

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 11, 2012
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Kim Daughtry

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kathy Holder, Marcus Tageant (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Neal Dooley

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Spencer and Mayor Vern Little

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jan Berg, City Attorney Cheryl Beyer, Planning Director Becky Ableman, Finance Director/Treasurer Barb Lowe, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Human Resource Director Steve Edin, Principal Planner Karen Watkins, Police Chief Randy Celori, and City Clerk/Admin. Asst. Norma Scott

OTHERS: Dave Somers, Bruce Morton, Mark Wakefield, Dennis Brawford

Excused Absence. Councilmember Dooley moved to excuse Councilmembers Spencer and Tageant, seconded by Councilmember Welch; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2)

Guest Business. Dave Somers, County Councilmember, reported the County Council passed the annexation today to move it to public hearing on June 20.

Councilmember Tageant arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Somers discussed the following: Criminal Justice Sales Tax 2/10 % will not be on the ballot and is off the table at this time; reviewed budget items and shortfall of \$5 million; considering a property tax increase or cut positions; Paine Field is working with Alaska and Horizon Airlines for limited commercial service -connector flights, FAA is doing environmental assessment, and Boeing is in favor of the service; reviewed recreational possibilities; solid waste is sent by rail to southern Eastern Washington, one year from now Allied Waste's contract expires, and a 4-year extension is being considered; and creating a County coalition to promote aerospace development and common interest with other cities – draft resolution will be provided to the City.

Bruce Morton, 11222 Vernon Road, commented the Council should look at the drug task force agreement sharing of proceeds from asset forfeitures, which go to the police departments and believes is a conflict of interest because the police do the seizures and benefit from them. Asset seizures can occur where there is no crime involved just a suspicion and it's up to that person to prove they are not guilty of a crime – they are guilty until proven innocent, which is backwards. The funds should go to a drug rehabilitation program.

City Attorney Beyer responded the rules are strict. State statute requirements include must have probable cause in order to seize, funds must be used for drug enforcement purposes, burden of proof is on the City, and there is an appeal process.

Mark Wakefield, 121 95th Avenue NE, commented that the only way to affect drug traffickers is to take every penny away from them, would like to see the cities be the drug task force, and brought in a broken sign post from 96th Drive SE.

Dennis Brawford, 2031 Vernon Road, commented he has lived at this address since 1972. The traffic circle is creating problems with getting safely in and out of his driveway. If the City would change the speed limit to 15 MPH rather than use an advisory 15 MPH sign, it would make it easier to get out of the driveway. He must back onto the roadway and cannot drive out forward. Adding an elongated speed bump and a caution sign that says autos are backing out of driveways would also be helpful.

Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dooley moved to approve Consent Agenda items to Approve June 2012 vouchers (Payroll Direct Deposits 905819-905885 for \$121,074.72, Payroll Checks 33580 for \$2,299.53, Claims 33581-33637 for \$1,306,861.13, Electronic Funds Transfers 462-467 for \$135,987.91, Void Checks 33574 for deduct of \$2,262.00, Tax Deposit of 6.1.2012 for \$41,435.99 for total vouchers approved of \$1,605,397.28); Approve minutes of May 29, 2012 regular Council meeting; and Drug Task Force agreement, seconded by Councilmember Holder; motion carried unanimously. (6-0-0-1)

Subarea Plan Zoning Regulations/ Design Guidelines – Introduction. Planning Director Ableman commented the Design Review Board and Planning Commission both provided comments. Notices to property owners in both subareas were mailed out for the June 20 afternoon and evening meetings. The consultant is working through the Final Environmental Impact Statement on Lake Stevens Center, which will be issued June 25 and 20th Street SE will be issued about July 10.

Principal Planner Watkins noted that Alternative 2 was selected by Council for both subareas with intense employment with residential. Ms Watkins reviewed the following: new Title 14.38 adoption and purpose of the plans, zoning district and uses – code organization, commercial/employment zoning district, office typologies, retail typologies, mixed-use districts, other zoning districts typologies, dimensional standards, development intensity, parking regulations, landscape regulations, lighting and street regulations, and sign standards. Planning Director Ableman noted the Design Review Board felt way finding and gateway signs are important and Planning Commission discussed electronic and animated signs. Ms. Watkins continued to review planned action and mitigation, and definitions.

20th Street SE Corridor and Lake Stevens Center Subarea Plans – Transportation Level of Support (LOS). Public Works Director/Engineer Monken reviewed the transportation levels of service. The City currently promotes an operation LOS of “C” which functions in residential areas, but is not conducive to intensive commercial development plans. Current level of service is considered at a single intersection during peak hours. Staff proposes a system-level LOS standard of “E” for each subarea. Such system would take the accumulative average LOS from intersections within the transportation network while excluding intersections with State Route Facilities which allows for more flexibility for development.

Response to Mr. Brawford on the traffic circle. Public Works Director Monken noted he has been in communication with Mr. Brawford. The 15 MPH posting on the road and some stripping was in response to him. 15 MPH speed limit sign is not enforceable and a speed bump is not

appropriate on an arterial road. He has visited the site with an officer. Do not see a sight distance problem. Possibly will install a couple more rumble bars.

Executive Session. At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Daughtry called for a 15 minute executive session on collective bargaining with action to follow. Following a five minute break the executive session began at 8:35 p.m. and ended at 8:50 p.m. The public was notified the regular meeting was convening. There was public present.

MOTION: Councilmember Holder moved to approve the Guilds labor relations contract pending the Guilds approval, seconded by Councilmember Tageant; motion carried unanimously. (6-0-0-1)

Adjourn. Councilmember Dooley moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Welch; motion carried unanimously. (6-0-0-1)



Kim Daughtry, Mayor Pro Tem



Norma J. Scott, City Clerk/Admin. Asst.