

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING WITH SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m. by Mayor John Spencer

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Gary Petershagen, Kim Daughtry, Kurt Hilt, Rauchel McDaniel, Brett Gailey and Marcus Tageant

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ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Councilmember Todd Welch

SNOHOMISH COUNTY
ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Sam Low, Nate Nehring, Terry Ryan

SNOHOMISH COUNTY
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Councilmembers Stephanie Wright, Brian Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: City of Lake Stevens: City Clerk Kathy Pugh, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Planning Manager Joshua Machen, Associate Planner Jill Meis, Police Chief John Dyer, Commander Ron Brooks, City Attorney Greg Rubstello

Snohomish County: Clerk of the Council Debbie Eco, Senior Planner Eileen Canola

OTHERS:

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Spencer led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

MOTION by City of Lake Stevens: Moved by Councilmember Hilt, seconded by Councilmember Tageant, to excuse Councilmember Welch from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

Public Hearing Items:

SE Island Annexation by Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Spencer opened the Public Hearing.

Snohomish County Clerk Eco read Ordinance 19-010 into the record.

Planning Manager Machen presented the staff report. He reviewed the history of the annexation proposal and said this annexation, due to its boundaries, is eligible for annexation by Interlocal Agreement. He reviewed the proposed land use and zoning designations. He explained that

Resolution 2019-07 authorizes the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County which in turn authorizes the City to move forward with taking over governance of the annexation area. He then invited questions of both Councils and there were none.

Mayor Spencer then opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Sally Jo Sebring, 1023 99th Ave SE, Lake Stevens, does not support the City's annexation process. She explained this annexation area was originally part of a larger annexation but was removed creating the island.

Dan Dziadek, 1516 107th Avenue SE Lake Stevens, requested an amendment to promote and seek a referendum petition. He does not have confidence in the annexation process and commented on the lack of infrastructure to support this annexation.

Mayor Spencer closed the public comment portion of the public hearing and invited additional questions and comments of the City and County Council.

County Councilmember Ryan asked staff members to address some of the points that were raised during public comment.

Director Wright responded that the City's traffic Level of Service standards, which are similar to other communities, are between a level 'D' and 'E'. He then explained there is a Comprehensive Plan in place and which goes through 2035 and has all of the standard elements, including the county-wide planning policies. The City makes sure its policies are in sync with the County's standards and policies. Director Wright commented that the City believes that growth pays for future infrastructure, including 20th Street SE and the City is very active in advocating for infrastructure related to SR 2 and the Trestle. He added that under the Growth Management Act (GMA) the City is required to accept growth, and acknowledged it has been difficult for the residents of the community.

Mayor Spencer added that with mitigation funds received for development along the 20th Street SE corridor, property sales along that corridor, grants and the City's street fund, the City is moving forward with widening 20th Street SE, including development of a hot lane on 20th Street SE, which will include jump starts at stop lights.

County Councilmember Low confirmed that if the area is annexed into the City, the mitigation fees would go directly to Lake Stevens to be used within the community, whereas if the area is developed under the County, the fees would go to Snohomish County and could be used anywhere within the County and not necessarily in Lake Stevens.

Responding to City Councilmember Tageant's questions, Director Wrights explained the City's comprehensive plan is consistent with the State of Washington's Plan, the Regional Plan through Puget Sound Regional Council, and the County plans. He also explained the City is looking to create pre-designations to properties so that when a property is annexed into the City, it would have similar designations to what they are in the County.

Mayor Spencer invited additional questions or comments from County Council.

County Planner Canola confirmed the City's Comprehensive Plan is in sync with the County. She also clarified that the interlocal agreement points to the existing Master Interlocal

Agreement between Snohomish County and the City of Lake Stevens to govern the transition of services and facilities from the County to the City. Planner Canola also highlighted that the County Department of Public Works wanted to clarify there are certain covenants that the County has on private property that will be transferred to the City upon annexation.

City Councilmember Petershagen highlighted that the park mitigation fees will stay local and the traffic mitigation fees were recently increased which will help mitigate some of the impact's being experiencing.

County Councilmember Nehring thanked staff for their input.

MOTION: Moved by County Councilmember Nehring, seconded by County Councilmember Low, to approve Ordinance 19-010 Interlocal Agreement re SE Island Annexation. On vote the motion carried (3-0-0-2).

MOTION: Moved by City Councilmember Petershagen, seconded by City Councilmember Tageant, to approve Resolution 2019-07 Interlocal Agreement re SE Island Annexation. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

Mayor Spencer closed the public hearing. He then invited additional questions of Council and there were none.

Discussion Items:

Annexation Strategy and Facilities Transition: Mayor Spencer commented the City is required to take additional urban population, and in order to be able to meet the Growth Management Act (GMA) projected population figures, the City will have to go to higher densities. The City is working on this by creating different zoning designations, such as mixed use, etc. He also mentioned the City is currently lacking industrial sites within the City but there is potential within the Urban Growth Area and beyond. He then invited County Council comments.

County Councilmember Nehring thanked the Mayor for his comments and suggested having these conversations with Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) which is working on having more collaboration between counties and cities.

County Councilmember Ryan noted over the last five years there are an average of over 100 people a day moving to the Puget Sound Region so when looking toward the future, different housing mixes will need to be reviewed. He said it sounds like the City has a good plan but it should look at land uses for industrial, commercial, retail, and multi-residential. He said the County will help in whatever way they can.

County Councilmember Low commented that a lot of this is from the Growth Management Act (GMA) passed by the voters in 1990 and we have to plan for growth. He said his district is the third most active with growth compared to the rest of the county, and the two southern districts are struggling too because they have grown so rapidly with people commuting into Seattle for jobs. He said the GMA is there to prevent this area from turning into a 200-mile-long City. Councilmember Low suggested for all those who are opposed that they need to look at how to change the GMA with the state legislators.

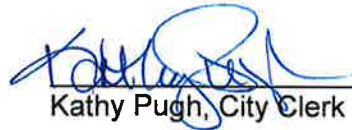
Councilmember Low then said this annexation is a good thing as the County is not geared up to serve residents like a City can in regard to Public Safety, Public Works, and other services.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



John Spencer, Mayor



Kathy Pugh, City Clerk