

City Council
July 25, 2023

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Rose, Burbank, Green, Arsanto, and Anderson.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Fire Chief Skogen, Police Chief Alfano, Finance Director Hines, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Senior Center Coordinator Mickelson, City Engineer Miller (via Zoom), and City Clerk Percival.

Mayor Burkett asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Burkett administered the Oath of Office to new Council member Milt Tremblay.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Denice Bergerson – Ms. Bergerson shared an idea for the old broken fountain near the skatepark. She shared rather than turn it into flowerpot when the City is already having trouble keeping up on weeding the flower beds, maybe staff should look at getting rid of everything except the standing structure with the plaques for former Mayors and this would take less maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation & Utilities:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Committee met on July 18th and held discussions on the following topics:

- Utility Worker & WWTP Recruitment Status
- Management Analyst Recruitment Status
- Meeting with the Transportation Improvement Board
- Hinkleman Road Project Status Update
- PSE Substation Wetland Mitigation Project Update
- Presbyterian Church Parking Agreement.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Green shared that he had been ill so he missed the PCRC meeting, but he will listen to the recording and share an update at the next meeting.

Council member Smith inquired about Justice Field and what was the arrangement. He was wondering if the City owned it and it is not being used, he thinks it may be a great place for a new City Hall.

Council member Arsanto shared that he thought that field was slated for future cemetery use.

Council member Smith did not think that would be feasible with the trail running in between the cemetery and that property.

Council member Tremblay thanked the Council for the vote of confidence in him and he looks forward to collaborating with the Council during the next six months.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORD No. 14-23: Amending the 2023 City Budget

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve ORD No. 14-23, Amending the 2023 City Budget. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7/0.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire: Fire Chief Skogen shared that his quarterly update was included in the Council packet. He highlighted a few achievements, wanted to thank all our volunteers for donating their time to the Fire Department. He stated to Council that he would be happy to answer any questions.

Council member Burbank shared that she feels we have an amazing regional EMT program and that our Fire Departments response time is amazing.

Council member Smith shared that Buckley is a unique story of having almost entirely volunteer Fire Department. Buckley has a proud history of fire service. He also shared that he feels a local news organization should look into the fact that our department is 95% volunteer, and our accomplishments and response time are outstanding.

Police: Police Chief Alfano shared his quarterly report. He also shared that Officer Norohna has left for a job with Enumclaw. He also shared that crime in Washington is

going up because we don't have enough officers. The City did lead the County in clearing cases.

Council member Tremblay stated that he feels that the Police Department is doing a great job and understands the issues the police are having with not being able to chase suspects anymore and asked what the Council could do to help.

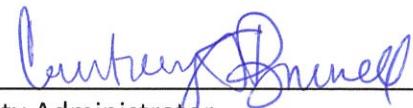
Council member Smith shared that we have legislators in this state that did not vote for this legislation and stated that the Council can help by letting people no to not vote for candidates that support this legislation.

Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

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