

CITY OF STANWOOD
Special Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, January 09, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tempore Rob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Presentation

Oath of Office

Position 3. Elizabeth Callaghan
Position 4. Timothy Pearce
Position 5. Steve Shepro
Position 6. Sid Roberts

David Hammond administered the oaths of office for the newly and re-elected officials.

3. Roll Call

Deputy City Clerk Sara Robinson called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Rob Johnson, Elizabeth Callaghan, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro and Sid Roberts. The meeting was quorate.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, Second by Councilmember Callaghan, to excuse Councilmember White and Councilmember Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Fire Chief John Cermak, City Attorney Brett Vinson, Deputy City Clerk Sara Robinson.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Roberts, second by Councilmember Callaghan to move agenda item 4 to item 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Roberts, second by Councilmember Callaghan to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizen Comments

Larry Sather, 27573 79th Drive NW

Tonight there is an item on the agenda for approval of the Civic Campus concept plan. Mr. Sather strongly supports this measure and urges council approval.

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Christina Everson, 27823 73rd Avenue NW

Would like to address pedestrian safety in Stanwood. She is legally blind and feels it would be nice if the sidewalks were better. From the Senior Center to Haggan you have to cross the street about 6 times because the sidewalks end.

Tim Schmitt, 27308 101st Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

Tonight council will likely be moving forward with a new Civic Campus design. Mr. Schmitt wanted to point out a couple of things. Eventually there will be Stanwood will be asking home owners to pass a heavy levy. It would be a good idea to develop an answer to the question “what is in it for me?” Addressing these points and providing the benefits will help citizens to understand and justify the cost and make the new Civic Campus a reality.

Amy Sellers, 27820 73rd Avenue NW

In regards to public safety, on 73rd Ave there are about 30 kids in their neighborhood. Because of new development in the area people are cutting through their neighborhood at high rates of speed. They have asked the City for speedbumps and signs but were declined and are also on the list for the speed notification sign. If there is anything that can be done it would be greatly appreciated.

6. Staff Reports

- a. Economic Development Board

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Ian Gleadle Photography
- d. Approve the Mayor Kelley’s Appointment to Community Transit Selection Board 2020-2021

Motion by Councilmember Roberts, Second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the consent agenda items a through d. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Elect Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion by Councilmember Callaghan, Second by Councilmember Pearce to appoint Councilmember White as Mayor Pro Tempore to serve a one year term in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Set 2020 Council Calendar

David Hammond, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2020 Council Calendar. The schedule includes four special workshop meetings on February 13, May 14, August 13 and October 8. The second meetings in August and December are cancelled and the

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November 26 meeting will be moved to November 23. There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on September 10.

Councilmember Shepro asked if the Special Workshop meetings are open to the public. Hammond noted that the public is invited to all of the public meetings according to the Public Meetings Act.

Councilmember Callaghan added that public comment is not taken at the special workshop meetings as done at the regular City Council meetings.

Councilmember Roberts would like to encourage citizens to attend the meetings. It's a win-win for all.

Councilmember Johnson would like to suggest a larger meeting room than City Hall. It was noted that they will be held at the Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, Second by Councilmember Callaghan to set the special meetings and approve the council calendar for 2020 as presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Confirm the selection of the Community Porch Civic Campus site design layout as the preferred concept plan and authorize staff to proceed with preliminary architectural and site planning.

Patricia Love, Community Development Director provided a brief overview of the background of this project. The City Council held a special worksession on December 19, 2019 to review the proposed Civic Campus design options. Four options were presented, with the Steering Committee recommendation to move forward with the Community Porch concept. After reviewing the plans, the Council provided the following general consensus:

1. Proceed with the "Community Porch" concept;
2. Prepare a financing plan for development of the property in a single phase;
3. Confirm that the Police Department space is of sufficient size and functional;
4. Consider site configuration options to add a second vehicle access through to Church Creek Park; and
5. Continue working with the Steering Committee on building materials and integrating the site with Church Creek Park.

The issue in front of the City Council is to confirm the selection of the Community Porch Civic Campus design as the preferred concept plan and authorize staff to proceed with preliminary architectural and site planning.

Next steps include selecting a site layout option and progressing with the design to incorporate building orientation, form, materials, lighting, landscaping, parking, access, public spaces and drainage.

Motion by Councilmember Callaghan, Second by Councilmember Roberts to formalize the selection of the Community Porch schematic as the preferred alternative site design for the Stanwood Civic Campus project and to continue with the progression of the

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design through the steering committee with additional public involvement. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Citizens Closing Comments

Les Anderson, 27201 102nd Drive NW

Mr. Anderson is supportive of the new Civic Campus but thinks that the city should consider a bigger piece of property. Suggests looking into the future at the possibility of more City Staff in 10-15 years. Maybe purchase additional property around the proposed site.

Amy Sellers, 27820 73rd Avenue NW

Mrs. Sellers likes the idea of a new Civic Campus but feels like the City Hall should be in the core of the town. She feels that with all of the growth happening in that area it will change the city's center and lose the historic part of Downtown Stanwood. Being so close to the High School will also add a lot more traffic to that area. Please be mindful of this when making these choices.

Larry Sather, 27573 79th Drive NW

Thank you to council for the unanimous vote on the last agenda item. He believes council has made a wise decision and one that is in the best interest of the whole community of Stanwood.

10. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report - NA

b. City Administrator's Report – Jennifer Ferguson - NA

c. Councilmember Reports and Questions

Councilmember Johnson asked Chief Cermak to give an update for the North County Fire Department. Chief Cermak said that there are a lot of exciting things happening and our community is growing. Recently there were 18 recruits that graduated from the Academy and they will all be competing for jobs in the area. There is a lot of training happening. He would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for helping make this happen.

Councilmember Roberts – Earlier in the agenda we approved the Mayor to serve on the transit board. A few years ago Councilmember Roberts served as an alternate on this board. During this time both Mayor Kelley and Councilmember White were on the committee. They both did a great job representing Stanwood. They were always cheerleaders for Stanwood. Hopes that they will always do so.

Councilmember Shepro- It is an honor to sit here and it is an honor to be here tonight. Congratulations to Chief Rob Martin on his selection as Police Chief. Thank you to the citizens who came tonight for the support and participation. The Planning Commission is holding a meeting on Monday, January 13 at the Fire Department at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

11. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Leonard Kelley, Mayor

Sara Robinson, Deputy Clerk