

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
152 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM WA
January 28, 2019**

WORK SESSION

1. Sequim Housing Action Plan Presentation

Barry Berezowski stated that the average household income in the City of Sequim is \$38-39,000 annually. The medium monthly rent is \$900. Most service industry workers are in the \$2800 monthly income range. There is a considerable amount of people in Sequim paying more rent than they can afford.

Tom Beckwith reviewed the results of the housing study. A lot of Sequim's growth is from migration. Sequim is attracting more retirees and empty nesters. That will create different service and housing demands. Millennials are not buying houses. He reviewed the results of a survey that was conducted and provided an overview of the various housing types. Financing programs are outlined in the housing report.

There was consensus to forward this to the Planning Commission for their review and input. There was consensus to move forward with a subgroup to review the issues. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mayor Smith called a break at 5:50 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Smith, Lake, Miller, Pratt, States, Armacost, Janisse

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CEREMONIAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS *Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Please see "Public Comments" rules attached.*

Carol Thomson stated that Clasen Cove residents are here to express concern about a driving hazard on Cape Hope Way. It is a dangerous road to travel as it is presently configured. The street is busy with traffic. They are seeking the Council's assistance in coming up with a better solution.

Monte Ostrom spoke about the parking issues on Cape Hope Way.

Harry Grandstrom spoke about the parking issues on Cape Hope Way.

Jack Schramm spoke about traffic control at Clasen Cove and the parking issues on Cape Hope Way.

Don Berger spoke about traffic on 5th Avenue trying to turn onto Cape Hope Way.

Jan Johansen works at the cancer center and hears two to three times per week from patients who are concerned about traveling on Cape Hope Way. There is plenty of parking at OMC with security and no reason for employees to park on Cape Hope Way.

David Garlington provided background concerning Cape Hope Way. Because of the compelling testimony tonight, he will recommend removing parking on one side of the street. There was council consensus to proceed.

Jim Scott reported that it is Dennis Smith's birthday on January 31.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Ordinance No. 2018-014 Relating to Nuisance and Chronic Nuisance Activity, Amending SMC 8.04 and Repealing Chapter 8.16

Mayor Smith read the rules and opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Nelson-Gross explained the current code and process. The current code has challenges and is not quite clear and can be subjective and limiting. There is not a process for appeal or abandoned property. The proposed changes address furniture, equipment, machinery, etc.; improperly stored garbage; vegetation/structures that provide habitat for rodent infestation; broken/discarded furniture; fire hazards and establishes an administrative review process, as well as other changes. She suggested litter issues be addressed in SMC 8.12. Council may want to consider incentives to promote beautification.

Curtis Sharp, 930 Portside Way, Clasen Cove is surrounded by vacant lots. Is there a provision for citizens to notify the City of weed issues/fire hazards on those lots?

Lisa Hopper explained that there is a provision to do that. She sends out notices to owners of vacant lots on an annual basis asking them to make sure their lots are mowed.

Ron Fairclough spoke about the people living on his property.

Mayor Smith asked for additional speakers. The public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

Miller complimented the city attorney on an outstanding job on this ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-014 relating to nuisance and chronic nuisance activity moved by Janisse; second by Pratt. Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve/Acknowledge
 - a. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019
 - b. Claim Voucher Dated 1/28/19 Total Payments \$745,592.04
 - c. Serenity House 3rd Quarter 2018 Report
 - d. Serenity House 4th Quarter 2018 Report
 - e. Shipley Center 4th Quarter 2018 Report

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

OTHER

INFORMATION

Committee, Board and Liaison Summary Reports

States reported that the SWAC meeting discussed hiring consulting support. Due to action needed, they would like to meet monthly rather than bi-monthly.

States attended the North Olympic Development Council. They are moving forward with updating the climate action plan. They want to focus on municipalities in Clallam County. The County is planning climate change week; there is a Broadband symposium on March 18 and 19 at the tribe; and a small business planning session starting March 5 in Port Angeles. The Port is providing funding to the CRTC and WSU for cross laminate timbers using hemlock. The Executive Director of the EDC will be heading up the Opportunity Zone Program and the EDC will hire a new executive director. Port Angeles is moving forward on the multi-family tax exemption.

Lake reported on the Board of Health meeting.

Miller reported he attended the Clallam Transit meeting.

Pratt also attended the CTS meeting and Sequim Cares. They heard from residents of Oxford House. The warming center has enough funds to be open every day from now until weather warms. Staffing is an issue.

Pratt attended the Youth Task Force meeting.

Armacost reported on the Arts Commission meeting. Seal Street lighting and potholes is a large issue and being discussed.

Student Liaison Report

Presiding Officer

He was joined at Coffee with the Mayor by Charlie Bush, David Garlington and Sgt. Madison. There were 21 in attendance.

City Manager

- Council Goals Update

Bush reviewed the council goals.

States suggested providing feedback and addressing the issues that were raised during the Business Blitz. She continues to hear issues regarding the Sign Code.

Miller feels a business incubator is important. Bush added that we have a virtual business incubator through the SBDC.

Garlington reported there will soon be EV stations at Pioneer Park. As vehicles are purchased, they will be replaced with electric vehicles.

States suggested adding that there is collaboration with the NODC on sustainability.

- Cedar Ridge Update

Berezowski provided background and information about what has transpired regarding vegetation and trees in Cedar Ridge. There is nothing on the recorded plat to prevent cutting of trees. The developer is cutting trees. They are also doing the required replanting. The approved conditions allow trees to be thinned to create building areas and view sheds.

Staff will follow up with Susan Lorenzen this week on the issue.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110(i)(iii) – Potential Litigation


Mayor Smith announced an executive session for potential litigation. It is expected to last approximately 9 minutes and no action is anticipated. The meeting recessed at 8:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC
City Clerk



Dennis Smith
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on February ²⁵ 11, 2019.