

Roll call of votes was taken:

Councilmember Metz –	Yes
Councilmember Pearce –	Yes
Councilmember Shepro –	Yes
Councilmember Bergman –	Yes
Councilmember Schmitt –	Yes
Councilmember Gaumond –	Yes

Motion carried unanimously

Council directed staff to bring the matter of mayor benefits back to council after the Salary Commission has met.

10. Public Hearing – None

11. New Business

- a. Confirm appointment of Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Member Judy Williams

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Council Gaumond to appoint Judy Williams to the Stanwood Parks and Trails Advisory Committee, position five (5), for a term ending December 31, 2025.

Councilmember Pearce said with the exception of some of our staff who are passionate about parks and trails, he doesn't know anyone else in our community that is more passionate about them than Judy Williams and he thanked the Mayor for bringing her forward.

Roll call of votes was taken:

Councilmember Metz –	Yes
Councilmember Pearce –	Yes
Councilmember Shepro –	Yes
Councilmember Bergman –	Yes
Councilmember Schmitt –	Yes
Councilmember Gaumond –	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Port Susan Farmers Market Lease Agreement

Economic Development & Marketing Manager Sarah Cho discussed the proposed five-year lease agreement with Port Susan Farmers Market for the use of the city owned parking lot behind the police station and for the use of the annex adjacent to the police station.

The Farmers Market starts in June and ends in October, there are approximately forty-five vendors and an average of five hundred visitors per week. The market also offers SNAP Match Programs, where community members can utilize their EBT card and receive additional dollars to spend on fruits, vegetables, seeds, and plants. The Port Susan Farmers Market has been recognized as one of the biggest markets for growth in the area for this program.

The Farmers Market typically provides port-a-potties for public restrooms. Visitors can also use the police station lobby restroom during office hours. The restroom inside the annex is available for the vendors only as they need access to hot water and the city's records are stored in the annex.

Councilmember Schmitt asked to pass on his comment to have local musicians at the market as it adds to the atmosphere be relayed to the Farmers Market Board.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Shepro to authorize the Mayor to complete the negotiations with the Port Susan Farmers Market and sign the lease for use of the City's parking lot and annex office space.

Roll call of votes was taken:

<i>Councilmember Metz –</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Pearce –</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Shepro –</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Bergman –</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Schmitt –</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Gaumond –</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion carried unanimously

c. Adopt Resolution 2022-07 Snohomish County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan
Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Port Susan Farmers Market Lease Agreement

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Bergman to approve adoption of Resolution 2022-07 adopting the 2021 updates to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Closing Comments

Cathy Wooten, Stanwood

Topic: Appreciation of Community Development Director Patricia Love. Sidewalks on 80th

Karl Nystrom, Stanwood

Topic: Lake Ketchum clean water supply. Traffic by QFC and Grocery Outlet. Hoping Summer Concerts return.

Mike Carmichael, Stanwood

Topic: Appreciate closing comment back on agenda. Annexation. Traffic on 80th.

Christi Bell, Stanwood

Topic: Uptick of traffic on 300th St. and 80th.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Roberts said the Snohomish County Cities meeting is Thursday, May 19th, see Lisa to make reservations for the dinner.

Community Transit CEO, Ric Ilgenfritz and Director of Planning and Development, Roland Behee gave an update on Community Transit and the light rail earlier tonight at the Council Special Workshop. A note of interest, there is an express bus in the works which will go between Stanwood and the Lynnwood park and ride.

The Mayor said Councilmember Robb wanted to send his thanks to North County Fire for taking great care of his brother who was injured in an automobile accident. This is the last council meeting for Police Chief Rebecca Lewis, Tuesday is her last day, he thanked her for her service here in Stanwood.

b. City Administrator Report

Shawn Smith commented on how amazing Community Development Director Love did on presenting the Kottsick annexation, very descriptive and lots of information.

The art banners are up and look really good. Also, the hanging flower baskets are up, also making the city look very good. Smith wanted to make sure everyone was aware that Clean Sweep, which was scheduled for this Saturday, has unfortunately been canceled. It's Local Billy's last night tonight. Smith thanked Chief Lewis for her service to Stanwood.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

Councilmember Gaumond wished Chief Lewis good luck.

Councilmember Metz believes that there are conversations between city, county, state and congressional districts about the city's section of SR 532 regarding the collisions and fatalities,

although he doesn't know what is being said, he knows it's not going unnoticed. The traffic flow issue by QFC should improve once the PUD pole yard is moved.

Councilmember Pearce thanked and congratulated Chief Lewis. Pearce said it is his understanding that the school board sets the impact fees for the schools, he suggested people talk to the school board regarding their impact fees.

Councilmember Bergman thanked Chief Lewis for her service. Bergman will be headed to Local Billy's later to say goodbye to Cookie and Major.

Councilmember Schmitt thanked the City on the wonderful new signage, he likes the visual appeal, it definitely enhances our community. He thanked the police for taking down a very bad guy in a multiple agency response. It's Local Billy's last day, they brought in so much music and he learned how to dance 'badly' there, he'll be there later to say goodbye.

Councilmember Shepro wished Chief Lewis good luck.

14. Recess to Executive Session – None Scheduled for this Meeting

15. Reconvene and Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk