

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Lake Stevens City Hall
1812 Main Street, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Gailey

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Gary Petershagen, Shawn Frederick, Mary Dickinson, Anji Jorstad, Steve Ewing and Marcus Tageant

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, City Clerk Kathy Pugh

OTHERS:

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

Roll Call: All present.

Approval of Agenda: Council President Petershagen said staff requests the following changes to the agenda: removal of New Employee Introduction, and removal of Discussion Items (O) Contract Update with Zachor Thomas re Prosecutor Services and (P) Overview: Police & Legal Departments.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad, to approve the agenda with the noted changes. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Citizen Comments:

Shane Oden, 3210 Catherine Drive, Lake Stevens, commented on the Professional Services Agreement with LDC, Inc. for North Cove Park Phase II design work, saying there are drainage issues in Phase I of this project, and he hopes these concerns can be resolved as part of the deliverables for Phase II so that the project can be closed as a whole.

Council Business:

Election of Officers: Council President Petershagen explained that under the Council Rules of Procedure the Council elects a President and Vice President at the first regular meeting each year to serve a one-year term. He then called for nominations for Council President and Council Vice-President.

NOMINATION: Councilmember Frederick nominated Councilmember Tageant as President, with Councilmember Daughtry seconding the nomination. There were no other nominations.

VOTE: On vote the nomination carried (7-0-0-0) and Councilmember Tageant was elected as Council President

NOMINATION: Councilmember Ewing nominated Councilmember Petershagen as Council Vice President, with Councilmember Dickinson seconding the nomination. There were no other nominations.

VOTE: On vote the nomination carried (7-0-0-0) and Councilmember Petershagen was elected as Council Vice President.

- Councilmember Petershagen: Rustic Cork ribbon cutting.
- Councilmember Dickinson: Friends of the Library; proposed coalition on library issues.
- Councilmember Ewing: Community Blood Drive on February 1 in honor of James Barnes and Cora Welton.
- Councilmember Tageant: Parks Board.

Mayor Gailey clarified in response to Councilmember Dickinson's comments regarding Friends of the Library and the Lake Stevens Library that he has requested staff move forward with a request for proposal for a new civic campus. He has been in touch with both the Sewer District and Library about this.

Mayor's Business: Mayor Gailey said he reached out to County Councilmember Low to form a U.S. 2 Coalition of Mayors to include mayors from Lake Stevens, Snohomish, Monroe and Sultan so that the cities along the U.S. corridor can talk as one team. The group has held one meeting and is planning to travel to Washington D.C. in March for meetings with elected officials to be set up by County Councilmember Low.

By way of additional updates Mayor Gailey reported the sale of property to Withrow has closed. He commended the Public Works crews for their efforts in keeping roadways open during this snow event. Mayor Gailey updated he met with Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin to discuss the need for an ILA regarding the Everett Waterline that runs adjacent to 20th Street SE and said Mayor Franklin is aware this is an economic concern for Lake Stevens; he believes she understands and is receptive to moving this interlocal agreement forward.

Councilmember Daughtry asked if the existing U.S. 2 Coalition is included in this new coalition. Discussion ensued as to the roles of the two coalitions and the previous work done by the older coalition, with Mayor Gailey saying he believes at some point the two coalitions will be combined, and the new coalition will have more of a mayors' focus and include Port of Everett as well. He added this Mayor's U.S. 2 Coalition is travelling to Washington D.C. the week before the NLC conference to talk with legislators. Councilmember Daughtry encouraged that the new coalition talk with the older coalition and commented on the amount of work the older coalition has accomplished over the years.

Councilmember Petershagen asked if the interlocal agreement with Everett regarding the waterline has been signed. City Clerk Pugh said Lake Stevens has signed the interlocal agreement and she will follow up with Everett to see where they are in their process.

Councilmember Frederick asked how the Mayor's Coalition will interface with this Council and its trips to Washington D.C. and Olympia to lobby for trestle improvements. Mayor Gailey responded that is Council's decision.

Councilmember Tageant suggested this is up to the Council and it could be added to the retreat agenda as to whether they want to go to Washington D.C. He said it is important to stay on top of this with elected officials. Discussion ensued with Councilmember Tageant providing a brief review of the Council's previous trips to Washington D.C. and noting that it is not always possible to meet with the elected person, but it is important to be in front of them and have the city's projects be in their priority list as number 1 or 2.

Mayor Gailey also suggested hosting a Town Hall meeting in Lake Stevens during a recess time.

Councilmember Petershagen commented the NLC conference is not that far away and a decision on going or not needs to be made sooner than later. He reviewed the successes in meeting with elected representatives, and Councilmember Tageant said he believes the best meeting was the unscheduled meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Councilmember Daughtry does not believe the Council has fully utilized the NLC membership and suggested going at a different time or meeting with electeds when they are in town might be better. However, he also recognizes that Council representatives will not be able to meet with other officials such as the head of DOT without traveling to Washington D.C.

Councilmember Tageant encouraged going at a different time, maybe April, and suggested Doug Levy might be able to coordinate some meetings.

There was consensus to travel to Washington D.C. at a later date in the year and to work with Doug Levy in setting a schedule.

City Department Report:

- City Administrator Gene Brazel: Association of Washington Cities City Action Days; reminded of the Council liaison role for boards and commissions is one of observer and reporting back to Council on board and commission activities.
- Community Development Director Russ Wright: Costco update.
- Public Works Director Eric Durpos: Snow and ice control update.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Tageant, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to approve:

- A. 2019 Vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits of \$226,850.82, Payroll Check No. 49313-49314 Totaling \$3,451.97, Electronic Funds Transfers (ACH) of \$448,207.62, Claims Check Nos. 49305-49312, 49315-49380, 49383-49444 totaling \$1,002,240.43, Void Check Nos. 49056, 49100 Totaling (\$41.00), Total Vouchers Approved: \$1,680,709.84]
- B. 2020 Vouchers [Claims Check Nos. 49445-49469, totaling \$642,110.58, Total Vouchers Approved: \$642,110.58]
- C. City Council-Arts Commission-Parks Board Joint Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019
- D. City Council Regular Minutes of December 10, 2019
- E. City Council Special Meeting Minutes (Candidate Interviews) of December 17, 2019
- F. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019
- G. Arts Commission & Parks Board 2020 Work Programs
- H. Planning Commission 2020 Work Program
- I. Board & Commission Liaison Appointments / Committee Assignments
- J. Cancel City Council Meeting of January 28, 2020
- K. Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Lochner re 24th Street SE

- L. Professional Services Agreement with LDC Inc. re North Cove Park Phase II
- M. Pavilion Naming

On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Public Hearing: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion Items:

Subdivision Updates: Director Wright presented the staff report and summarized the city is undergoing a restructuring of some of its codes including the subdivision code. He commented that subdivision code requirements are being moved into one chapter, 14.18, and then reviewed what has been looked at including tools to ensure they are still effective and incentives. The effort is to find balance, and to provide affordability and efficient development. The Master Builders has reviewed the new code section and provided productive input. The Unit Lot Subdivision code was also reviewed and there were minimal changes, and there were some updates to Cluster subdivision code language. The Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a second public hearing on January 15, 2020. There is also a developer request to update the impervious surface requirements, and if this is done staff recommends limiting it to new development going forward.

Discussion ensued and Director Wright responded to Councilmembers' questions on time limitations, bonding and maximizing housing options including multi-family for the remaining lots.

Councilmember Petershagen commented new construction is not affordable housing and Councilmember Dickinson said there is a great need for affordable housing.

Councilmember Jorstad said under federal definitions affordable housing is not the same as low income housing.


Executive Session: At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Gailey announced an executive session to last ten minutes to discuss pending litigation, with no action to follow and real property acquisition with action to follow.


At 7:58 p.m. the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened, and City Administrator Brazel noted for the record that the City Attorney participated in the executive session by telephone.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Ewing, seconded by Councilmember Frederick to authorize the Mayor or designee to complete a purchase and sale agreement for property known as the Landre property and located at 12308 – 17th Place NE, Lake Stevens, in the amount of \$370,000. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Adjourn:

Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Ewing, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).


Brett Gailey, Mayor


Kathy Pugh, City Clerk