

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

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 Vern Little

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kim Daughtry, Marcus Tageant, Sam Low and John Spencer

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Holder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Finance Director/City Clerk Barb Stevens, Planning and Community Development Director Rebecca Ableman McCrary, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Human Resources Director Steve Edin, Police Chief Dan Lorentzen, Deputy City Clerk Kathy Pugh and City Attorney Cheryl Beyer, Police Officer Gleb Shein

OTHERS: Jared Olsen, Tanner Luke Siler

Excused Absence: Moved by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to excuse Councilmember Holder from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

Guest Business: None.

Eagle Scout Recognition: Mayor Little recognized Tanner Luke Siler and Jared Olsen for attaining their Eagle Scout rank and presented each with a Certificate.

New Employee Introduction: Police Chief Dan Lorentzen introduced new Police Officer Gleb Shein, who will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy beginning June 8, 2015.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Low to approve (A) 2015 Vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits of \$139,218.24, Payroll Check Nos. 38544-38545 totaling \$4,259.00, Tax Deposits of \$57,578.30, Electronic Funds Transfers (ACH) of \$61,570.44, Claims Check Nos. 38546-38599 totaling \$92,764.43, Void Check No. 38073 in the amount of \$750.00, Total Vouchers Approved: \$354,641.40]; (B) May 11, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; (C) Ordinance 933 re Budget Amendment No. 2 to 2015 Budget; (D) Department of Revenue Data Sharing Agreement. On vote the motion carried unanimously (6-0-0-1).

Public Hearing and First and Final Reading of Ordinance 934 Providing for Right-of-Way Vacation of 9,126 Square Feet of 79th Avenue SE to be Transferred to the Adjacent Tackitt Property (Trestle Station): City Clerk Finance Director Barb Stevens opened the public hearing and read the Public Hearing Procedures for the record.

Planning and Community Development Director Rebecca Ableman McCrary presented the staff report, saying this proposal is to construct a commercial retail center at 1933 – 79th Avenue SE. She reviewed the history of the project and the legal requirements for the project to be approved, and said the project design is predicated on the City vacating 9,126 square feet of unused right of way in exchange for payment to the City of \$5,231. Staff's recommendation is for Council to approve the vacation of this right of way. Director Ableman McCrary then responded to Councilmembers' questions.

City Attorney Beyer responded to a question related to the timing of recording of the ordinance and receipt by the City of payment.

Proponent Patrick McCourt, 10515 20th Street SE, Suite 202, Lake Stevens, representing the applicant Tackitt, said he understands that the paperwork is in place and that the check will be delivered to the City at the time the ordinance is effective and the Right-of-Way Vacation is ready for recording.

Mayor Little invited public comment and there was none.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved, Councilmember Low seconded, to close the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved, Councilmember Spencer seconded, to close the Public Hearing. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

MOTION: Councilmember Low moved, Councilmember Daughtry seconded, to approve Ordinance 934 providing for vacation of approximately 9,125 square feet of right of way land between the Tackitt property (Parcel No. 00432400300100) and adjacent City right-of-way located off 79th Avenue SE and 20th Street SE subject to payment of compensation. On vote the motion carried (5-0-1-1) with Councilmember Tageant abstaining due to a personal interest in the project.

Action Items: None.

Discussion Items:

Sign Permit Fees: Planning and Community Development Director Ableman McCrary reviewed the staff report and said that staff completed a survey of surrounding cities. The surveyed cities use a building permit process and build a sliding scale in for the sign permit fee; some cities also charge a base fee. The survey results show that Lake Stevens' flat fee is predictable. Director Ableman McCrary explained that proposed signs are reviewed against city code requirements and then there is an inspection at installation. Permit fees are intended to cover staff time. She then responded to Councilmembers' questions.

There was consensus to revisit the sign permitting fee and to look at combining it with the permit application fee.

Sound Transit Phase 3: Mayor Little referred to the material distributed at the beginning of the meeting and said it is important that the City endorse efforts to ensure that Sound Transit locates light rail in Everett as part of the Puget Sound regional connectivity efforts. He said the request for support came to him through the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County. The

funding for this effort does not go through the Legislature, but it comes from the Sound Transit taxing district.

The current projected time frame for Sound Transit 3 completion is in 2023 in conjunction with completion of the new Everett college campus.

Mayor Little encouraged that endorsing this effort is an endorsement of a transportation system for the County, although there is no direct benefit to the City at this time.

There was consensus to endorse the letter being sent to Sound Transit.

Discussion turned to the letter directed to Representative Mark Harmsworth regarding the pending transportation packages and the comparison between the House and Senate positions on transportation.

Council Person's Business: Councilmembers reported on the following meetings:

Councilmember Tageant: Snohomish County Cities dinner; Councilmember Welch: Snohomish County Cities dinner; Councilmember Spencer: Sewer District Commissioner Meeting; Councilmember Low: Sewer District Commissioner Meeting, Health Board meetings, Snohomish County Cities dinner, noted the Police and Public Works Departments were recently recognized; Councilmember Daughtry: Snohomish County Cities dinner.

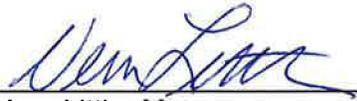
Mayor's Business: None.

Staff Reports: Staff reported on the following:

Planning and Community Development Director Becky Ableman McCrary: Will be attending, with Economic Development Coordinator Jeanie Ashe, the same presentation as was seen at the Snohomish County Cities dinner, the Planning Commission is holding an open house on the Comprehensive Plan Update on June 3, 2015, Alliance for Housing Affordability, Design Review Board; Public Works Director Mick Monken: Updated on status of lawn mower repair and new light on 20th Street SE, Grimm House roof repair, City recognized nationally for mini roundabouts; Police Chief Lorentzen: Community meet and greets with new Fire Chief O'Brien.

Adjourn:

Moved by Councilmember Tageant, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. On vote motion carried (6-0-0-1).



Vern Little, Mayor



Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk