

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

January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.  
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, Mary Dickinson, Anji Jorstad and Steve Ewing

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Marcus Tageant (Arrived at 6:01 p.m.)

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, Deputy City Clerk Caitlin Weaver and City Attorney Greg Rubstello

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MOTION. Councilmember Frederick made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to excuse Councilmember Tageant from the workshop. The motion passed 6-0-0-0.

Councilmember Tageant joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Mill Policy Use

Director Wright explained based on feedback from customers and other users, the city has purchased additional tables and chairs for the Stack for easier setup; added acoustic panels in the Sawyers Room; and is increasing parking with the Mill Spur project. The staff are looking to simplify video systems and cordless microphones and working on improved storage solutions. Staff are also considering ways to improve customer service and provide greater flexibility for scheduling, based on staff availability, which will improve mid-year with the addition of dedicated custodians.

Upcoming Council Retreat

Council and staff discussed the agenda for the upcoming Council retreat on February 11 and 12, 2022.

Trip to Washington D.C.

Council discussed a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators. They also discussed attending either the National League of Cities Conference and/or the Smart Cities Conference in Washington D.C. later this year.

In Person Council Meetings

Council discussed keeping the meetings in the hybrid format. After discussion, the Council agreed to keep the workshops virtual and the regular meetings in the hybrid format.

Highway 204/9 Landscaping

Interim Director Halvorson reviewed WSDOT's landscaping details as part of the roadway improvements at State Route 9 and State Route 204. City staff have reviewed and approved these plans to be within the requirements of the City Beautification Plan.

  
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Brett Gailey, Mayor  
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Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk