

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, February 6, 2023**

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund, Community and Economic Development Director Briske, Police Chief Premo, Public Safety Manager Hales, Administrative Services Director Petorak and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Belleci led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Belleci, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION

South Sound 911 Update – South Sound 911 Executive Director Grady presented an overview of South Sound 911's history, governance, operations, support services, community relations/involvement, and future plans.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Council meeting as submitted.
- B. Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 01/15/23; and Claims dated 12/30/22, 01/04/23, 01/09/23, and 01/13/23 (2022 and 2023 Invoices).
- C. Receive and File: 2023 Council Committees and Representatives' Assignments.
- D. Adopt a Resolution declaring certain vehicles and equipment surplus and authorizing their disposal. **(RESOLUTION NO. 1003)**
- E. Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Hamm HD 10VV Roller through Sourcewell Cooperative Group Contract #060122-WAI in the amount of \$51,461.71, including sales tax and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

The motion carried.

8. CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg reported that Pierce County Sewer's contractor will be making repairs at the sewer pump station tomorrow located at 67th Avenue West, just north of 35th Street West. Traffic impacts in the area during the repair are anticipated.

Councilmember Keel reported that he attended his first National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors and NLC Information Technology & Communications Federal Advocacy Committee meetings last week; and shared the Committee's technology and cyber security goals for the year.

Councilmember Wood encouraged the citizens to pay attention to what the State legislature is doing and shared his thoughts on legislative proposals relating to law enforcement and housing issues. He asked them to engage with their legislators about it.

Councilmember Flemming and Councilmember Belleci agreed with Councilmember Wood's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa encouraged his colleagues to take the time and go through the information he emailed to them on Pierce County Regional Council's (PCRC) legislative updates, new housing survey, and Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) executive board report. He expressed his concerns about following through on those items that the City needs to be prepared for in the future. He also noted that he suggested to the PCRC Chair to review its appointment process to PSRC's Operations Committee.

Mayor Worthington reported that he and Councilmember McCluskey joined representatives from Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, the State Department of Military and Emergency Services, and the federal government's Small Business Administration on a tour of Day Island and Sunset Beach and the homes that were recently impacted by the king tide events to find resources for those affected. He also noted that Rainier Communications Commission is moving forward with an interlocal agreement redraft for consideration sometime in June. Additionally, Mayor Worthington reported that he participated in National League of Cities' orientation as a new member city. Lastly, he spoke about the issues related to affordable housing.

STUDY SESSION

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS

Community and Economic Development Director Briske provided an overview on HB1590 (Housing and Related Services Sales Tax). He indicated that HB1590 allows Pierce County the ability to enact up to 0.1% sales and use tax increase for housing and related services. At least 60% of the revenue must be used for constructing or acquiring affordable housing, constructing, or acquiring behavioral health-related facilities, acquiring land for those purposes, or funding the operation and maintenance costs of new affordable housing units and facilities within which housing-related programs are provided. The housing facilities may only be provided to population groups whose income is at or below 60% of the county median income. The remaining funds must be used for the operation, delivery, or evaluation of behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services. Director Briske noted that if Pierce County chooses to enact HB1590, they must consult with the City before they expend the funds within the City. However, any city or town may choose to impose the same sales tax if the County has not done so first. The city or town would then receive and administer the funds accordingly. The potential revenue to be generated by this taxation is about \$400,000/year for the City. He stated that the County Council is set to consider an Ordinance on March 7, 2023 that would levy additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for housing and related services. If the City wishes to consider this, Council will need to pass an ordinance to impose the one-tenth of one percent sales tax increase prior to the County Council's action on March 7. If the County were to pass this tax increase, it would staff and manage the program through their Human Services Department and would be required to consult with University Place staff on any proposed projects located in the City.

Concerns were expressed about the taxation and its timing and how it will impact the public safety levy. Council discussed the pros and cons of having Pierce County impose the taxation vs. the City imposing taxation, i.e., local control and use of funds; the lack of staff or infrastructure to support/manage the

program; competitive funding process on the County level; potential use of outside providers to run the program; and other Council decisions, priorities and needs.

Discussion on Substitute House Bill 1406 was tabled to a future discussion.

10. PLAYGROUND NAMING

Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund provided additional information on the agreement sample/templates that the City can use to consider the playground naming process which provides for potential controls and limitations associated with the park/playground naming. The general parameters of the agreement include the term of the agreement, which is typically between 5 to 20 years; optional clause for renewal; bad actor and termination of agreement clause; and potential renaming clause in the event the sponsor changes its name. Director Ecklund added that there would be a requirement for background check(s) and right to refuse any naming. He is seeking general direction from Council on whether to move forward with this so that the City can help the University Place Parks and Recreation Foundation use this as incentive for its fundraising campaign.

After a brief discussion, Council expressed willingness for staff to proceed and explore the possibilities of an agreement for the playground naming. Final agreement is subject to Council approval.

11. POLICE FUNDING

At Council's request and for its consideration, Police Chief Premo presented information on the public safety funding as it relates to possible timing and revised levy proposal should Council decide to move forward with pursuing another ballot measure.

Discussion followed, and based on Council's individual input, a majority agreed to return to voters for another public safety levy measure in the April 2023 Special Election with the following staffing model and level of funding:

<u>Position</u>	Option B
Chief	1
Sergeant	2
Investigator	1
Patrol	
Day Shift	6
Swing Shift	6
Grave Shift	6
Traffic	1
Support (i.e., School Resource)	1
Total (Commissioned Officers)	<u>24</u>
Community Outreach Officer (civilian position)	0
Additional Cost to Average Homeowner	\$18/month

Council majority chose to also include one (1) option for a Community Outreach Officer (B+), bringing the cost to the average homeowner to \$19/month with some Councilmembers leaning towards something between that and the 2022 levy amount. It was requested that staff provide two resolutions for consideration – one for Option B+ and the other for the 2022 levy proposal amount of \$24/month. Council also expressed interest in exploring the possibilities of using HB1590 tax revenue to fund a Community Outreach Officer.

At 8:57 p.m. and 9:28 p.m. motions were made and carried to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. respectively.

12. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia
City Clerk