

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

December 10, 2024, 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. Mayor Brett Gailey

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Council President Gary Petershagen, Kim Daughtry, Ryan Donoghue Marcus Tageant, Kymm Shipman, Steve Ewing and Anji Jorstad.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brett Gailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

All Councilmembers were present.

Approval of Agenda

Council President Petershagen asked that a discussion item be added so that City Clerk Chelin could review the upcoming agenda for December 17.

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

Guest Business

Introduce Brandon Tallman, Records Management Specialist

Introduce Robert Charrette, Parks Maintenance Worker

Citizen Comments

Andrea Wright, Sewer District Commissioner. Andrea spoke against the sewer utility tax. She stated that the streets were the City's responsibly.

Nathan Packard, Lake Stevens. Nathan spoke against the sewer utility tax and asked the City why we needed additional revenues.

Russell Joe, Master Builders Association.

Mr. Joe spoke about the permit and building fees on the agenda.

Council Business

City Department Report

Final Audit Update from Finance Director Stevens

Consent Agenda

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

The consent agenda items were as follows:

- 2024 Vouchers
- City Council Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024
- City Council Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024
- Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force Interlocal Agreement
- 2024 Budget Amendment No. 3 - Ordinance 1193

Action Items

Ordinance 1194 Amending LSMC 3.08 Related to Utility Taxes

Director Stevens explained that the city currently assesses a tax of 6% on the gross income of the providers of electricity, gas, telephone, water, and garbage and a 5% franchise fee on cable TV.

Each year, as part of the budget process, the City assesses the ever-increasing needs of the city and the resources available, including utility taxes. The addition of sewer and stormwater utility taxes has been reviewed annually, noting that Lake Stevens is one of the few cities in Snohomish County without them. Once again, during the 2025 budget process, the recommendation to add a tax on sewer utility providers was discussed.

Council and staff engaged in a discussion.

MOTION. Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman, to adopt Ordinance 1194.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION. Councilmember Jorstad made a motion to make it a graduated tax with 3% in 2025, 6% in 2026 and 6% ongoing after that. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: The motion passed 6-1-0-0 with Councilmember Ewing opposed.

Interim Ordinance 1192 Adoption - Compliance with SB 5290 Review Timelines

Senior Planner Levitan presented Interim Ordinance 1192, amending Chapter 14.16A LSMC to meet the project permit application review time frames and other updated components of the Growth Management Act established by SB 5290 (2023) that go into effect on January 1, 2025.

MOTION. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad, to approve Ordinance 1192. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Discussion Items

Draft Land Use and Building Permit Fees Overview

Director Wright, Building Official Manus and Planning Manager Schmidt reviewed the fees and asked Council for feedback on the proposed fee methodology and future updates. This item will come back for action at the December 17, 2024 Council Meeting.

MOTION. At 8:00 p.m., Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to extend the meeting to 8:45 p.m. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Executive Session

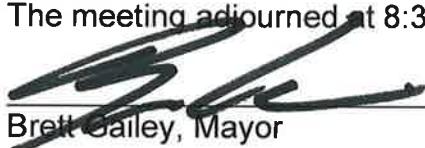
The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss Litigation/Potential Litigation and Property Acquisition. There will be no action, and the session will conclude by 8:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:39 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION. Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


Brett Bailey, Mayor


Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk