

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
By Remote Participation via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 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, City Engineer Grace Kane and City Attorney Greg Rubstello

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**Call to Order:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Gailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

All Councilmembers were present except Councilmember Petershagen.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to excuse Councilmember Petershagen. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Note: Councilmember Petershagen joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tageant, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

**Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Petershagen stated that he attended the Sewer District Utility Committee meeting this afternoon. He stated that its unfortunate that the City and Sewer District have such fundamental differences and hopefully the unification can make everyone come together.

Councilmember Tageant also stated that he attended the Sewer District Utility Committee meeting today. He stated that the City is trying to save money by bringing the two entities together.

Councilmember Dickinson thanked the Kiwanis Club for the easter egg hunt. She also thanked Representative Berg and Representative Lovick for the funding for the Civic Center. She thanked the City staff for all of their work and believe staff would help with a DEIA Commission.

Councilmember Jorstad stated that the Department of Emergency Management has announced that there are hundreds of vaccinations available. She asked that the DEIA Commission discussion be on the agenda for next week's workshop.

Councilmember Frederick thanked Representatives Lovick and Berg. He stated that unfortunately COVID numbers are going backward. He urged everyone to get their vaccine.

Councilmember Daughtry said the Youth Advisory Council is coming along and one of the students is on the Council meeting tonight.

Councilmember Tageant thanked Doug Levy for all his work as the City's lobbyist.

**Mayor Business:**

Mayor Gailey echoed those comments and stated Doug Levy does great work for the City. He stated that the DEIA Commission discussion will come back to the next Council meeting. Also, staff will get the vaccine information on the City's website. Lastly, he agreed with the comments earlier about the Sewer District. The goal is to save money and legal fees. He hopes that the assumption can continue forward.

**City Department Update:**

Director Wright gave a report to the Council on the legislative session. He also stated that the County Council will hold a public hearing tomorrow regarding the Southeast Interlocal Annexation.

**Guest Business:**

Director Durpos introduced his new employee Travis Wright, Public Works Inspector.

Government Affairs and Public Policy Director Robert Knoll gave an update on Puget Sound Energy.

**Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frederick, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The consent agenda included the following:

- Vouchers
- Agreement with City of Marysville Regarding Lake Stevens Sewer District Facilities and Accounts
- Lake Stevens City Council Regular Meeting Agenda April 27, 2021
- Shared Purchase of a Loader for the New Decant facility
- City Council Meeting Minutes of 3/16/21
- City Council Meeting Minutes of 3/23/21
- City Council Meeting Minutes of 3/30/21
- City Council Meeting Minutes of 4/13/21

**Public Hearing:****6-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2022-2027**

Senior Engineer Kane explained that each year the City is required under RCW 35.77 to prepare a six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The intent of the TIP is to provide information to the State for regional and statewide planning that includes project type and location identification, potential impacted utilities, funding needs, and inter-agency coordination.

The TIP is a subset of the City's 20-year transportation list in the Comprehensive Plan's Capital Element (Chapter 8). The projects identified in the TIP have been selected based on the priority established in the adopted 20-year transportation list. The TIP is important to the City when seeking grant funding for future transportation projects. This gives advance notice to the funding agencies of potential grant dollar demands.

However, not listing a project does not prohibit seeking funding for a non-listed project. In this case, the TIP would require an amendment be adopted by resolution. One of the key points of an agency's TIP is that it is supposed to be realistic. This means that the projects listed should be able to be constructed within the 6-year period if funding can be secured. Each year, the TIP is reviewed and updated to reflect what has occurred and adjustments are made. If a mid-year change in priorities occurs or a new project is added, the TIP can be updated.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:02 p.m.

Robin McGee, Lake Stevens. Ms. McGee asked about the 7.6-million-dollar roundabout and sidewalk on the corner of Main Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen, to approve Resolution 2021-05: Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Deputy Chief Discussion.**

Chief Dyer explained that as the city and police department continues to grow, he has been evaluating what type of command structure will work best for the department and city. He explained that the Deputy Chief position will accomplish two main objectives:

1. Enable the Chief to focus on the strategic direction and external activities essential to a growing community and Department. The creation of this position will allow the Chief to spend more time focusing on strategic planning, the external factors effecting police operations, partnerships, outreach, communication, and the collaboration needed to make a law enforcement organization successful.
2. Operationalize the vision of the Chief and the City into cohesive plan of action across all departments.

This would be an interim position for 6 months and then it will be re-evaluated.

The Council and staff engaged in a discussion.

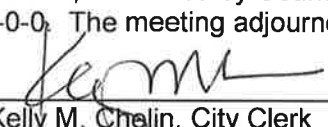
**MOTION.** Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve Chief Dyers recommendation of the police department structure as amended in the

staff report and the position will be interim until the rest of the year and the reevaluated as part of the 2021 budget. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Brett Gailey, Mayor

  
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk