

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Lake Stevens School District Educational Services Center (ESC)
12309 – 22nd Street NE, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor John Spencer

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Kurt Hilt, Gary Petershagen, Marcus Tageant, Brett Gailey and Todd Welch (7:03 p.m.)

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Rauchel McDaniel

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, Human Resources Director Teri Smith, Human Resources/Executive Assistant Julie Good, City Clerk Kathy Pugh, Police Chief John Dyer, Police Commander Ron Brooks; City Attorney Greg Rubstello (7:19 p.m.), Police Officers David Carter and Dennis Irwin, Senior Engineer Grace Kane

OTHERS: Planning Commissioners Janice Huxford, Jennifer Davis, John Cronin, Linda Houtt and Tracey Trout

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained the workshop agenda and the following special meeting agenda.

Council President Petershagen welcomed the Planning Commission and turned the meeting over to the Police Department.

ALICE Training (Joint Training with Planning Commission): Officers David Carter and Dennis Irwin presented the ALICE training which was adopted by the Lake Stevens School District in 2014 for implementation in the case of an active shooter or other imminent threat. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. Officer Carter reviewed each of these elements, including how they can be carried out and why they are effective. He explained that while an event can seem like a very long time, in reality most events are very short, a matter of minutes, and being mentally prepared for such an event can often mean the difference between surviving or not surviving. Officers Carter and Irwin then responded to questions from the Council and Planning Commission.

Homeless Encampments on Public Lands: Police Chief Dyer reminded of the earlier presentation on the Police Department's efforts with the homeless population, including review of the laws and recent legislation. Chief Dyer said the Police Department outreach tools now include working with Compass Health and the Snohomish County Outreach specialist as partners in working with the homeless and providing resources to address their needs. Chief Dyer also said Public Works has helped clean up several sites and will continue to do so, which

is very much appreciated by both the Police Department and citizens. Chief Dyer invited Council questions and requested Council direction.

Responding to Councilmember Daughtry's question, Chief Dyer said that recent case law has been reviewed and that both the City Attorney and WCIA have vetted recently adopted ordinances based on that case law and support those ordinances.

Councilmember Tageant supports moving forward with this ordinance.

Mayor Spencer commented the city cannot tell homeless people they cannot camp anywhere within the city, but the homeless can be redirected to available resources, and if these are refused, with legislation in place, police officers can enforce no camping regulations in the form of trespassing. He added that in the case of private property owners who are experiencing homeless encampments, those property owners need to be contacted and worked with.

Responding to Mayor Spencer's question, Commander Brooks said right now there are three homeless people that he is aware of, two who live under the powerlines and a third person who moves around. He shared an example of a homeless veteran who was recently contacted, and the Snohomish County social worker was able to connect that veteran with services.

Councilmember Gailey asked about the volume of cleanup from encampments, and Commander Brooks said there was a large dump truck load in addition to other material. He added that both Public Works and the Department of Corrections workers assist with cleanups.

Planning Commissioner Huxford believes there are more than three homeless people in the city limits and that most remain unseen or hidden. She said the occurrence of homelessness is ongoing and acute.

City Attorney Rubstello commented there are advantages to having an ordinance in place including having a known policy tool that both the officers and public know, and the ability to state in the ordinance those public places that cannot be utilized as encampments. These places are usually the most public places. Attorney Rubstello encouraged the Council to move forward with this ordinance.

Responding to Attorney Rubstello's question, Chief Dyer said the Redmond ordinance is still being used as the model and that it prohibits camping on both improved and unimproved publicly owned property, including portions of streets or sidewalks that are expressly reserved for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Mayor Spencer asked about properties that are privately owned rights-of-way that are leased for public purposes, such as the water line. Attorney Rubstello commented the city would need an agreement with the agency leasing the property.

There was Council consensus to move this ordinance forward.

Interlocal Agreement with Marysville re Soper Hill Road: City Administrator Brazel said this is brought forward to tonight's work session for Council discussion. He added that three recent traffic reports have been reviewed and City Engineer Kane will provide a briefing on traffic counts and answer any traffic-related questions Council might have.

Engineer Kane shared that she reviewed traffic reports that have been recently submitted with development projects in both Marysville and Lake Stevens, and that these reports include traffic forecasts. She noted the reports are dependent on which methodology is used, but with review of several reports, patterns emerge and demonstrate that during am/pm peak hours most traffic flows at Soper Hill flows west from Lake Stevens into Marysville. Discussion ensued, and Engineer Kane shared specific numbers for east and westbound traffic during am/pm peak hours.

Mayor Spencer commented he does not recommend Council move forward with the ILA at this time, but rather let Marysville know we think we have an agreement. He noted the Whiskey Ridge development is underway in Marysville, and the new rooftops are ones that will shop in Lake Stevens. He commented Marysville is prepared to spend approximately \$5 million to improve the Soper Hill/SR 9 intersection. Additionally Lake Stevens has development applications in for Soper Hill Road that will provide traffic improvements and mitigation fees that will be used to improve the safety on Soper Hill Road. Mayor Spencer recommended not entering into the ILA with Marysville until such time as Lake Stevens is firmly assured that Costco is moving forward with their Lake Stevens project.

Councilmember Petershagen commented this provides an opportunity to continue to work on the trail agreement with Marysville.

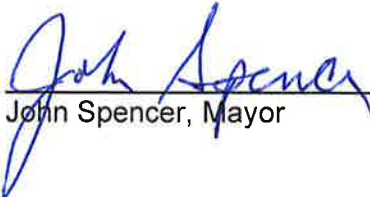
Council agreed with this approach.

War Memorial Review: Director Wright reported on his and Councilmember Daughtry's meeting with the War Memorial Board, members of the Veterans and Arts Commission and Councilmember Gailey. He reviewed the city's recommendations that the memorial be centralized in the park, adjacent to 18th Street and ADA accessible. The Board's recommendations for design of the new War Memorial include the imbedding of the seals of the different military branches into the memorial, the flags located on the outside of the memorial to provide easy access for volunteers, and on the inside the inscribed stones for the recognized veterans. Details were discussed including color, lettering and using signage to memorialize the old monument. Director Wright said the group was supportive of the concepts that are being presented tonight.

Discussion ensued, and Councilmember Daughtry said the use of bricks along the parkway was a secondary discussion and it is still intended that bricks be used, as well as including benches as part of the project. Councilmember Daughtry commented the conversation was generally focused and a good discussion, and that everyone seemed happy.

There was general Council consensus to continue with the concept presented this evening.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



John Spencer, Mayor



Kathy Pugh, City Clerk