

**CITY OF SEQUIM  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER  
152 WEST CEDAR STREET  
SEQUIM, WA  
CORRECTED OCTOBER 14, 2019**

1. League of Women Voters Water Study Group

Ann Soule, Public Works Resource Manager, and Carol Hull with the League of Women Voters (LWV) presented concerning the educational outreach for the LWV and the story of water.

The kickoff of the series starts October 23rd. The Story of Water coincides with Imagine a day without water.

2. South Sequim Complete Streets Charrette & Next Steps (by Framework)

Jeff Arango with Frameworks presented the information from the South Sequim Connector Design Charrette.

Ted Miller mentioned that the through route is another perspective to consider in addition to the neighbors' input.

Arango stated that the options that are being created do not lead to a trade-off. They can satisfy the residents and the goals in that area.

Miller stated that he isn't a fan of traffic calming for a street like this. Arango mentioned soft traffic calming which relates to the designs presented this evening. Soft traffic calming is like sidewalks buffered by street trees and bike lanes, etc.

Bob Lake asked about how many people affected by the connector were in attendance. Arango mentioned about 40 - 60 the first night and that they took the site tour the next day which included about 15 and about 20 at the Administration Building.

Arango stated that people were concerned with walking and lighting and less about their property at this time. He said that once you start talking about specifics, personal property concerns come up.

Jennifer States said this is an opportunity for people to come together and talk about a shared vision.

Lake said that traffic can be sent through other traffic routes.

Brandon Janisse asked if Framework engaged the Shaw family. Arango said yes.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dennis Smith, William Armacost, Ted Miller, Bob Lake, Jennifer States, Candace Pratt, Brandon Janisse

Absent: None      Excused: None

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Janisse requested to pull Item 10 from the Consent Agenda. Miller agreed with that request.

Smith moved the Student Liaison report to occur after Item 4.

**MOTION** to approve Changes to the agenda. by Brandon Janisse; seconded by Ted Miller. **Carried Unanimously.**

### **CEREMONIAL**

#### **3. Introduction of School Superintendent Dr. Rob Clark**

Dr. Rob Clark was welcomed by Mayor Dennis Smith. Dr. Clark came in to thank the City for the welcome and the partnerships created and the consistent support of Sequim School District programs.

#### **4. Bob Lake Yellow Belt Award**

Jason Loihle, Management Analyst, presented Lake with a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Award.

#### **Student Liaison Report**

Eva Lofstrom gave the Student Liaison report. She mentioned that they just had Homecoming and some freshman students are currently visiting Japan. The student choir is participating at All-State. The STEM program started a robot program to introduce younger kids to the program.

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

Joan Cotta, 1301 S. 3rd, Unit 9D, her comments are on the MAT Survey. She is concerned with the security of that survey. She took a Polco Survey twice and it didn't kick her out. She has concerns with the older generation and their ability to take the survey. She is also concerned with the ability to drive results and sway the results. She doesn't think it is an adequate tool.

Roger Sonnenberg brought a show and tell item of a tombstone to talk about the dash about how we have lived our life. An expert of dying and death said people scared of death were people who thought they needed to make a difference and didn't. He said that the Council will be responsible for the deaths in this town because of the MAT Clinic. People are moving because they are afraid. He wants to know what we will be known for.

Marsha Maguire, 57 Territory Lane, is happy to be here. She was a librarian and archivist and they are finally here. She said her job is media literacy and we need it now more than ever with "fake news". She said we need to know how to understand our information sources. She has been looking at the information on both sides of this topic. The "calling BS" site at the University is a good website to use.

Tim Wheeler, 164 Honeybee Lane, is here to speak in favor of the MAT Clinic. He is the acting chair of a grassroots organization that supports the healing campus. He grew up in Sequim and has memories of the responsibility. We should think about our own responsibility. He said Clallam County has some of the highest numbers of opioid addiction in the country. We are only as beautiful as if we measure up to those who are ill and must be treated.

Honeybee Burns was a caregiver for about 20 years. She had to help take care of people in pain. There was a team of people to take care of those people. She salutes the tribe for what they are doing.

Chuck Marunde, 125 Olympic Ranch Lane, said he moved here in 1994 and brought his family here because of the Sequim School District. He mentioned his famous children and he is proud of the school district. He completed an online survey. He said 1962 people had completed the survey. He said that 88% of the people are opposed to the survey. He said the results are in real time for anyone to look at. He said that you should do a Google Search for Sequim Methadone Clinic to get the results. He provided a handout to the Council.

Sandy Goodwick, 142 Heather Circle, from Port Angeles is here to speak about the MAT Clinic. She has participated in creating a national survey. She said her survey was cleaned up by a professional. She is here to speak about the MAT and ADA. She said that people going to the MAT are people qualified with disabilities. They should also know about the ADA. The City has no ADA Title Coordinator. Do you have a sign for accessible hearing? She said that if you complete that survey, the City will find that it doesn't comply with the ADA. She said that the City is endangered of losing all federal funds.

George Noah, 110 Coral Drive, said that the City is tearing itself apart. There is distrust and anger. He said Sequim is headed into rough waters and that the City Council sits on their hands. George referred to the 2014 Council Goals. He said that there is a lack of leadership. He expects the Mayor to do something. He wants the Council to take a stand one way or another. He said that they should take the application through the process and review it.

Marc Sullivan, 822 Clark Road, is here to talk about the MAT Clinic. He said that Brent Symcosky said that the Jamestown Tribe has offered a MAT treatment at the clinic for more than two years now. He asked the Police Department about how many calls they received from Jamestown because of the MAT treatment. He said hardly anyone even noticed because nothing happened. He commented on the Essential Public Facility process. He said to obey the rule of the law.

Bob Bilow, 195 Sunset Place, is a retired lawyer and class of 1961 of Sequim. He wants to know if the Tribe would waive the sovereign immunity. He said you can't take the Tribe into Superior Court. He said that the wastewater treatment plant had that immunity. He asked that the Tribe do that with this property as well. He said this isn't automatic because the Council must have a way of an outlaw organization from coming in. He wants to make sure there are rules and that the tribe waives their immunity.

Rebecca Horst, 330 West Maple St., class of 1993 in Sequim and the 1993 Irrigation Festival and she is a Pioneer and a grange member. She was in the foster system and her father is a Navy Seal, frogman and he didn't get a diploma. They grew up in poverty. She said that she stayed late at the last meeting and that the City Council said that they discussed the survey and that the Council said that maybe the Jamestown would consider a different location. She told the Council that they are being harassed by this group and you are reinforcing the negative behavior. Last weekend they completed a peace march.

Elizabeth Shilling, 822 Clark Road, has lived in Sequim for about five years now and she also lived in Sequim in the early 1980s. She said it has changed a lot since her first time living here. She mentioned the water video and the charrette. She said that planning is so important here. She said people are struggling because with emotion and fear. She said we should go with facts and she also said that she isn't against the MAT clinic. She mentioned heavy rail in Seattle in the late 1960s or early 1970s. The citizens voted it down. They ended up putting it in for more money.

Rose Marschall, 162 South Barr Road, and asks the Council to err on the side of caution. She would like Council to pass a city ordinance to deny camping or sleeping on public land. She said that other cities have passed civil ordinances saying that you can't camp here. She referred to Burien, Federal Way and Tacoma. She would like Council to pass that.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Quasi-Judicial or Legislative)**

### **CONSENT AGENDA was amended to exclude item 10.**

5. City Council Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019
6. Correction to July 8, 2019 City Council Minutes
7. Claim Voucher Recap in the Amount of \$492,132.86
8. Appointment of Wren Fierro-Burdick to the Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board

9. Appointment of Susan Boudreau to the City Arts Advisory Council

**MOTION** to free form Approve/Acknowledge the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 10.; moved by Candace Pratt seconded by Ted Miller.

YES: Dennis Smith, William Armacost, Ted Miller, Bob Lake, Candace Pratt, Brandon Janisse

NO: None ABSTAIN: Jennifer States

**The vote Passed.**

10. Independent Consultant On-Call Contract for Professional Services with Tierra Right of Way Services Ltd. and Epic Land Solutions, Inc.

Miller said he thought it was inappropriate for it to be on the consent agenda. He would like a presentation of the item.

Janisse is completely against this because he thinks this should be in-house. He has issues using this money that could be used somewhere else.

Matt Klontz, City Engineer, said he would put items like this under the regular agenda in the future.

Klontz said that as a civil engineer they aren't professionals in right-of-way (ROW). They need expertise in acquiring ROW. Some existing projects needing ROW agents are the Safe Routes to Schools project and the 9th Street projects.

Klontz said that we used a ROW agent for Fir Street. He said that these types of people dedicate their career to just that. The County has a ROW agent, but they have more projects. WS DOT is very particular to the qualifications and it isn't something we can cross train. He said that it is about protecting people's constitutional rights.

States asked if it would be more cost effective to use a consultant. Klontz said yes and if there was a mistake it might damage our future ability to have access to this type of grant. It refers to the Uniform Relocation Act.

Miller asked why we use these two consultants. Klontz said that we issued a Request for Qualifications and it was open to everyone who wanted to submit. He said that they used objective criteria for the selection.

**MOTION** to approve 10. Independent Consultant On-Call Contract for Professional Services with Tierra Right of Way Services Ltd. and Epic Land Solutions, Inc.; moved by Bob Lake seconded by Jennifer States.

YES: Dennis Smith, William Armacost, Ted Miller, Bob Lake, Jennifer States, Candace Pratt

NO: Brandon Janisse

ABSTAIN: None

**The vote Passed.**

## OTHER

### 11. MAT Clinic Survey

Miller referred to the survey handed out by the public and asked if it was valid.

Lake asked how the survey would be validated. Miller said that he didn't know because it isn't the City's survey.

Miller said it seems logical to find out what people are concerned with and he doesn't particularly like the threats from the crowd about ADA. He wants to find out why people are opposed and how to work on their concerns. He said that it could be a security concern, etc. He said there are some good MAT facilities and some bad ones. He doesn't know how to figure out how people feel. He said that he and Lake have come up with some possible questions.

Miller said that we can try and resolve the issues.

Lake said that he applauds the efforts to find out how people feel. Lake said that there is a process when we get an application and that the hearing examiner gives people the outlet for people to give their concerns.

Miller said that the Hearing's Examiner is interested in the law. He said the whole purpose of this is not the legal procedure. He said the Tribe is sensitive to public opinion.

William Armacost said he thinks that based on the community response is a lack of awareness from the article coming out in the paper. He said that Joan Cotta referenced surveys with valid information. He mentioned the paper ballot for the People's Project and how something simple like this might be better. He said a combination of the surveys from Miller and Lake might be good. He said the simpler the better and that we do care about the community and the public's concerns. He told the public that they do care about them.

States thanked the rest of the Council for waiting for her return to discuss this item. She said that she is a proponent for having as many ways as possible to comment. She also cautioned against a survey. She said it takes a scientific expert to structure surveys and anything less than that could create bias. States said that creating a false expectations that we can address something that we can't address.

She said that the Tribe or any other applicant has the right to develop in that location. We would be kicking the can down the road. She said that we should be discussing mitigation, using public forums and find a common vision. She said we all agree on the security of the community. States said that we should bring facts to the table, but a survey can't do that. She said we need to find out how to structure it in the right way. She doesn't think the survey is the way to do it.

Janisse said that he agrees with Armacost but has concerns with Polco. He said he gets calls from both sides of the aisle in using Polco.

Miller said he doesn't see how asking why people are opposed they would emphasize the reason that they were opposed.

Janisse said that he is concerned about those not on Polco. Janisse said that he agrees with States approach in holding a meeting to discuss the issue. He said get people and the Tribe together.

Miller said he didn't think that would work.

Lake asked Miller if he will come up with information through a survey that he hasn't already heard. Lake said that even if a small amount of the population is concerned with safety. Wouldn't we all care about that?

Miller said that he wants to know the major concern.

States said that we could get together and find out what we can agree on. We all want to make sure Sequim is a safe and secure place. She said we could investigate police options. States said that if we ask a question that we can't address it creates a false perspective that we can do something more.

Miller said that it is about the socio-economic issue not the legality.

Lake said we would generate "false" facts using this polling process. He said that does more harm than good. He said we already know the issues.

Candace Pratt said that she agrees with Lake and that this has no statistical validity.

Miller said he disagrees and that he will move for it.

Pratt said that she isn't afraid of the results. She said she is discouraged with the fact that it isn't statistically valid.

States said it would require it would require a large amount of money to go down that path and it is disingenuous and insincere to bring up questions that we don't have the ability to address.

States said that it wouldn't be statistically valid without a great expense and it is disingenuous. She said that we should mitigate what we do have control over like safety and security. She said she would rather spend time finding a way to find common vision and a way to create more unity.

**MOTION** to approve 11. MAT Clinic Survey

Moved to approve in principle the use of Polco to determine the resident's opinions concerning the erection of a MAT near Costco. The exact structure of the question would be determined by City Council at the next Council Meeting.

; moved by Ted Miller seconded by William Armacost.

YES: William Armacost, Ted Miller

NO: Dennis Smith, Bob Lake, Jennifer States, Candace Pratt, Brandon Janisse

ABSTAIN: None

**The vote Failed.**

## 12. United Way Campaign Kickoff

Travis Simmons attended from the United Way to kick off the 2019 / 2010 Campaign.

Simmons said that there are 25 non-profit agencies involved in the United Way program. He said the money that you give goes through those agencies in Sequim.

United Way Board Member Ray Chirayth mentioned the Clallam Resilience Project. He said that resolving childhood issues early on gives children a chance. He also mentioned the gap funding for adult education. He said that it assists those adults in getting an education.

## 13. EDC Update

Colleen McAleer provided the presentation on the report. She mentioned that the unemployment rate is moving up a bit.

McAleer provided some information from the American Community Survey with the US Census. She provided labor income information. She said that we have a much higher incomes through rents and passive payments. This information was from Clallam County. She mentioned that she is putting this information into a prospectus for businesses looking at Clallam County.

The Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) is funded through Small Business Association. They take care of the bottom of the pyramid. These are people that don't have existing businesses. This is for people who need help turning their ideas into businesses. Mike Skinner represents CIE and has done a tremendous job. The CIE bridges a gap. There is an option to create a joint 501c3 to formalize the Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone and NOLA. They are working on the LLC to prepare for investments from local and outside agencies. The EDC is working on a prospectus to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem. They recently met with Opportunity Fund managers and was told that we have the most bankable projects.

McAleer said that affordable housing, businesses that create jobs and alternative energy projects are the three most popular areas of concern to work on. The investors want to make sure the local areas are also putting their money forward as well.



Colleen Robinson provided an update on North Olympic Legislative Alliance (NOLA). North Peninsula Builders Association partnered with Habitat for Humanity on a workforce training for students. They built a Habitat house and learned building skills.

McAleer said that they need to reach out to local investors to place money in local projects.

She said we need a much better business assessment tool. Job openings in the construction field is an example. They think they would need a non-profit position in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Olympic Workforce Development isn't getting the best information from this region and that our needs are very different.

#### 14. Regional Representation

Charlie Bush City Manager mentioned that we were given direction in the past about local governments joining in with NOLA. Also, OlyCAP approached the City about having the presence on those boards.

States said more information would be good. We need to understand how it ties to broader legislative efforts.

Smith said that the Peninsula should speak with one voice.

Lake said it helps them represent in one voice.

McAleer said that in prior years that there was concern that there was not a lot of transparency. The steering committee includes economy, environment, governance, healthcare and transportation. The committees have three priorities. Those committees submit those priorities to NOLA. The diverse list of people votes on the top three items. The lobbyist hired by the EDC will lobby for those top three priorities. Jefferson County is doing the same thing. She said what is the solution to the problem. What is the bill we are trying to pass to help solve that problem? Jennifer Burkheart is heading health and safety. Luke heading education committee. We are looking for a builder to be a head of the business, economic development and housing committee. They meet two times per year. The legislature has priority days. This year it will be around early learning education.

Pratt asked about the meetings. They meet twice before the end of the year. After the subcommittees meet, they get together to talk about the priorities before they vote.

The Council indicated that they would like more information about NOLA before placing a member on that board.

OlyCAP representation by the Council. Smith mentioned that it would be on Council to represent at OlyCAP.

Miller mentioned that they should see what else they should drop from the list.

## 15. Snow Removal

Ty Brown, Public Works Operations Manager, provided an update for snow removal and lessons learned from the early 2019 snow event.

Brown mentioned that we had two feet of snow that stayed on the ground for a while. He said they have some lessons learned, the crew was amazing, and it was all hands-on deck.

Some lessons learned: store snow chains, get salt in storage, purchase some snow blowers for the sidewalks.

Miller mentioned his concern with using salt because it is corrosive.

Brown said that it isn't more corrosive than the magnesium chloride we currently use.

## 16. Park Board Proposed Membership Change to Ordinance to SMC 2.62

The City Council indicated to Staff that the Parks Board should consider five members instead of seven if they are having a problem filling out the Parks Board with four City residents.

## 17. Resolution R2019-06 for the Adoption of the 2020 State Legislative Agenda

Bush presented the option of having a lobbyist. Lake and States said it is needed to move items forward. Many are supportive of the lobbyist.

Bush said we need to look at the legislative agenda and come back to discuss if we should expand the coverage of the lobbyist.

States said we should bring the Police policies.

Pratt asked if it is possible to add another bullet to ask for rural counties to be given leave from the prevailing wage law.

Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney, said that we have to be aware of the federal requirements.

States said we would like it to be more specific to our region.

Council discussed whether to have a short list or short session, a long list and the priorities.

David Garlington, Public Works Director, mentioned that Lobbyist Davor Gjurasic said to stay involved so that our presence is always there. He mentioned Item 2 on the Legislative Agenda relating to the federal funding exchange program. He said that the cities and counties can't spend the federal money because of the detailed documentation. He said

that Clallam County will not take a grant of less than \$1 M from the federal government. He said that the only STP money we've used was for Fir Street. There is a federal project exchange so that you can use state money and swap with another location that is already using federal funds for those projects. That other agency would already have to document.

Lake and Pratt are supportive of item 2.

States asked about item 3. She said we should keep an example project to call attention to the project is helpful.

Lake said it could be good to keep the ideas separate.

Miller said he supports item 4 but he could think of more things important to the City of Sequim. Lake said if it covered all bonds that might serve us better.

States said that recruiting people to the area is that the number one issue is having quality schools to have quality jobs. Lake said to add something in for economic development.

Miller would like to eliminate the super majority for all votes.

States said eliminate the super majority for bonds and use the school bonds as the example and why it is essential in Sequim and relate it to economic development.

States asked to add to Page 1 of resiliency. Electric and alternative fuel and infrastructure for these vehicles. States said she is hearing more and more about federal funding.

Council discussed if they should adjourn. Four indicated to go forward and finish the meeting.

#### 18. House Bill 1406 Affordable Housing

**MOTION** to adopt Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution R2019-07, the intent to impose the affordable housing sales tax credit at the maximum capacity. by Bob Lake; seconded by Candace Pratt. **Carried Unanimously.**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Committee, Board and Liaison Summary Reports**

Janisse attended the Cities on Tap and Association of Washington Cities (AWC) brought up the \$30-tab issue. They also discussed unfunded mandates.

Pratt attended the affordable housing summit. She met with Kate Dexter from Port Angeles City Council and Councilmember Jeremy Loveday from the greater Victoria area. She also judged the culinary loop Grand Chowder Contest.

Armacost said he attended the NOLA event as an organizational meeting. He said that prevailing wage is a big problem for getting projects done here. He said that he would like to see Simdars funded but they also must fund the Elwha bridge. He said that he will be attending the EDC meeting.

Lake attended the affordable housing summit. He mentioned that students can train for jobs and that the student wouldn't have to pay the tuition if they make under a certain amount.

### **Presiding Officer**

Smith mentioned that he had dinner with the legislators with Bush and Garlington. Smith said I-976 is a big deal and projects would get pushed back if it passes.

### **City Manager**

#### **19. 2020 Council Advance Planning**

Bush provided the draft agenda for the Council.

States said it will be good that we get enough time for strategic goal setting. Two days in February will be tricky. January or splitting the days would work for her.

States asked if we should open the strategic goal setting process to the community.

Miller said he isn't sure that we need two days, but he thinks we need to reallocate the time. He said that there should be time spent on the strategic goal setting.

Bush mentioned that we need more time for Jurassic Parliament.

Tom Ferrell said he thinks that one day would do it.

Smith said he likes the morning better, but our focus is strategic goal setting and that shouldn't occur at the end of the day. He said that we should cover everything but the goal setting in the first day.

Armacost would like to invite the public.

Smith said that we couldn't get it all done.

States said maybe it is split out into multiple days.

Staff would recommend outside facilitation for the Council Advance. General supporting head nods.

#### **20. City Arts Advisory Council (CAAC) Partnership with KSQM for Summer Music Concert Series and Civic Center Gallery Naming**

Hueth mentioned that the CAAC would like to name the exhibit area in the Civic Center. It would help make it more prominent in the community. Armacost supports the program.

Four head nods in naming the area in the Civic Center.

Cyndi Hueth, Arts Coordinator presented a potential partnership with KSQM for the summer music concerts. She mentioned that they wanted to share the program with the community.

Lake and Smith like the idea.

## **21. Misty Mountains – DNR name change**

Bush provided the overview of a letter requesting support of the name change to the unnamed foothills close to Blyn.

Miller said it isn't located in the City of Sequim.

Miller and Pratt said they recommend that we take no action.

Council decided to take no action.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Pratt would like to have Council approval to have a proclamation to recognize Karen Kuznek-Reese's commitment to the Council.

Smith said she was the Clerk as a little over 21 years. We can't give her enough and he is very much in support of Karen.

Armacost said that he would like to name the gallery after Karen. Had a lot of support.

Council recommends a proclamation and bring the gallery back.

Pratt suggests that we limit public comment to 30 minutes at the next meeting. Council agrees.

Lake said that we had agenda comments at the beginning and good of the order comments at the end.

Smith said that we should come back to that idea.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council returned from Executive Session at 10:30 pm.

Miller summarized that there was a contract signed by the City and the Sequim Picklers in December 2017. The Council motioned to include an amendment in the contract before it was signed. There was a discrepancy and the contract signed did not include the amendment.

Miller moved that the City Council insists on its amendment being incorporated in the contract, that notice to the pickleball group be given that they be given 30 days notice to accept the additional clause in the contract and if not that the City Council consider the contract to be terminated.


Council discussed adding additional time but returned to the original motion.


Pratt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with Janisse abstaining from the vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Charisse Deschenes  
Acting City Clerk

  
Dennis Smith  
Mayor

CORRECTED Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on November 25, 2019.