

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

January 25, 2022, 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 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.

**Approval of Agenda:**

City Clerk Chelin stated that there would be action after the executive session this evening. Director Wright stated that he would like to add an action item to discuss a letter for support of the Transportation package to the State Legislators.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Mayor Gailey stated that he met with the Sno-Isle Director and read a press release statement into the record about the library.

**Citizen Comments:**

Sue Fernald, Lake Stevens. Ms. Fernald asked for some language to be added to the agenda for pending or continued items.

Melissa Knaak, Lake Stevens. Ms. Knaak thanked the Council for the work on the library.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Jorstad stated that she was frustrated learning about the Library survey without being briefed first.

Councilmember Dickinson reported that she volunteered at the food bank. She thanked Safeway for donating gift cards.

Councilmember Petershagen agreed with comments made by Councilmember Jorstad. He would like more dialogue with Council. He also attended the utility committee meeting. There is an open seat on the Lake Stevens Sewer District Board.

Councilmember Daughtry stated that he attended the SCCIT (Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation) meeting. Also, the Youth Advisory Council presented to the Rotary and did a great job.

Councilmember Tageant stated that he was excited to hear the press release on Sno-Isle tonight. He also attended the utility committee meeting.

Councilmember Ewing reported that he attended the Library Board meeting. He met with the new Sno-Isle Library Manager for Lake Stevens. He also stated that the press release regarding the library is encouraging.

**Mayor Business:**

Mayor Gailey reported that staff is working on the Public Works Accreditation.

**Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Frederick made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve the consent agenda.

Councilmember Jorstad asked a few questions regarding the vouchers. Staff will follow-up.

The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The consent agenda included the following:

- 2022 Vouchers
- 2021 Vouchers
- City Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2022
- City Council Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022
- 2022 Long Range PCD Work Program
- 2022 Park Board/Park Division Work Program
- Board and Commission Reappointments

**Action Items:**

**Snohomish Conservation District ILA**

Stormwater Coordinator Farrant explained that the City has partnered with the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) for 9 years on a variety of different projects and technical assistance. In the past 5 years, the SCD has been working with the City to implement and execute programs, education and outreach, and project specific implementation to assist the City with NPDES permit compliance and other operations and maintenance tasks (e.g., beaver deterrent infrastructure implementation).

Each year the City and SCD will outline a scope of services to be performed by the SCD. The annual scope of services will depend on the City's need for assistance in carrying out NPDES required programs or technical assistance. The scope of services will be reviewed and amended on an annual basis based on the City's need and budget.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve the Snohomish Conservation District Interlocal Agreement as long as its reevaluated at the end of the year, every year, for value. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

New item added:

Director Wright explained that staff is looking for support on a transportation package letter that would support funding for the US2 Trestle as well as other projects.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to cooperate and sign a letter of support for the transportation package. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

**Executive Session:**

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) and Performance of a Public Employee per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) for approximately 30 minutes. There will be action.

Councilmember Tageant left the meeting briefly at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:06 p.m., the executive session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

At 7:22 p.m., the executive session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened to regular session at 7:34 p.m.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve the proposed Severance Agreement between the City and Eric Durpos reviewed in executive session and authorize the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
Brett Galley, Mayor  
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk