



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Special Meeting

August 26, 2020

6:00 PM

Held remotely per Governor Inslee's

Proclamation 20-28.8

Joint Meeting with the Ellensburg School District No. 401

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Ellensburg School District No. 401 Board members: Tosha Woods, Jason White, Hilda Peña-Alafro, Meg Ludlum, and Dan Shissler

Also Present: City Manager Akers; IT Systems Analyst Richmond; City Clerk Leader; ESD Superintendent, Jinger Haberer; ESD Executive Director of Finance, Brian Aiken and Executive Assistant/School Board staff, Matt Cziske

2. School District

2.A. Re-Opening/Plans Moving Forward

Superintendent Haberer presented information concerning the Reopening Plan for Ellensburg School District. She explained they've worked with stakeholder groups and the Public Health Department to develop the plan. Planned opening is September 9, 2020, and will be virtual learning for at least the first four weeks of school, due to potential spikes in COVID cases. She reviewed the bus transportation plan along with the safety plan when students return to school in person. There were questions by Council and discussion about providing internet service for families and opportunities for reading online with students.

2.B. Progress on New Schools: Lincoln/New Mt. Stuart

Brian Aiken presented information concerning Mt. Stuart School and updated Council and the School Board on the status of the new school construction. He reviewed the remodel plan of Lincoln Elementary School and presented artist renderings and plans for review.

3. City of Ellensburg

3.A. Impact of Covid-19 on the City of Ellensburg-Financial, Services

City Manager Akers gave an overview of the City's status, which is currently at an 8% deficit and will possibly finish the year at a 35% deficit. Mayor Tabb gave an update on community assistance and the requests for rental and utility assistance.

3.B. City Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Initiative

Councilmember Goodloe gave an update of the sub-committee and the potential projects discussed and that the committee is holding sessions with groups throughout the community. School Board Member Peña-Alafaro stated she could be the School District liaison for the work being done with Council.

3.C. Open Campus Concerns

Councilmember Morgan expressed her concerns with the students going off campus and students congregating at Reed Park and Mountain View Park. School Board members appreciated the information being brought to their attention and could possibly discuss at a future meeting.

4. Joint Discussion Topics

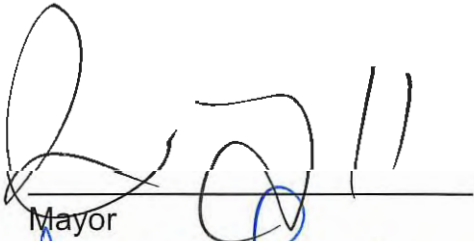
4.A. Shared Resources: Parks/Facilities/Athletics

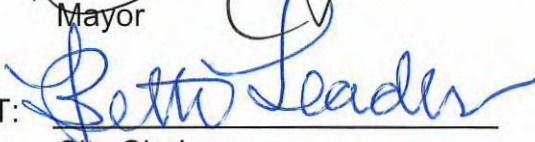
School Board Member Woods brought up the situation of students not having accessibility to after school events due to transportation issues and asked if there would be an option of transit services. Mayor Tabb shared information on the Central Transit system and how funding was utilized. He offered to meet with school representatives and the Transit Manager to start discussions.

Councilmember Miller asked what the plan would be for future public use of the High School Track. Superintendent Haberer and ESD Finance Director Aiken commented that it was suggested to be closed, but will follow up regarding the status.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Clerk