

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Gary Petershagen, Kim Daughtry, Todd Welch, Rauchel McDaniel, and Marcus Tageant

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Councilmember Kurt Hilt

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Finance Director Barb Stevens, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, Police Chief John Dyer, Interim Human Resources Director/Risk Manager Julie Good, City Clerk Kathy Pugh, City Attorney Greg Rubstello, Deputy City Clerk Adri Crim, Parks Planning and Development Coordinator Jill Meis

OTHERS: Mayor Elect Brett Gailey, Councilmembers Elect Shawn Fredrick, Mary Dickinson, and Anji Jorstad, newly appointed Councilmember Steve Ewing, Representatives John Lovick and Jared Mead, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low

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

Roll Call: Mayor Spencer noted Councilmember Hilt is absent and that Councilmember Gailey resigned his position.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Welch, seconded by Councilmember Tageant, to excuse Councilmember Hilt from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-1).

Approval of Agenda: Council President Petershagen said Mayor Spencer requested Mayor's Business be moved to the end of the agenda, and he is requesting Council Business be moved to the end of the agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Welch, to approve the agenda with the noted changes. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-1).
Mayor/Council business moved to end of agenda

Oath of Office: City Clerk Pugh administered the Office of Office to Incoming Mayor Brett Gailey.

City Clerk Pugh administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Steve Ewing and Councilmembers-elect Shawn Frederick, Anji Jorstad and Mary Dickinson.

Councilmember Ewing took his seat at the dais following taking his Oath of Office.

Mayor Spencer then offered his congratulations to the new Mayor and City Councilmembers.

Citizen Comments:

Sam Low, 11002 UCT Loop Road, Lake Stevens, said he is here as a private citizen this evening. He first thanked Mayor Spencer for his twelve years of service to the citizens of Lake Stevens and said he has enjoyed working with Mayor Spencer over the years. Mr. Low complimented him for his full-time service as Mayor and reviewed his many accomplishments including tearing down the old City Hall, redevelopment of North Cove Park, South Lake Stevens Road, and the Rotary Skate Park at Cavelero Park. Mr. Low also thanked Councilmembers McDaniel, Welch and Hilt for their service on the City Council, and then welcomed the new Councilmembers and incoming Mayor Gailey.

Matt Tabor, Managing Director for the Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce, 9502 – 17th Place NE, Lake Stevens, thanked Mayor Spencer and Councilmembers for their service to the City and for all of their hard work. Mr. Tabor then said he is looking forward to the contributions and hard work that will be put in by incoming Mayor Gailey and incoming Councilmembers and said that the Chamber is looking forward to a continued a partnership with City.

Guest Business: Laurie Westover with Rotary of Lake Stevens presented to the City of Lake Stevens a \$10,000 donation for the Frontier Heights Park. Jim Haugen added that these funds include \$5,200 from a Rotary community fund raiser and additional matching funds from Rotary.

City Department Report:

- City Administrator Gene Brazel: Interviews for Human Resources Director.
- Community Development Director Russ Wright: Building Official update, working on yearend report.
- Commander Jeff Beazizo: Accreditation, reminded everyone to be safe during holiday season.
- Finance Director Barb Stevens: Yearend and 2020 budget.

Consent Agenda:

- MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Welch, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve:
- A. 2019 Vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits of \$223,464.01, Payroll Check No. 49239-49240 totaling \$3,284.65, Claims Check Nos. 49241-49304 totaling \$808,102.35, Total Vouchers Approved: \$1,034,851.01
 - B. City Council Workshop Minutes of December 3, 2019
 - C. Resolution 2019-23 Accepting Donation from Lake Stevens Rotary
 - D. Catherine Creek Park Lease Agreement
 - E. Ordinance 1078 Amending LSMC 2.29 and 2.56 re Arts Commission and Parks Planning Board
 - F. Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County re Wyatt Park Transfer
 - G. Reaffirm Adoption of Resolution 2019-17 re Costco Development Agreement
 - H. Lease Agreement with State of Washington re Office Space for Senator Hobbs

On vote the motion carried (5-0-1-1) with Councilmember Tageant abstaining and Councilmember Hilt absent.

Discussion Items:

Land Use Code Updates: Director Wright briefly reviewed the highlights of the code updates that have been worked on over the last year including how to address the “missing middle” and strategies for addressing more affordable housing, and looking at the zoning code as a whole and addressing areas that need adjustment. Director Wright anticipated these updates will be before the Planning Commission and City Council in the early part of 2020. Part 1 is a code clean up, including different types of subdivisions being moved into one area of the code. Also, in this part of the review, is a look at what tools have been and have not been effective as far as development types, as well as development incentives in light of the dwindling land supply. Also under consideration is a tiered development strategy to provide diversity in neighborhoods.

Director Wright said that Part 2 consists of an effort to update terms for classification strategy to be less subjective and more objective. A lot of this has been worked through with the Land Use Advisory Committee. This also includes an effort to clean up, simplify and provide clarity in the code language.

Turning to Part 3 Director Wright said this effort is to address the missing middle strategy. He commented the City received a \$30,000 grant for staff time to work on code amendments to provide diverse neighborhoods and utilize underutilized areas by allowing smaller lots, density bonuses and other development incentives that will make it easier to develop smaller lots.

Responding to Councilmember Daughtry’s question, Director Wright said the subdivision code amendments will be brought forward. Parts 2 and 3 are separated into independent actions, so all three parts will be brought forward as three separate actions.

Council Business:

- Councilmember Daughtry: Thanked Councilmembers Welch and McDaniel for their work on the Council; City holiday party; Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- Councilmember Petershagen: Sewer District, thanked outgoing Councilmembers and welcomed incoming Councilmembers.
- Councilmember McDaniel: Thanked staff and congratulated incoming Mayor Brett Gailey.
- Councilmember Welch: Said it has been an honor to serve this Council and City for 8 years.
- Councilmember Tageant: City holiday party.

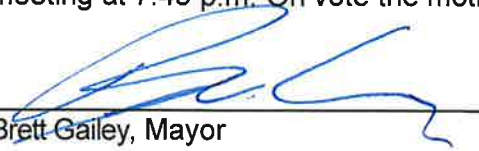
Mayor’s Business:

Mayor Spencer said he wanted to introduce some levity to the evening and presented small gifts to Councilmembers representative of their Council personas.

Executive Session: None.

Adjourn:

Moved by Councilmember Daughtry seconded by Councilmember Welch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-1).



Brett Gailey, Mayor



Kathy Pugh, City Clerk