

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
By Remote Participation via Zoom

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

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

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, Human Resources Director Anya Warrington, City Clerk Kelly Chelin, IT Manager Troy Stevens and City Attorney Greg Rubstello

OTHERS:

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

Roll Call: All present except Councilmember Frederick.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Tageant, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry to excuse Councilmember Frederick. Motion was withdrawn when Councilmember Frederick arrived to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

City Clerk Chelin presented a few revisions into the record for the agenda:

- Revision to the August 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Correction: September is Suicide Awareness Month)
- Small revision to Resolution 2020-21 (correction: Be it Resolved..the Council (not the Board)
- Proclamation added for Suicide Awareness Month
- The Racing to Equity Consultants are being moved to Guest Business

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Ewing, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen to take the full-time Mayor position from the table and add it to the action items this evening. The motion passed 5-2-0-0 with Councilmember Dickinson and Councilmember Jorstad voting opposed.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Ewing, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry to approve the agenda with the revisions. The motion passed 6-1-0-0 with Councilmember Dickinson opposed.

Guest Business:

Cascade Award Certificates – Kari Quaas Snohomish Conservation District

Racing to Equity Training Discussion – Bernardo Ruiz Latinx and Tami Farber. They both explained that this was a meet and greet before they come back and do more training at a later date with the Council.

Council Business:

Councilmember Ewing complimented the work that the Snohomish Health District has been doing.

Councilmember Dickinson stated that she enjoyed the training she attended with the Police Department at The Mill.

Councilmember Frederick thanked the Council and Mayor for their support. He stated that sometimes we can disagree on issues but we still support each other. He also stated that the COVID numbers are going in the right direction. He reminded people to keep wearing masks and to social distance.

Councilmember Daughtry reported that Community Transit has hired a recruitment firm to hire a new CEO.

Councilmember Jorstad reported that she also attended the police training at The Mill. She thanked citizens for the recent texts and emails on several topics. She stated she really appreciates the feedback and the voices from the community.

Citizen Comments:

Jeremy Wood, Brothers in Healing. Mr. Wood explained that he was with a non-profit 5013C, Brothers in Healing, with his partner Chris Sutherland. They focus on suicide awareness in police officers. He also spoke in support of the School Resource Officer program in the Lake Stevens School District.

Mark Somers, 2411 118th Drive NE, Lake Stevens. Mr. Somers spoke about the Resolution supporting law enforcement. He would like to see the Resolution re-worded to focus on local City and County police.

Stephanie Steele. Ms. Steele stated that she works with people of color. She is disappointed in the language for the Resolution for Law Enforcement. She believes the wording is inflammatory and divisive. She asked that the resolution be re-worded. She also stated that she is not in favor of a full-time Mayor position at this time.

Earl Gray. Mr. Gray echoed Ms. Steele's comments. He is a bag fan of the Police Department and Chief Dyer. However, he believes the resolution is bad timing. He would be in favor of supporting the Lake Stevens Police Department.

Elizabeth Coelho. Ms. Coelho echoed the previous comments. She stated that the resolution is poor timing and should only support the Lake Stevens Police Department.

David Durante. Mr. Durante is with Sno-Isle. He stated he is proud to serve the residents of Lake Stevens and hopes to find a viable solution for the library in the City.

Helen. Helen thanked David at Sno-Isle. She stated that she has written to all of the Councilmembers. She believes passing the resolution for Law Enforcement will signal bad stuff.

She is concerned for the people of color in the City. She would like to see the City establish a Community Task Force.

Jessica Wadhams. Ms. Wadhams stated that she believes the resolution for Law Enforcement brings little value. She stated that the national temperament is not good.

Kari. Kari stated she was a mother of school age kids. She stated that the Resolution is just words and let's open the discussion about it. Would like to use a community-based police task force.

Christine Egelstad. Ms. Egelstad stated that she supports the Lake Stevens Police Department and Chief Dyer.

Shaelynn Charvet-Bates. Ms. Charvet-Bates stated that she is the Chair of the Library Board. She said she has not heard anything more about the library. She requested that the board discuss this at their next meeting in October.

Pam Somers. Ms. Somers stated that the full-time Mayor vote was tabled until October 13, 2020. She said she's concerned with the vote being moved to tonight's agenda.

Jeanne. Jeanne stated she supports the resolution for Law Enforcement. She believes we need to show support for the police officers and families. She also spoke in support of the full-time Mayor position. She said now is the time and its needed in the community.

Melissa Knaak. Ms. Knaak thanked Shaelynn for her comments. She said the Library Board needs to be told about the Sno-Isle matters. She said she fully supports a new library.

Kristin Fetters-Walp. Ms. Fetters-Walp stated she has lived in the City for 17 years. She believes the Resolution for Law Enforcement needs to be rewritten and that its inflammatory. She also spoke about the library. She said the board was not consulted and the community needs to be brought into the conversation.

Mayor's Business:

Mayor Gailey reported that he met with the City of Everett regarding the water line off of 20th Street. He asked that everyone keep the firefighters fighting the wildfires in their prayers.

Proclamation for National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month – Mayor Gailey read the proclamation into the record.

Justine McClure, President of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, spoke in support of the proclamation.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Jorstad, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson to approve the Proclamation for National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve:

- City Vouchers

- City Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020
- City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020
- Interlocal Agreement with Lake Stevens School District for a School Resources Officers
- Public Works Dump Truck Purchase
- Ordinance No. 1095 Amending Budget Ordinance No. 1079 and including changes to the Organizational Chart

The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Public Hearing:

Machias Industrial Annexation

Director Wright explained that City Council held a public hearing for the Machias Industrial Annexation on August 25, 2020. After the hearing, Snohomish County did not certify the election based on current property valuations. Staff has met with other landowners potentially interested in joining the annexation petition. Once additional signatures are added, staff will bring a revised petition back to Council for its action or a potential modification of the annexation boundaries. After this point staff will re-submit to Snohomish County.

Council questions related to revenue generated and county indebtedness. Overall revenue for all districts would be at least \$111,000 a year based on property taxes. There is a current stormwater assessment that would continue to be paid by property owners until the bond is paid off.

The public hearing was advertised pursuant to RCW 35A.14.130. To date, no public comments have been received. After the Boundary Review Board has reviewed the annexation, and the County validates the petition, the City Council will have the final decision to annex the property by ordinance.

Director Wright asked the Council to open the public hearing and continue it to another Council meeting since the County has not certified the petition and more names may be added.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

There were no public comments or questions from the Council.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Daughtry and seconded by Councilmember Ewing to continue the public hearing to the September 22, 2020 Council Meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Action Items:

Legislative Priorities

Mr. Doug Levy presented the City of Lake Stevens 2021 Legislative Agenda Top-Priority Issues at a Glance that was included in the Council packet. The Council discussed these priorities at their previous workshop on September 1, 2020. Council is in agreement with the priorities as presented and thanked Mr. Levy for his service to the City.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Ewing, seconded by Councilmember Jorstad to approve the legislative priorities for 2021. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Resolution 2020-21 Supporting Law Enforcement

Mayor Gailey stated for the record that he introduced this resolution due to the law enforcement officers being on the front lines. He stated that it's a tough job and we are fortunate to have these officers. He doesn't believe the Resolution is divisive. He further stated that law enforcement gets very few thank you's.

Councilmember Petershagen spoke in favor of the resolution. He cited a line in the resolution that says the City supports police who act ethically and with integrity.

Councilmember Dickinson would like to re-word the resolution to address support for the Lake Stevens Police Department. She wants everyone in the community to feel good about it.

Councilmembers Daughtry said he was sad that a majority of people in the City that do support this resolution are not at the Council meeting tonight. He supports the resolution as written.

Councilmember Frederick also spoke in support of the resolution. He does not believe the language is divisive.

Councilmember Tageant also spoke in support of the resolution. He stated that its hard to make everyone happy. He appreciates all the comments tonight but will be voting in favor of the resolution.

Councilmember Jorstad stated that she appreciated the comments. She believes the resolution is divisive. She stated that she wants to elevate the voices that are not being heard. She does support local police but can't support the resolution as its written.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Frederick and seconded by Councilmember Ewing to approve Resolution 2020-21 Supporting Law Enforcement. The motion passed 5-2-0-0 with Councilmember Dickinson and Councilmember Jorstad opposed.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Ewing and seconded by Councilmember Frederick to approve going past 9:00 p.m. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Jorstad to move the Sno-Isle discussion and the full-time Mayor discussion to the next meeting. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Sno-Isle discussion will be moved to the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Full-time Mayor Position.

MOTION. Moved by Councilmember Ewing and seconded by Councilmember Daughtry to approve Ordinance 1093 for a Full-time Mayor Position.

Councilmember Jorstad stated that she would still like to discuss the best timing for this.

Councilmember Dickinson asked a process question about this being added to the agenda.

Councilmember Tageant stated that procedure was followed.

The motion passed 5-2-0-0 with Councilmember Dickinson and Councilmember Jorstad opposed.

Citizen Comments:

Stephanie Steele. Ms. Steele stated she was disappointed with the last-minute decision on the full-time Mayor position. She doesn't believe the citizens were given notice. She is not happy with this decision in the middle of a pandemic.

Earl Gray. Mr. Gray stated that he spoke about this previously. He believes this decision should not have been done 8 months into the year.

John Lovick. Mr. Lovick spoke about the Sno-Isle Library and would like to have serious discussions on the Sno-Isle library in the City.

Jessica Wadhams. Ms. Wadhams stated that she was disappointed in the full-time Mayor decision tonight. She stated it was a part-time position originally.

Jeanne. Jeanne stated that the City is at a crossroads. The full-time Mayor topic has been discussed at several meetings. The City needs a full-time Mayor.

Lauren. Lauren stated that the full-time Mayor vote was self-serving, and she was disgusted.

Kristin. Kristin stated that she was disappointed in the Council tonight.

Helen. Helen stated that she didn't believe the Council was listening to the comments on the Resolution for Law Enforcement. She believes the Council was dismissive tonight.

Lindsay. Lindsay said she believes the Council was dismissive tonight. She told the Council that they will be hearing from her again.

Kari. Kari asked how the Council is getting information out to the community. She asked if there was a public bulletin board. She asked the Council to consider this for residents who are not good at using the internet.

Sue Fernald. Ms. Fernald stated that communication is number one. She would like to see more communication efforts for the elderly.

Melissa Knaak. Ms. Knaak asked the Council to take their time to listen to their community.

Adjourn:

Moved by Councilmember Jorstad, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. The motion passed (7-0-0-0).


Brett Gailey, Mayor


Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk