

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
152 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM, WA
July 25, 2016**

WORK SESSION

1. Mid-Year Financials

Hagener explained how these financials tie into the budget amendments that will be discussed tonight. All funds are performing better than expected. Revenues are over budget. She explained the capital projects that are included in the budget as well as projects included in last year's budget that are carried forward into 2016.

2. Mid-Year Budget Amendments

Hagener explained that any budget amendments brought forward will match any activities or projects that have already been approved by the Council. She reviewed the amendments included in the mid-year amendments. There will be a public hearing on this issue on August 8.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Bob Lake, Pam Leonard-Ray, John Miller, Ted Miller, Candace Pratt, Dennis Smith and Genaveve Starr.

REPORTS

Committee, Board and Liaison

T. Miller reported on the Finance Committee meeting that he attended.

Leonard-Ray reported she attended the Arts Commission meeting. There are 3 pianos in town. The auction date has changed to August 5 to coincide with the First Friday events. Paperwork for the elk window fundraising project has been distributed.

Starr reported she attended Shiso City Sister City Association meeting. The Association is sponsoring tomorrow's chamber lunch. Dennis and Charlie are the speakers. A delegation will arrive from Japan on September 23. There will be 7 girls, 3 boys and 4 chaperones. The Jamestown Tribe is providing transportation from the ferry to Sequim. September 27 is the Sayonara dinner. Sequim ambassadors will travel to Shiso on Monday, October 10. There will be 5 boys and 5 girls. Pam Leonard-Ray will be a chaperone along with 2 others.

Starr reported that that on July 18 she attended CTS meeting. They set a public hearing for 6 year transit development plan.

Presiding Officer

Mayor Smith reported that he attended the CTS board meeting on the 15th. This morning he cut the ribbon for the Carrie Blake Community Park for the new driveway and parking area. It was a great cooperative project. There are signs everywhere and will be a learning experience for those wanting to visit the area since it is now a one-way.

City Manager

- Update on Council Chambers Art

Kuznek-Reese reported that the City Council had asked for additional information to have a colored logo on the wall behind the dais. Sharon Delabarre reported that powder coating would be cost prohibitive. A colored logo is possible for an additional cost of approximately \$1200. The vendor would charge \$100 per hour to create additional artwork if we wanted something off the sides of the logo.

There was discussion about the various options.

MOTION to approve Option 2 with the colored logo and proceed with issuance of the RFP for the enhanced side artwork made by Pratt; second by Leonard-Ray. Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jan Butler spoke against fireworks and in favor of a public display. She spoke of the dangers of fireworks and the devastation they have caused. She asked that the Council ban fireworks.

Roxanne Butler reaffirmed the issue is noise and personal safety. This is the first city she has lived where there is not a ban on fireworks. She encourages having a professional display rather than personal use of fireworks. She is in favor of going to a vote on the ballot.

Larry Allen moved here in December. He has lived in areas where fireworks have been banned. Many have designated areas like a public park for the display of fireworks. This needs to be voted on. He had a lot of residue in his yard from fireworks. He is in favor of a vote.

Preston Smith has been involved selling fireworks for 25 years. He has had many conversations with the Assistant State Fire Marshal. Their stats show the illegal fireworks are the major cause of issues. We live 6 miles from a reservation that sells these. His group has reduced their selling days in the past and would not be opposed to doing that

again. He suggested a 3 or 4 day season for fireworks. There is room for compromise.

Karen Gower has worked 46 years in fireworks sales. She has a lot of stats that have been presented to the fire marshal. The fireworks discussed by Ms. Butler are all caused by those fireworks that are illegal in the State of Washington. Banning fireworks will not ban rockets or other dangerous fireworks. The fireworks on the reservations are illegal in the state. She suggested enforcing the current ordinance.

Dave Westman stated he has been involved in a nonprofit stand in Sequim for 24 years. We are in close proximity to the illegal fireworks. If we ban in Sequim, people will move outward. They are willing to compromise. There was a prior discussion to ban in the City. The safest place to enjoy fireworks is in their own street.

Ron Fairclough has enjoyed fireworks. He doesn't feel we should ban them on July 4. There should be more discussion, letters in the paper, let's have a vote. To ban is not fair to the majority of the people.

Joy Beaver commented if you allow safe fireworks you will also have not so safe. Some people are not sleeping because it goes on for so long. She is in favor of banning all fireworks in the city limits.

John Butler stated it's up to the people of the City to determine whether or not we want to have a ban and to what degree. He believes the citizens would vote to ban or restrict the use of fireworks. Perhaps a committee should be formed to study this issue.

Pat Clark said we already have a police force that doesn't/can't enforce the cell phone usage policy. Why add one more thing that they can't enforce? He suggested going to the tribe and asking them to quit selling the stuff. He suggested educating the public.

Shawn McMurray stated there are many who sell fireworks for nonprofits. This needs to be considered. It's only one day.

INFORMATION/COUNCIL QUESTIONS INVITED

3. First and Second Quarter Funding Reports
 - a. Peninsula Behavioral Health 1Q
 - b. Peninsula Behavioral Health 2Q
 - c. Boys & Girls Club 2Q
 - d. Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic 2Q
 - e. Shipley Center 2Q

There was a question about how the Shipley Center determines low income eligibility. Kuznek-Reese will contact them for confirmation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Legislative)

4. Ordinance No. 2016-07 Zoning Revisions (continued from 7/11/16)

Mayor Smith read the public hearing rules and the public hearing was opened at 6:40.

Hugo clarified 18' height limit change in RII will come at a later date. We currently are doing the critical changes. The 18' limit involves the map and the complexity would delay the process too long. He explained the changes being made at this time. The economic opportunity areas will be presented at a later date with this new zone. SEPA does not run out until the first part of August.

Mayor Smith asked for speakers on the issue.

MOTION to continue the public hearing to August 8, on proposed amendments to sections of Title 18 SMC relating to single-family use and developments recommended by the Planning Commission for adoption, including revisions to the Official Zoning Map, for regulatory consistency with the Comprehensive Plan made by Starr; second by Leonard-Ray. Carried Unanimously.

5. Review and Approve Ordinance 2016-06 Amending Security Standards for Utility Sites

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

David Garlington stated this ordinance adds a clause to the fencing code. Code allows use of mesh fencing for certain uses. City infrastructure sites and facilities are currently not included. This will include City sites in the clause.

Mayor Smith asked for additional speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m.

MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 2016-006 amending SMC 18.24.140 relating to fences at City-owned critical infrastructure locations, as proposed by City staff and recommended by the Planning Commission made by Pratt; second by Starr. Carried Unanimously.

6. Review and Approve Resolution R2016-20 adopting the 2017-2022 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Matt Klontz reported there was a change to the East Fir rehabilitation project. It was decided to schedule East Fir in 2019 so we weren't doing West Fir at the same time.

Mayor Smith asked for speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

MOTION to approve Resolution No. R2016-20, adopting the 2017 to 2022 6-Year Capital Improvement Program made by Lake; second by Leonard-Ray. Carried Unanimously.

7. Review and Approve Resolution R2016-15 Adopting the City of Sequim 2017-2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Matt Klontz stated this was reviewed with Council in the first part of July. This is a planning document. This is not a commitment to fund or build projects. It helps us to obtain funding sources.

T. Miller asked what can be done to improve Washington and Second since the buildings are already in place? Klontz indicated that a signal is an option. We may redesign the intersection to allow the stop bars to be moved. It is limited in that area as to what can be done.

Mary Bell submitted comments from Norm Cleveland. He is concerned with #20 and #24. The proposed traffic signal should be a top priority. He suggests a couplet is necessary; making Prairie a through street; it could become one leg of the future couplet. #24 causes environmental problems because of mid-block crosswalks. Public Works did a good job on last year's street repairs and paving projects.

Mayor Smith asked for additional speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing closed at 7:02 pm.

T. Miller agrees Prairie should be made a through street. It would relieve a lot of congestion.

MOTION to approve Resolution No. R2016-15, adopting the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program made by Lake; second by Pratt. Carried Unanimously.

8. Review and Approve Ordinance 2016-08 Amending the Creation of the Sequim Transportation Benefit District

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Nelson-Gross explained a new TIP has been adopted. When the City updates its TIP, the Council needs to amend its Ordinance creating the TBD. We are amending the TBD ordinance to allow adoption of the TIP.

Mayor Smith asked for speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 2016-008 incorporating the new 2017-2022 TIP into the original TBD project list made by T. Miller; second by Lake. Carried Unanimously.

TBD BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARING

9. Review and Approve Resolution TBD2016-01 adopting the City of Sequim 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Nelson-Gross advised that this is the TBD adopting the City of Sequim's Transportation Improvement Program.

Mayor Smith asked for speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION to approve Resolution TBD R2016-01 recognizing the amended project list (TIP 2017-2022) adopted by City Council Resolution No. R2016-15 made by Leonard-Ray; second by Lake. Carried Unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Approve/Acknowledge
 - a. City Council Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2016
 - b. Claim Voucher Recap Dated 7/25/16 Total Payments \$413,929.91

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by T. Miller; second by Pratt. Carried Unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Adopt Resolution R2016-21 Authorizing an Advisory Vote on Banning Fireworks within the City Limits

Nelson-Gross reported that an advisory vote could be placed on the ballot. The proposed resolution would bind the Council to the vote results. The Council does not have to follow an advisory vote, but they are encouraged to do so. The resolution proposes a total ban of all fireworks because of the way the fireworks are defined by the state. She provided information on other cities' fireworks ordinances. Professional display options were considered. The prices range from \$11,000 to \$30,000. The estimated cost to place the issue on the ballot would be not to exceed \$5,000. If this is placed on the ballot, she suggested the Council create a committee to write pro/con statements.

T. Miller believes it should be placed on the ballot. He feels the City should put a ban on the discharge but sees no reason why we should put a ban on the sale of fireworks. Fireworks are dangerous in a dense area. 80-90% of the purchases in Sequim are by those outside the City limits.

Leonard-Ray agrees with T. Miller. Most of the purchases are made by those living outside the City limits. We should allow people to purchase "safe" fireworks.

Starr agrees it should go to the voters.

Mayor Smith indicated the Council may wish to appoint a committee to develop pro/con statements on the fireworks issue. Appointments are due to the County by August 2; pro/con statements due August 16; and rebuttals due 8/19. Ted Miller, Bob Lake and John Miller were appointed to serve on the committee to determine whether or not to have a pro/con statement in the voter pamphlet and, if so, who would serve on the committees to write the statements.

Nelson-Gross added that the pro/con statement in the voters' pamphlet would cost approximately \$2,500.

MOTION to approve Resolution R2016-21 authorizing an advisory vote on banning the discharge of fireworks within the City limits made by T. Miller; second by Starr. Carried Unanimously.

MOTION to authorize the subcommittee to expend the funds not to exceed \$2,500 to be included in the voters' pamphlet. Motion by T. Miller; second by Starr. Carried Unanimously.

12. Adopt Resolution R2016-16 on Sustainability and Resiliency

Ann Soule explained the changes that have been made to reflect the Council's comments during previous discussions.

MOTION to approve Resolution R2016-16 adopting policies that improve the City's sustainability and resiliency made by Pratt; second by T. Miller. Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Interlocal Agreement with Clallam County for Building Services Reciprocity

Hugo explained the need to contract with other government entities to provide services on a case by case, as-needed basis. This would allow for an exchange of staff. Permit fees would cover most of the costs.

Bush added that we are looking at a more significant agreement with other jurisdictions in the future.

MOTION to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Clallam County to provide staff building services to supplement staff resources on an as-needed and reciprocal basis made by Starr; second by T. Miller. Carried Unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(Please limit comments to 3 minutes each)*

Jim Stoffer thanked Council and staff who attended the school board meeting last week. There is another meeting Wednesday night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE Mayor Smith announced the next meetings dates of August 8, 2016 (5:00 p.m.), August 22, 2016 (Cancelled), and September 12, 2016 (6:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC
City Clerk



Dennis Smith
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on August 8, 2016.