



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Special Meeting

November 18, 2020

3:00 PM

Held Remotely per Governor Inslee's

Proclamation 20-28.13

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Mary Morgan

CWU President's Cabinet Members: President Gaudino, Chief of Staff Schactler, Vice President of Inclusivity & Diversity Cleary, Chief Financial Officer/Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs Klucking, Provost/Vice President of Academic and Student Life DenBeste, Interim Vice President of University Advancement Paradis, Vice President of Public Affairs Jackson, Director of Government Relations DuPont, Interim Vice President Duffett, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Dawson

Also Present: City Manager Akers, City Attorney/Assistant City Manager Weiner, Community Development Director Sackett, Public Works and Utilities Director Lyyski, Stormwater Manager Morrow, Parks and Recreation Director Case, Police Chief Wade, Finance Director Pascoe, Communications/Government Relations Officer Reich, Deputy City Clerk Davison and approximately 10 members of the public.

CWU/City Updates

- **Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Initiative:** Councilmember Goodloe outlined the City's Inclusion, Diversity & Equity process from February to current date, culminating in a report that will go before City Council at the December 7, 2020 meeting.
- **Presidential Search:** Chief of Staff Schactler provided an update on CWU's search for candidates.
- **Ellensburg Gateway Project:** Stormwater Manager Morrow gave a presentation on the City's grant funded Gateway project to install new overflow storm drain system and other improvements on University Way, and the projected plan for a second Gateway project on Vantage Highway.

Legislative Priorities

- **CWU/City:** President Gaudino explained that CWU was focusing on protecting its current funding and outlined potential budget losses. Chief of Staff Schactler and

Director of Government Relations DuPont discussed CWU's cooperation with other State Universities to increase workforce diversity.

Communications/Government Relations Officer Reich outlined the City's 2021 legislative priorities as to fiscal flexibility, state-shared revenues, equalizing the application of the Real Estate Excise Tax, housing stability, police professionalism, and transportation revenue. Public Works and Utilities Director Lyyski listed the City of Ellensburg's Capital projects for 2021, noting which ones were grant funded.

- **CWU 2021-23 State Capital Budget Priorities:** President Gaudino detailed CWU's 2021-2023 budget request for the renovation and construction of Nicholson Pavilion into a health education facility with increased instructional space. He also explained the University's requests for increasing cooling capacity, replacing the Language and Literature Building and Farrell Hall with a new combined building, and a new art education complex.

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- **Ellensburg health, well-being, community resources:** Mayor Tabb remarked that the City is not anticipating any reductions in the services that it provides, and that Council is advocating for support of small businesses in our community in light of the economic hardships of the new state restrictions.
- **CWU Fall Quarter Assessment; Winter Quarter Planning:** President Gaudino credited Dr. Larson and Councilmember Lamb for their assistance with CWU's COVID-19 meetings. He detailed the exit testing, moving the quarter up two weeks, and the entry test that students will be required to have upon their return in January. Chief Financial Officer/Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs Klucking mentioned that the portions of the budget dependent on student fees will have a difficult year and that CWU will use its reserves to cover those auxiliary services.

Councilmember Miller relayed that the City will be searching for a replacement for City Manager Akers in the coming year and thanked him for his contributions.

Mayor Tabb thanked President Gaudino for his contributions and support in the ongoing communications between the City and CWU.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk