

**City Council
May 27, 2025**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Burbank, Bergerson, Green, and Bender (via Zoom).

Council member Burbank moved to excuse Council members Anderson and Arsanto. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Public Services Director Banks, Fire Chief Skogen, Police Chief Alfano, Firefighter Smith, Senior Planner Farnsworth, City Engineer Miller (via Zoom), and City Clerk Zumek.

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

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

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Mayor Burkett read and presented a Proclamation to Representatives Penner. Unfortunately Representative Stokesbary was unable to join us tonight.

Representative Penner expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone for their hard work in convincing the State not to close Rainier State School.

Several employees of Rainier State School, community members, clients of Rainier State School and Council shared their thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work by everyone involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Burkett shared that the siding and the steps are being installed at City Hall.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan Update
Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

Senior Planner Farnsworth provided a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Plan and what has been updated since the last time it was brought before Council.

Josh Hosford – Mr. Hosford shared that he is the President of Citizens Alliance for Property Rights. He thanked Mr. Farnsworth for his presentation and shared his concern for what he feels is the biggest change since the plan was adopted in December is the 30-50 units being changed to 15-40 and feels the City was not transparent about this change.

Sandra Anderson - Ms. Anderson shared her concerns with the Fire Risk Mitigation and that the roads would not accommodate everyone trying to get out in the event of a major fire.

Upon no further testimony, Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 6:39 PM.

License Agreement between the City of Buckley and the Buckley Chamber of Commerce (Audio Speakers)

Council member Burbank moved to Approve the License Agreement between the City of Buckley and the Buckley Chamber of Commerce. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement with DSHS for Protection Services

Council member Green moved to Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services with DSHS (Rainier School). Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Update: City Administrator Brunell shared that the Spiketon Bridge opening was supposed to be this summer but has run into some soil issues.

City Clerk Zumeck shared that the Passport event went great and over 100 passport applications were processed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Sandra Anderson - Ms. Anderson shared that she was before Council again to request that they discuss changing the Code regarding beehive setbacks.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

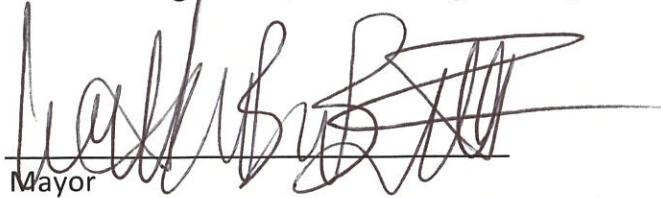
Council member Smith shared his concerns with the updates to the Comprehensive Plan regarding the Racially Disparate Impact Report.

Council member Green asked if the language in #4 could be adjusted. Mr. Farnsworth shared that it had already been adjusted and if we change it any more, it will not be accepted by the Department of Commerce.

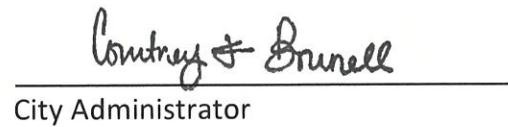
Council member Bergerson asked if the City Hall Open House was still scheduled for June 17th? City Administrator Brunell shared that yes, it tentatively.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.



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