

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING - March 12, 2020**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro-Tem Beeler called the regular meeting of the Sultan City Council to order in the Sultan Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: McCarty, Aldrich, Walker, Vaughn, Sivewright. Absent: Neigel.

Staff Present: City Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, Planning Director Galuska, Police Chief Martin, and City Clerk Pevey.

### **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, second by Councilmember Aldrich to add the excused the absence of Councilmember Neigel to the consent agenda; all ayes.

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, second by Councilmember Aldrich to add Action Item 4, AB19-07 WHPacific Contract Supplementals 9 & 10; all ayes.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Katy Isaaksen & Associates – Sewer GFC Charges**

*(PowerPoint presentation on file with the city clerk.)*

Administrator Ibershof explained sewer general facility charges last reviewed in 2012 and set thru 2022. City is starting the review process due to recent growth boom to ensure the fee is still set right. Consultant Isaaksen performed the last review and is in attendance to explain the findings from 2012 that estimated 75 new homes per year and where the city is in comparison to that plan.

#### **Tortorice Annexation**

*(PowerPoint presentation on file with the city clerk.)*

Planner Galuska explained staff was directed to review the proposed Tortorice Annexation consisting of 39.19 acres located on the north end of city limits along 132<sup>nd</sup> Street NE and the initial findings are being presented; no action being taken at this time on whether the annexation will be allowed. That will be brought forth at future meetings after public notice and other steps needed thru the annexation process.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Colleen Rupke, Bryant Road – Feels there are vulnerabilities in our code that the current development is able to exploit. Feels development code is currently written for the benefit of development and not the benefit of community. Urged councilmembers to take action sooner rather than later.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sivewright: Gave a speech commending response by local leaders for keeping citizens informed, the status of closures, and staff response to the situation. Encouraged citizens to remain calm, practice good hygiene, and work as a community as we deal with the COVID-19 virus. *(Full speech on file with the city clerk's office).*

Councilmember Vaughn: Thanked CM Sivewright and Citizen Rupke for comments; Need to find the balance how to keep rates down, with charging developers appropriate fees. City in a hard place to meet required growth targets, but also feeling the crunch of development and the density occurring.

Councilmember Aldrich: Echoed comments from councilmembers and thanked Citizen Rupke for her comments.

Councilmember McCarty: Insight on Superintendent Chaplik's concerns of the impacts of school closures on the community.

### **MAYOR PRO-TEM COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Beeler stated School districts closed in Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties until April 24<sup>th</sup> due to the coronavirus outbreak. In a unique situation in Washington State due to the high amount of those infected. Feels we are learning how to deal with this and where we are lacking in implementing emergencies protocols to be better prepared for potential future events like this. Acknowledged Citizen Rupke's comments and concerns.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Olympia request of \$75,000 for generators in the valley was approved in the state budget. Has been in discussion with school, library, police, and fire on COVID-19 response. Meeting with park companies to review potential options to update the Osprey Park playground. New hire Austin Oster has been hired in the Public Works Department. City in continued negotiations with Republic Services for garbage and recycling services.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Martin announced as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, three additional officers were added to dedicated Sultan staff patrols.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich the following items are incorporated into the consent agenda as amended and approved by a single motion of the Council: 1) Minutes of the February 27, 2020 Council Meeting, 2) Voucher Approval and payroll February 21, 2020, and 3) Excused absence of Councilmember Neigel; all ayes.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **AB 20-19 Resolution 20-03 – Vendor Account and Pay Arrangement Policy**

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Vaughn to modify AB20-19 Resolution #20-03 to pass the Vendor Accounts and Billing Policy; but holding off on addressing the Utility Billing Payment Arrangement section without first addressing payment arrangement procedures during emergency situations; all ayes.

#### **AB 20-17 Murray Smith Lake 16 Task Order**

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich to affirm Mayor Wiita's decision to sign Task Order 11 with MurrySmith for Phase 1 Engineering of Emergency Dam Repair for an amount not to exceed \$146,032.00 without prior authorization of council; all ayes.

#### **AB19-57 - 135<sup>th</sup> Street Waterline Change Order**

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich to authorize staff to pay the additional cost to SRV Construction for the 135<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Project in an amount not to exceed \$39,777.59 without prior authorization from City Council; all ayes.

#### **AB19-07 WHPacific Pedestrian Bridge Contract Supplementals 9 & 10**

The City has WHPacific under contract for engineering support for the pedestrian bridge. During the course of the construction of the bridge, there have been a number of changes. Supplemental #10 represents additional work that needed to be done when the contractor was drilling the shafts for the bridge structure. Supplemental #11 is for a change in design of the water line. The current design could cause a risk of the water line under the bridge being damaged by a flooding event. This supplemental would redesign where the water line goes. Staff did not intend to bring these forward since they felt there would be enough funds within the original contract, yet as the work progressed it became clear that we supplementals were needed to complete the project. On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich to authorize the Mayor to sign supplementals #9 and #10 with WHPacific for a combined cost of \$19,321.93; all ayes.

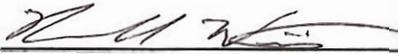
**DISCUSSION**

**AB20-20 Cemetery Improvement Pricing/Timeframe**

Discussion that since the sale of part of the cemetery property is completed, staff was directed to review some of the priority repairs and improvements the cemetery needs that could be done. In order of priority staff suggested improvements as follows: 1) Fix the sunken graves, 2) Remove hazard trees, 3) Replace the awning, 4) replace the sign, 5) replace the flagpole and illuminate it, 6) install a new message board; fencing is being considered but not on the list as pricing has been expensive. Council expressed interest in moving forward with bringing the items back for action with fencing options included.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm; all ayes.

  
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Russell Wiita, Mayor

  
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Tami Pevey, City Clerk