

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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, Steve Ewing and Marcus Tageant

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Finance Director Barb Stevens, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, Human Resources Director Anya Warrington, City Clerk Kelly Chelin, Police Chief John Dyer

OTHERS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Gailey.

Lake Stevens Rowing Club

Director Durpos presented a PowerPoint to the Council regarding the Lake Stevens Rowing Club (LSRC) Boathouse Move – Near Term Plan. He reviewed the next steps with the Council:

- Rezone of the property to allow multi use sport facility
- Complete land survey to determine how much of the property is usable for both the current and future buildings
- Demolish house, clear and prep the land for boathouse
- Determine the cost of upgrades to the current structure
- Define schedule of events
- Agree to financial responsibility
- Lease agreement

Council and staff engaged in a discussion and agreed with the next steps.

Letter Supporting Adoption of a 0.1% Sales Tax for Affordable Housing

Councilmember Jorstad explained that the Alliance for Affordable Housing is requesting that member cities provide their formal support to request that the County adopt a 0.1% sales tax for affordable housing through councilmanic action. A draft letter has been provided in the Council packet for review and discussion.

Council engaged in a discussion. Council discussed several concerns with the tax including the fact that it did not include a sunset clause. Councilmember Jorstad stated that this letter would need to be sent by October 28, 2020. Council decided to compose a new letter with the concerns from the City of Lake Stevens and bring this back to the October 27, 2020 meeting for action.

2021 Preliminary Budget

Finance Director Stevens and Senior Accountant Roundy discussed the 2021 preliminary budget with the Council. Accountant Roundy focused on the property tax levy for 2021 and explained to the Council about the property tax limitations and declaring a substantial need. The

Council reviewed the Transportation Benefit District, Senior Center and Snohomish Health District as well as budget next steps. The next budget discussion with the Council will be November 10, 2020 for the budget public hearing.

Ordering Vehicles for 2021

Director Wright explained that during its preliminary budget discussions, Council was supportive of purchasing additional vehicles for Planning and Community Development. An additional vehicle would be purchased for Public Works.

The cost of all three vehicles would be approximately \$100,000. Vehicle to be purchased:

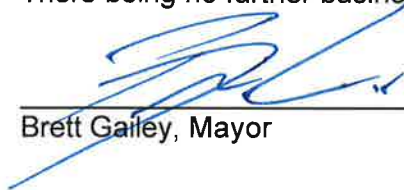
1. Replace Chevy Blazer with Ford Escape for Plans Examiner/Inspector;
2. Transfer Ford Escape, purchased with general fund dollars, to Code Enforcement and replace with new Ford Escape for Building Inspector; and
3. Purchase new Ford F150 for Public Works Inspector as the creation of the Capital Project Inspector moved the existing vehicle to this position.

Council and staff reviewed the vehicle requests and agreed with the recommendation. This item will come back to the October 27, 2020 meeting for action.

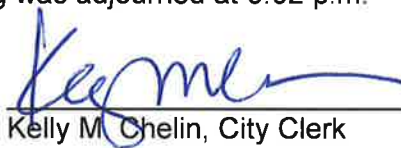
Other:

Council agreed to cancel the November 3, 2020 Council meeting due to the election.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Brett Gailey, Mayor



Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk