

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, January 3, 2022**

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Belleci called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk as follows:

Councilmember Figueroa	Present
Councilmember Keel	Present
Councilmember Wood	Present
Councilmember McCluskey	Present
Councilmember Flemming	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Worthington	Present
Mayor Belleci	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Public Works, Parks and Facilities Director Cooper, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund, and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Flemming led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

Elected Councilmembers Figueroa, Worthington, Wood, and McCluskey were sworn into office by the Honorable Judge Grant Blinn.

5. STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Belleci delivered the State of the City address which reflects the City's accomplishments in the last two years. Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, the City proved to be resilient, creative and remain strong in face of adversity. She thanked her colleagues and City staff for their support and for the honor and privilege of serving the community and its citizens.

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem Worthington was unanimously elected as Mayor.

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Figueroa was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

8. ELECTION OF FINANCE CHAIR

Councilmember Wood was unanimously elected as Finance Chair.

9. MAYOR'S REMARKS – NEWLY ELECTED

Newly elected Mayor Worthington gave a heartfelt thank you to Councilmember Belleci for her hard work, strides and achievements, despite the challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, in the past two years

as Mayor. On behalf of the City Council, he presented her with an engraved gavel in recognition of her service as Mayor.

He expressed humble gratitude to his peers for electing him as the next mayor of University Place and applauded the mayors before him for their leadership and commitment to University Place, and for setting a strong/solid foundation to build on. He looks forward to working together with his colleagues in understanding and taking on the challenges in front of them and making University Place even stronger.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 12D was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

MOTION: By Councilmember Keel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, to approve the amended Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 and December 6, 2021 Council meetings as submitted.
- B. Receive and File: Payroll for periods ending 12/15/21; Claims dated 12/15/21.
- C. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to GGLO Architecture's Professional Service Agreement to increase the contract amount by \$17,500 and to extend the contract completion date to May 15, 2022.
- D. Adopt a resolution amending the City's legislative priorities for 2022. **(PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION)**
- E. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc. in the amount of \$140,000 for the purposes of updating the City's storm drainage comprehensive plan.

The motion carried.

Item 12D – **MOTION:** By Councilmember Keel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, to adopt the substitute Resolution circulated earlier this evening at approximately 5:03 p.m.

The motion carried. (RESOLUTION NO. 970)

13. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg reported on the condition of the City streets during the recent snowfall and commended the Public Works crew for doing an outstanding job in keeping the streets clear and safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa extended his appreciation and respect to Councilmember Belleci for her leadership/mayorship and service during the last two years. He welcomed incoming Mayor Worthington and thanked him for his service as Mayor Pro Tem. Lastly, he thanked Councilmember Wood for his willingness to serve as the Finance Chair.

Councilmember Keel wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated the newly elected officers. He remarked on the election process and progression of the Finance Chair and requested a future conversation about it with Council.

Councilmember Wood thanked Councilmember Belleci for her leadership and doing an outstanding job as Mayor. He congratulated Mayor Worthington and Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa and thanked the City Council for their advice and support.

Councilmember McCluskey congratulated Mayor Worthington, Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa and Finance Chair Wood and extended her support of their endeavors. She expressed her heartfelt thanks Councilmember Belleci for her leadership during her tenure as Mayor. Additionally, she remarked on the installation of the Chambers Creek bridge.

Councilmember Flemming extended his sincere congratulations to the new leadership and looks forward to next two years as the City continues to move ahead. He extended his gratitude and admiration to Councilmember Belleci for her leadership as Mayor, especially during the time of Covid.

Mayor Worthington reported that he had been selected to serve as Chair of the Rainier Communications Commission (RCC) and that he plans to apply for an open position with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Board of Directors for District 6.

Councilmember Belleci congratulated Mayor Worthington and Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa and wished them success for their leadership roles. She also congratulated Councilmember Wood on taking the reins of the Council position and volunteering to be the Finance Chair. Lastly, she thanked her colleagues and staff for their hard work, support and guidance during the last two years, stating that it had been an honor for her to serve the citizens of University Place.

14. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia