

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL/RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 29, 2021 and Saturday, January 30, 2021
By Remote Participation via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.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: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Finance Director Barb Stevens, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Eric Durpos, City Engineer Grace Kane, Capital Projects Manager Aaron Halvorson, Human Resources Director Anya Warrington, City Clerk Kelly Chelin, IT Director Troy Stevens and Police Chief John Dyer

Friday, January 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Brett Gailey.

The retreat was interrupted at approximately 9:15 a.m. and had to be restarted.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:42 a.m.

Capital Priorities for the Council

Capital Projects Manager Halvorson reviewed the 2021 Capital Projects with the Council in the areas of Facilities, Parks, Transportation, Surface Water and Beautification.

Council discussed the projects.

The Council took a break from 10:33 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Civic Center Update

Director Wright stated that the City, Sno-Isle Libraries and the Lake Stevens Sewer District (LSSD) along with Consultant Stowe Development have been working on a development plan for a proposed civic center located near Chapel Hill. Director Wright gave an update on the project. Council discussed the next steps.

Retreat takeaway: Staff will follow-up with Community Transit on a bus stop at the Chapel Hill Civic Center.

Council and staff also discussed the relocation of the Sno-Isle Library and updates on the Downtown Plan.

Retreat takeaway: Staff will follow-up with Sno-Isle Library on their IT needs for their move to the old Police Station on Grade Road.

Fireworks

Council and staff discussed bringing a ballot measure in November to place a ban on fireworks.

Retreat takeaway: Staff will work with the election's office and continue to pursue placing this on the ballot in November.

A few more discussion items were added to the agenda:

Broadband and LID Funding Districts

Mayor Gailey discussed the Washington Broadband survey results with the Council. He also discussed an idea of a funding district that would follow the school boundaries for sidewalk improvements.

Council took a break for lunch at 11:51 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Councilmember Frederick left the meeting for another commitment from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rural Urban Transition Area/Annexations

Senior Planner Levitan gave an update to the Council on the Southeast Interlocal and Machias Industrial annexations and other potential future annexations.

Retreat takeaway: Council supports the continued work and looking at the area south and north of Highway 92.

Hazard Pay Policy

Director Warrington discussed hazard pay going forward and whether hazard pay should be tied to when staff receive their vaccinations.

Retreat takeaway: Staff will bring back this item in approximately 4 weeks to a Council workshop for further discussion.

Council took a break from 1:45 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

Equity 2021

Councilmember Jorstad discussed equity in the City with the diverse population. The Council discussed starting conversations with the community.

Retreat takeaway: If this becomes an official City board, the board members should be appointed to the committee through the established City procedures.

The following agenda items were added to Friday's agenda:

Youth Council

Councilmember Daughtry and Councilmember Frederick gave an update on the formation of a Youth Council.

Retreat takeaway: Continue to pursue the Youth Council.

Council Procedures

Councilmember Daughtry discussed possible changes to the Council Procedures.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mayor Gailey adjourned the retreat at 3:05 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Brett Gailey.

The Council recessed to executive session at 9:01 a.m. to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for approximately 15 minutes.

At 9:21 a.m., the executive session was extended for an additional 5 minutes.

At 9:26 a.m., the executive session was extended for an additional 5 minutes.

The executive session ended at 9:30 a.m.

Frontier Village Vision/Hartford Machias Industrial Planning

Council and staff discussed the vision for Frontier Village and potential urban growth area applications. Council discussed priority areas.

Retreat takeaway: Council discussed looking at other alternatives to the Hartford Industrial Area.

Strategies with City of Everett

Mayor Gailey stated that he will be meeting with the Mayor of the City of Everett. There are developers that want to develop along 20th Street. Mayor Gailey said he will be walking the area with the Mayor of Everett in hopes to come to an agreement.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mayor Gailey adjourned the retreat at 11:04 a.m.


Brett Gailey, Mayor


Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk