

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

Tuesday, June 22, 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, Marcus Tageant

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Steve Ewing

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, City Attorney Greg Rubstello and Building Official Ryan Mumma

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 Ewing.

Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Jorstad asked that the Professional Service Agreement for 2021 On-Call Engineering Services be pulled from consent for further discussion. Councilmember Petershagen asked that a discussion be added to the agenda tonight regarding park ongoing maintenance.

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

Citizen Comments:

There were no comments from the audience.

Council Business:

Councilmember Petershagen thanked the City for the no fireworks sign. He again cleaned up graffiti with Councilmember Daughtry and the Mayor. He also stated that he loves seeing the lake being used by so many.

Councilmember Dickinson echoed that the lake has been fabulous. She recently met with the City staff regarding the future of Eagle Ridge Park.

Councilmember Tageant also stated that he likes seeing the beaches busy.

Councilmember Daughtry also cleaned up graffiti in the City.

Mayor Business:

Mayor Gailey relayed that Costco closed on Friday and groundbreaking has begun. He also stated that the City is receiving applications for Community Advisory Council and the deadline is June 30. He asked the public to be patient with the parks. Public Works are working as fast as they can.

City Department Report:

Finance Report – Barb Stevens, Finance Director

Guest Business:

Resolution 2021-10 Endorsing the Lake Stevens Youth Advisory Council and Introduction of Members

Councilmember Daughtry introduced the Youth Advisory Council members:

Lily Scrivens
Emma Miner
Dakota Latham
Owen Johnson
Jack Johnson
Rachel O'Malley

MOTION. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to approve Resolution 2021-10 Endorsing the Lake Stevens Youth Advisory Council. The motion passed 6-0-0-0.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The consent agenda included the following:

Vouchers
Contract with Washington State Department of Corrections
Professional Services Agreement with Urban 3
Contract with Colacurcio Brothers for Festival Street Construction

Action Items:

Professional Service Agreement for 2021 On-Call Engineering Services

Director Durpos further explained the need for the on-call engineering contracts and the process moving forward. This work is not in replacement of the City Engineer position.

Resolution 2021-11 - Ballot Measure for Advisory Vote on Fireworks

Council and staff engaged in a discussion. A question arose about personal fireworks versus consumer fireworks. The Resolution will be changed to be consistent with the term.

MOTION. Councilmember Dickinson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad, to approve Resolution 2021-11 - Ballot Measure for Advisory Vote on Fireworks. The motion passed 5-1-0-1 with Councilmember Frederick opposed.

Discussion Items:

Upcoming Ballot Measures

Council discussed a Park Benefit District ballot measure for an election in 2022. More discussion will take place at the Council retreat in August.

Permissible Use Tables

Planner Needham explained that on December 1, 2020, staff introduced Council to potential amendments to the Permissible Uses Chapter of the Land Use Code (LSMC 14.40) and other related sections that aim to simplify the list of uses, streamline applicable review processes, and create relevant performance standards that apply in the city's various zoning districts. Staff updated Council on the project during their March 2, 2021 workshop, including a proposal to break the existing use table into three separate tables (Residential, Non-Residential, and Special Uses).

Council was supportive of the project scope and general framework of the code amendment and directed staff to continue its work. Over the past three months, staff has worked with the Planning Commission on ways to consolidate uses, reduce or eliminate redundant land use processes and establish clear and objective performance standards for specific uses.

During the Commission's April 21 meeting, staff introduced a revised draft of existing LSMC sections 14.40.010 through 14.40.090, which has been deemed the "preamble." These revisions aim to reduce procedural redundancies and better outline how the new tables are intended to be interpreted.

Council engaged in a discussion. Tonight's discussion was intended to be a briefing to update Council on staff's work. This item will come back for a public hearing after the Council's summer recess.

Code Enforcement Procedures

Building Official Mumma explained that this discussion was a follow-up to the work session on March 2, 2021, staff is providing additional draft sections of proposed amendments to LMSC Title 17, regarding enforcement of violations of municipal code. The goal of the amendments is to streamline the enforcement process and complete general housekeeping of the code. These amendments are aimed to clarify the enforcement process, remove conflicting code provisions, and create additional enforcement tools for efficiency in resolving violation cases.

The provisions in Title 17 of the Lake Stevens Municipal Code are dedicated to the enforcement of criminal and civil violations of municipal code. However, there are conflicting provisions for enforcement and penalties in at least three other titles, Chapters 8, 9, and 14. By combining and repealing existing provisions staff believes the enforcement process will be more effective. We will retain the primary goal of advocating voluntary compliance as the preferred outcome, while still maintaining the authority for monetary penalties, advanced enforcement, and abatement by the City where voluntary compliance cannot be achieved.

Staff will come back with future discussion/action at a future meeting.

Ongoing Park Maintenance

Councilmember Petershagen discussed putting together a plan for ongoing park maintenance. Staff and Council engaged in a discussion.

Adjournment:

MOTION. Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Brett Gailey, Mayor


Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk