

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

November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting - By Remote Participation via Zoom & in Person at The Mill Building

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 and Steve Ewing

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Finance Director Barb Stevens, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Interim Public Works Director Aaron Halvorson, Police Chief Jeff Beazizo, Human Resources Director Anya Warrington, City Clerk Kelly Chelin, Planning Manager David Levitan and City Attorney Greg Rubstello.

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.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Citizen Comments:

Jerry Stumbaugh, Senior Center.

Mr. Stumbaugh gave an update on the Senior Center.

Linda/Tina, Volunteers of America.

They both gave an update on the Community Resource Center at the Lake Church. They thanked the Council for their support.

Blanch K. Blanch spoke about the growth in the City, budget priorities and support for the museum.

Council Business:

Councilmember Ewing thanked the Food Bank for their service. He also attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Councilmember Petershagen attended the Planning Commission meeting. He asked staff to look into the acoustics in the Sawyers Room and the Highway 204/9 landscaping.

Councilmember Dickinson thanked Interim Director Halvorson and she also gave an update on the Library.

Councilmember Jorstad congratulated staff on the housing action plan grant.

Citizen Comments:

Lakshmi. Lakshmi spoke about the need for sidewalks in her neighborhood.

Danielle. Danielle spoke about the need for sidewalks in Woodland Crossing.

Mayor Business:

Mayor Gailey spoke about the 2022 budget. He toured the Waste Management site in Woodinville. He stated that staff is focused on the Public Works Accreditation. Lastly, Urban 3 will be coming to make a presentation to Council.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Jorstad asked if the Ordinance 1130 - Update to LSMC Chapter 5.12 Dog and Cat Licensing could come off consent and be placed under Action Items.

MOTION. Councilmember Dickinson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to move the Ordinance 1130 – Update to LSMC Chapter 5/12 Dog and Cat Licensing to Action Items. The motion passed 6-1-0-0 with Councilmember Tageant opposed.

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

The consent agenda included the following:

- Vouchers
- City's 2022 State Legislative Agenda
- Washington State Parks Marine Program Interagency Agreement

Action Items:

Ordinance 1130 - Update to LSMC Chapter 5.12 Dog and Cat Licensing

Council and staff discussed the Ordinance.

MOTION. Councilmember Frederick made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to approve Ordinance 1130 – Update to LSMC Chapter 5.12 Dog and Cat Licensing. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 1124 - Permissible Uses Code Amendment (LUA2021-0136)

Planning Manager Levitan explained that on October 9, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing to consider a city-initiated land use code amendment (LUA2021-0136) to Lake Stevens Municipal Code (LSMC) Chapter 14.40 (Permissible Uses) and associated chapters, which aims to update the city's permissible uses table and provide more clear and objective development standards for specific uses. The Planning Commission had previously held a public hearing on the proposal on September 15, 2021, at which they made a unanimous recommendation for the City Council to approve the amendment. Councilmembers had several comments and questions

about the proposed amendment and opted to continue the public hearing to allow time for staff to do additional research and revise the proposal.

Planning Manager Levitan reviewed a summary of Council feedback as well as staff responses and updated code language that were provided in the packet have been incorporated into an updated Ordinance 1124.

Council and staff engaged in a discussion.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing for public comment:

Patrick McCourt. Mr. McCourt commented on the proposed changes to the section on storage facilities. He proposed alternative language on potential development regulations and handed out two documents to the Council for the record.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing for comments.

Council and staff engaged in a discussion.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION. Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve Ordinance 1124 Permissible Uses Code Amendment (LUA2021-0136) with the exception of Section 14.44.044 Storage Facilities and 14.08 Recovery Houses and ask that those sections be addressed in not too late of time. The motion passed 6-1-0-0 with Councilmember Jorstad opposed.

Ordinance 1127 – Property Tax Levy for 2022 and 2022 Preliminary Budget

Director Stevens explained that the City Council has been reviewing current and forecasted revenues and expenditures including property tax, City staffing plans, and related costs which are incorporated into the proposed 2022 budget ordinance. The final budget ordinance will reflect the action approved by Council regarding this decision.

Director Stevens explained that the County Assessor requires cities to submit an ordinance to them by November 30th each year authorizing the Snohomish County Assessor to collect property taxes on behalf of the city. The ordinance must state the percentage of increase requested by the City. As of this date the County has only preliminary dollar figures available for new construction and state-owned utilities so the total dollar amount levied may change. The 2022 preliminary assessed value shows an approximate increase of 14.6% within the City of Lake Stevens. The change in the rate of inflation (IPD rate) is 103.86 percent for tax year 2022. For taxing districts with a population of 10,000 or more, the levy limit factor or allowable increase, is the lesser of inflation (IPD rate) or 101% over the previous levy amount. This City's estimated levy rate for 2022 is \$0.92 when using the levy factor of 101 %. This ordinance authorizes the collection of the property taxes on properties within the city limits up to a certified amount of \$5,600,000. Based on current estimates, we anticipate the actual levy will be approximately \$5,585,000. The ordinance includes an estimated 6% increase over the 2021 highest lawful levy amount, which includes the 1% increase that equates to \$50,873 as well as increases from state assessed values, annexations, new construction, and refunds

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. for the Property Tax Levy for 2022.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing.

MOTION. Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to approve Ordinance No. 1127 authorizing collection of property tax levy for 2022 and setting the property tax levy. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Director Stevens explained that this is the first public hearing tonight on the 2022 budget.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing on the 2022 Budget.

There were no comments however it was noted that Tom Matlack submitted an email to the Council.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing.

There will be a second hearing on the 2022 Budget on November 23, 2021.

MOTION. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1128 – 2022 Budget. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Discussion Items:

2021 Comprehensive Plan Docket Briefing

Director Wright stated that there was no formal action needed tonight. The Councilmembers are asked to review the 2021 Comprehensive Plan docket, which was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their November 3, 2021 meeting and will be brought back to the City Council for a public hearing and potential adoption on December 14, 2021.

Adjournment:

MOTION. Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Brett Gailey, Mayor
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk