



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Amended Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

July 20, 2020

7:00 PM

Held remotely per Governor Inslee's

Proclamation 20-28.7

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Stacey Engel, Nancy Goodloe, Tristen Lamb, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Mary Morgan, Bruce Tabb

Also Present: City Manager Akers; City Attorney/Assistant City Manager Weiner; Deputy City Clerk Davison; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski; IT/Telecomm Manager Faubion; Community Development Director Sackett and approximately 95 members of the audience.

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Amend the Agenda to move item 13 - Executive Session to item 6.B and to move the current item 6.B - City Equity Initiative - Continued Discussion on Messaging Project to 6.C. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Approve the Amended Agenda. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A. Approve Minutes - July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting

5.B. Acknowledge Minutes of EBDA - May 20, 2020

5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of Environmental Commission - February 19, 2020

5.D. Acknowledge Minutes of Planning Commission - December 12, 2019 and May 7, 2020

5.E. Resolution 2020-17 - 606 S Pine St - Powell street tree removal request

5.F. Award Bid Call 2020-09 Distribution Transformer Bid

5.G. Accept Resignation from Gretchen Thatcher, Planning Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

5.H. Approve July 20, 2020 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A. COVID-19 Update

Councilmember Tristen Lamb provided an update on active cases in Kittitas County and detailed the statistics provided by Governor Inslee's dashboard. She responded to questions from Council regarding the closure of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.

Council discussed the current status of the Ellensburg Public Library.

6.B. Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action is anticipated after the session.

Council recessed to executive session at 7:15 p.m. for 10 minutes following Councilmembers joining a separate remote meeting; at the Mayor's request, it was announced at 7:27 p.m. the executive session would require five more minutes.

The regular session continued at approximately 7:32 p.m. Councilmember Nancy Goodloe moved to Direct the City Attorney to conduct a detailed analysis of the issues and potential options for moving forward with the messaging project, a risk analysis regarding the potential liabilities with any of the proposed actions and to continue the discussion on the messaging project to the August 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

Motion Approved 7-0.

Mayor Bruce Tabb asked that the following statement be read into the record: City Council's action to paint Black Live Matter on a street in Ellensburg has been twisted to mean that Council does not support Ellensburg's Police Department. That is simply not true. Council members know that the men and women who serve this community as officers and support staff conduct themselves professionally, with integrity, and respect for all the people who live here. Under the leadership of Chief Wade, the Department began the type of conversations with our communities of color before Black Lives Matter, before the Council's Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Initiative, before the community conversations occurring now. EPD has led not followed. So, lest there be any confusion, City Council respects and supports Ellensburg's Police Department and the people who serve this community in that Department. Truly, together we can do better.

6.C. City Equity Initiative - Continued Discussion on Messaging Project

Per Council action, Item is continued to the August 17, 2020, City Council meeting.

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Charles Noel commented on the COVID-19 Update.

Keith McGowan appreciated that Council hears the public on projects.

Theresa Plue stated concern for the safety of the signers of the petition that was submitted for item 6.C. and wished to speak on item 11.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A. Disposal of Surplus Water Division Property

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski presented information in the staff report and written comment was accepted from Mike Forman, 2451 Number 81 Rd.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-18, declaring as surplus to the City of Ellensburg's needs the real estate of two parcels and a residential structure located at 7640 Highway 10.

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. Ordinance 4855 (second reading) to correct definition of "low-income disabled citizen" in City's utility code.

Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski reviewed information in the staff report and the request for second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4855.

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4855 to correct the definition of "low-income disabled citizen".

Motion Approved 7-0.

9.B. Ordinance 4856 (second reading) to increase the membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

City Attorney Weiner reviewed the staff report and the request for second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4856.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4856, to increase the membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.C. Adopt Resolution to Reject All Bids - Supply and Delivery of Non-Corrosion Inhibited Solid Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt), Bid Call 2020-14

Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski detailed information from the staff report and the request to approve the proposed Resolution .

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-19, rejecting the bid for the Supply and Delivery of Non-Corrosion Inhibited Solid Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt). **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Councilmember Miller moved to Authorize staff to purchase product from the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docketing

Community Development Director Sackett reviewed information in the staff report and outlined the 2020 docketing proposals.

Tricia Snyder, 708 E 7th #1, spoke in support of docket items 20-02 and 20-03.

Theresa Plue, 140 Woodhouse, expressed concern over docket item 20-03 and inquired about public participation in the comprehensive plan amendment process.

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

City Manager Akers advised of a joint meeting between the Ellensburg School District and City Council on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Mary Morgan requested that open campus issues be added to that agenda for discussion.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

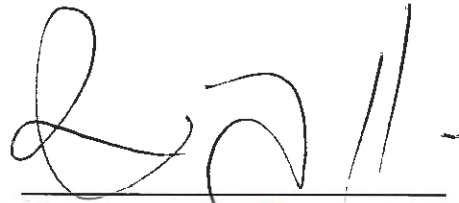
- Councilmember Nancy Lillquist spoke on an upcoming meeting with the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board in August, attended a tour of the airport facility with the new Dean and Provost from CWU and participated in the Equity Committee;
- Councilmember Nancy Goodloe attended the Equity Committee and reported that the Community Recovery Committee has sent out a letter for donations in order to continue assisting with requests;
- Councilmember David Miller attended the Council of Governments (COG) meeting;
- Councilmember Stacey Engel thanked Gretchen Thatcher for her service on the Planning Commission, appreciated the community engagement in recent events, and stated support for law enforcement;
- Mayor Tabb spoke on the evolving role of COG in non-health related Covid-19 issues and thanked Council for their engagement;

13. Executive Session

Per Council action, item was moved to 6.B.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk