

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2020**

WORK SESSION

The City of Sequim, Washington, held a work session using videoconferencing and teleconferencing on Monday, October 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., with Mayor William Armacost presiding. Deputy Mayor Tom Ferrell and Councilors Sarah Kincaid, Brandon Janisse, Dennis Smith and Mike Pence also were in attendance. City Manager Charlie Bush was present. The meeting was quorate.

AB 20-078 2021 Budget Overview

Administrative Services Director Sue Hagener gave a presentation on the preliminary budget for 2021. She reported that despite the pandemic, Sequim has economic stability and sustained revenues due to a diversity of revenue sources. In this balanced budget, current staffing levels were maintained and planned capital improvement projects are moving forward. Ms. Hagener said training budgets were cut due to the pandemic and staff decreased budgets in all categories. Following Council direction, utility rates were not increased. Staff are recommending the Council increase property tax by 1% to keep pace with increasing costs. She answered Council questions.

AB 20-079 2021 Proposed Rates and Fees

Administrative Services Director Hagener provided the Council with a preview of recommended changes in the City's rates and fees proposed in the 2021 budget.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Sequim, Washington, met virtually using videoconferencing and teleconferencing on Monday, October 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor William Armacost presiding. The meeting was quorate.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Armacost led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Sara McMillon conducted roll call. Mayor Armacost, Deputy Mayor Tom Ferrell and Councilors Sarah Kincaid, Mike Pence, Dennis Smith and Brandon Janisse were in attendance. City Manager Charlie Bush also was present.

PRESENTATION

Proclamation of Indigenous People's Day

Mayor Armacost proclaimed October 12, 2020, as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Sequim. Theresa Lehman, Tribal Council Treasurer for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation Recognizing Former Councilor Troy Tenneson

Mayor Armacost recognized former Councilor Troy Tenneson with an honorary proclamation. Mr. Tenneson served in Council position No. 6 from January 13, 2020, until his resignation August 21, 2020.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

The Council by unanimous consent reordered the agenda, placing the student liaison report as item 11.5.

MOTION: Councilor Kincaid moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Smith seconded. VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

The Council approved the agenda for the October 12, 2020, regular meeting with an amendment to the order of business, relocating the student liaison report from item 8 to item 11.5.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

Assistant City Manager Charisse Deschenes read the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilor Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Ferrell seconded. VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.

The Council approved:

1. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting September 26, 2020; and
2. Claim Vouchers Totaling \$498,141.18.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AB 20-075 Interviews to Fill Council Position No. 6 Vacancy

The Sequim City Council conducted interviews with candidates for a vacant seat, Council Position No. 6. The Council interviewed Keith Larkin, Kathy Downer, Lowell Rathbun, Janine Bocciardi, George Norris and Vicki Lowe.

Executive Session to Evaluate Qualifications of Council Candidates Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(h)

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Armacost called an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(h), to evaluate the qualifications of Council candidates. He announced the executive session would last for 30 minutes.

At 8:00 p.m., the Council came out of executive session. Mayor Armacost announced the Council would not take final action at this meeting, but would appoint a Councilor at the October 26, 2020, regular meeting.

REPORTS

Annual Report on Sustainability and Resiliency

Resource Manager Ann Soule gave a report on sustainability and resiliency as directed by Resolution 2012-11, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Resolution 2016-16, Improving Sustainability and Resiliency.

Youth Report

Hannah Hampton, student liaison, provided a report concerning youth at the high school. Students have been adjusting to virtual classes. Self-care during stressful times has been emphasized. The consensus about returning to the school is people would prefer in-person classes, because it is easier to learn, but uncertainty about safety is strong. If students come back to the high school it would be on a limited and optional basis.

City Clerk

In response to a Council request, City Clerk McMillon reported that Governor Jay Inslee October 2nd issued Proclamation 20-28.11, prohibiting public agencies like the City of Sequim from meeting in person. At the next City Council meeting, staff will begin using Zoom rather than Teams for virtual City Council meetings due to efficiencies gained.

City Manager

City Manager Bush responded to a question concerning the possibility of mandating quarantines during the Covid-19 pandemic. He said questions should be directed to the Clallam County Health Department, which is coordinating efforts.

City Council

No Council reports were available.

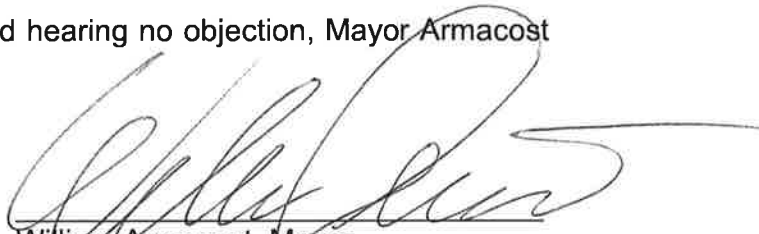
PLANNING CALENDAR

Regular City Council Meeting October 26, 2020, at 6 p.m., Virtual

City Clerk McMillon reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next regular City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Armacost announced meeting adjournment at 8:42 p.m.



William Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Sara McMillon, City Clerk