

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
By Remote Participation via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Gailey

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Brett Gailey, Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Gary Petershagen, Shawn Frederick, Mary Dickinson, Anji Jorstad and Steve Ewing

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Marcus Tageant

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Finance Director Barb Stevens, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, Police Chief John Dyer, Human Resources Director Anya Warrington, City Clerk Kelly Chelin, Senior Planner David Levitan and City Attorney Greg Rubstello

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**Call to Order:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Gailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

All Councilmembers were present except Councilmember Tageant.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Frederick made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen, to excuse Councilmember Tageant. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor Gailey noted that there will be an Executive Session for potential litigation after the approval of the agenda. Also, Item G on the Action Items will be moved to Mayors Business. Councilmember Jorstad asked for a discussion on the DEIA Ordinance under Discussion Items.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Frederick made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad, to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Recess to Executive Session:**

The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss Performance of a Public Employee and Potential Litigation for approximately 15 minutes. There will be no action.

**Reconvene to Regular Session:**

The meeting reconvened to Regular Session at 6:22 p.m.

**Citizen Comments:**

The following people spoke in favor of a DEIA Commission:

Stephanie Myer

Angela Weenink

Courtney Steep

Stephanie Ruiz-Steele

Joy Ratzel

Brenna Boggie

Lina DiFore-Muzzey

Elizabeth Coelho

Julia

Alyssa Miller

Lindsay Price

Tory Horsman

Brian Larson

Joseph Jensen

Kari

Tom Dould

Helen Taylor

Jessie (husband)

Jessica Wadham

Doug

J.L.

Nina and Paul Hanson

Amy Tsao

Alex Weenink

Brad Johnson

Joyce Copley

Trevor Wadham

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Frederick thanked everyone for getting their vaccines.

Councilmember Petershagen thanked the Police Department. He thanked Councilmember Daughtry and Mayor Gailey for helping to clean up graffiti in the City. He also stated that he is eager to get back to in person Council meetings.

Councilmember Dickinson also stated that she would like to get back to in person Council meetings. She also asked the Council for a moment of silence for George Floyd. The Council took a brief pause.

Councilmember Ewing thanked Rustic Cork for adopting one of the parks. He also thanked Jill Meis for all her work with the parks and the Police Department.

Councilmember Daughtry asked the Council to think about a retreat date in late August or early September.

Councilmember Jorstad read proclamation into the record for Pride Month for June, 2021.

**Mayor Business:**

Mayor Gailey thanked everyone who helped clean up the graffiti. He thanked City staff for all of their ongoing work. He also spoke to the Mayor's Community Advisory Council that he would like to implement. Materials were in the Council's packet for review. He urged the Council to support this.

Council engaged in a discussion. Mayor Gailey asked the Council to consider Community members that would like to be on this Council. An application to apply will be posted on the City's website.

**Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

The consent agenda included the following:

- Vouchers
- Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021
- Council Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021
- Ordinance 1120 Amending Ordinance 1108 Recitals Only
- Professional Services Agreement with AquaTechnex LLC for Lake Management

The following item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion:

- SR9 & South Lake Stevens Roundabout Agreement with WSDOT

MOTION. Councilmember Frederick made a motion, Councilmember Dickinson seconded, to execute the SR9 & South Lake Stevens Roundabout Agreement with WSDOT. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Action Items:**

Finance Department Reorganization

Finance Director Stevens discussed the recommendation to reclassify the vacant Senior Accountant position to an Accounting Manager and the establishment of a new Accountant position for Public Works projects. Council engaged in a discussion.

MOTION. Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad, to authorize the reclassification of the vacant Senior Accountant position to Accounting Manager and to authorize the establishment of Accountant position for Public Works. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Discussion Items:**

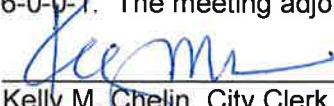
Added to tonight's agenda – DEIA Ordinance

Council and staff engaged in a discussion about the DEIA Ordinance prepared and submitted to Council by the BIPOC group. The Council engaged in a discussion. Mayor Gailey asked that we try the Community Advisory Council for a year and then reassess if need be.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION. Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0-1. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
Brett Gailey, Mayor

  
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk