

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – May 12, 2022

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Dearborn, Hund, and Sivewright.

Councilmember Absent: Neigel and Beeler

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

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council added the excused the absences of Councilmember Neigel and Councilmember Beeler to the consent agenda; Motion passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ron Kraut, Bryant Road: written comments expressing concerns regarding action items AB22-31_WWTP Upgrades Bid Award and AB22-35_DOE WWTP Funding Agreement.

Judy Heydrick: written comments urging the council to reject AB22-31 and AB22-35 as long as the city lacks an updated 6 Year Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2022-2027.

Ginny Smith, Marguerite Lane: addressed council's previous concerns regarding dogs and kids on Marguerite Lane and welcomed councilmembers to contact the HOA to file a formal complaint; Addressed Sultan Basin park proposal and expressed concerns regarding safe and adequate access via sidewalks or bike trails to get to the park; Commented that safety and maintenance is necessary in the parks but does not see an increase in the public works budget in order to accomplish this upkeep. Also requested a traffic study be done as doesn't believe the roads in the neighborhood can sustain the traffic.

Karen Johnson, Marguerite Lane: Reiterated request for traffic study as there are already current issues traveling the road and concerned about the increased traffic a new park would generate.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Morgan: Appreciated citizen comments; thanked residents in attendance at US 2 open house last night; felt the fire dept. open house last weekend was a well done event; Proposed a future workshop to focus on planning minimum street widths and requirements to ensure that city character and safety are adhered to as new developers come in. Invited council members to give input on the topic. Reminded the public that the battle of the badges event was this coming Saturday at noon.

Aldrich: Agreed that the fire dept. open house was a great event. Also enjoyed the first day of the Farmers Market day last Saturday; Commented on the nice landscaping work at the roundabout that the public works crew completed.

Hund: Echoed sentiments regarding fire department open house event; agreed that a discussion regarding street widths and safety would be a good future workshop topic; thanked citizens for public comment.

Sivewright: thanked citizens for public comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS

US 2 Open house Wednesday evening had good turn out estimated at 125 community members in the 2 hours; a lot of work to be done and one step in the right direction to move the conversation forward; appreciated public input. Storefront Studio second open house 3-5pm this Friday and students will share concepts suggested. Reminded councilmembers of upcoming Snohomish County Cities Dinner set for next Thursday with discussion on ARPA.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Fire Dept open house was successful; US 2 open house also successful and encouraged citizens to fill out the survey currently open regarding US 2. City receiving \$100,000 regarding comprehensive plan and confirmed council request to discuss planning aspects is on the way. Storefront Studio Open House will be presenting some great designs at tomorrow's open house. Memo regarding Community Alliance Board was presented to council and Administrator Ibershof explained it has become evident that the board needs additional funding to accomplish a successful event this year. Staff will be asking council for an additional \$6000 as budget currently reflects \$4500. Brief discussion on memo presented and budget presented. Ibershof reminded council and public that June 21st will be the first Alliance Board event for a "Summer Kickoff".

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports on file to include Police.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the following consent agenda items as amended were approved with motion passing 5-0.

- 1) Voucher Approval thru May 12, 2022, accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$229,854.51, and payroll #8, council payroll, and benefits #7 & 8 in the amount of \$142,560.11, leasehold and excise taxes in the amount of \$31,710.38 and voids in the amount of \$83.85 all to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 2) April 28, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.
- 3) Excused absence of Councilmember Neigel
- 4) Excused absence of Councilmember Beeler

ACTION ITEMS

AB22-35 Ordinance 1369-22 DOE WWTP Funding Agreement

Public Works Director Morgan reminded council the 1st reading of the ordinance occurred at the last meeting and noted the only changes since then were the addition of boiler plate language required by Department of Ecology, as well as minor spelling corrections. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council adopted Ordinance 1369-22 approving the Agreement between the Department of Ecology and the City for Wastewater Treatment Plant Funding; Motion passed 5-0.

AB22-31 Resolution 22-04 WWTP Bid Award

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council adopted Resolution 22-04 awarding the bid for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades to Harbor Pacific Contractors Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$22,295,950.00 without prior authorization from council; Motion passed 5-0.

AB21-69 ARPA Grant with the VOA

Administrator Ibershof confirmed this grant is for additional funding for utility assistance to area residents. Request was made by councilmembers for staff to update council and citizens on how many residents these types of grants have helped. Ibershof confirmed the funds are available through the Volunteers of America and they release a report each month regarding the number of citizens assisted. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, second by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized the Mayor to sign an ARPA agreement with the Volunteers of America for \$20,000.00; Motion passed 5-0

DISCUSSION


AB21-36 Sultan Basin Area Park Design

Public Works Director Morgan brought the topic back to council to review the list generated from the May 2nd workshop discussion to confirm that staff interpreted their feedback correctly and followed up before moving forward with additional design based on the feedback. Discussion and confirmation on elements to be incorporated, as well as


discussion to include pedestrian access, area safety improvements, as well as consideration of a parks and recreation department and when that would be appropriate to implement.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Morgan the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

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Russell Wiita, Mayor

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk