

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Monday, March 7, 2022**

**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 (left at 6:41 p.m.)
Mayor Worthington	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund, NPDES Coordinator Smith, Police Chief Premo, Public Safety Administrator Hales and City Clerk Genetia.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Worthington led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried.

**5. PRESENTATION**

Ukraine Support Proclamation - Mayor Worthington presented a proclamation to the Honorary Consul of Ukraine, Valeriy Goloborodko in support of the people of Ukraine in the face of an unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – 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 February 22, 2022 Council meeting as submitted.
- B.** Receive and File: Payroll for periods ending 02/15/22 and 02/28/22; Claims dated 02/10/22, 02/15/22, and 02/28/22.
- C.** Confirm James Feore's appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term ending January 31, 2026.
- D.** Confirm Peter Whipple's appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term ending January 31, 2024.

The motion carried.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 8. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff Report – Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund presented the annual updates to the City’s Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). As a condition of the City’s NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit, the City is required to develop, implement, and annually update its Stormwater Management Program. The Program lists the components that are required to be addressed and identifies the stormwater related actions and activities that need to be conducted by the City to meet its requirements under the NPDES Municipal Stormwater permit. The changes in this year’s update are minor and consist of updating the dates of public comment period and Council meetings; removing references to 2021 milestones and deadlines that have already been completed; and including additional information to Section 1 (Stormwater Planning) regarding the current Stormwater Comprehensive Storm Plan update.

Public Comment – None.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to adopt the 2022 update to the City of University Place Phase II NPDES Stormwater Management Program (SWMP).

**The motion carried.**

## COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

### 9. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES RESOLUTION

Staff Report – As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), City Attorney Kaser presented a resolution that identifies certain tentative expenditures and priority uses of the funds. These include: (1) Approximately \$6.5 million for the research, design and construction of sewer infrastructure; (2) \$1.8 million towards the provision of vital police/public safety staffing and services; and (3) \$495,000 for additional IT staffing and equipment to facilitate public meetings and to enhance cybersecurity preparedness. The remaining \$700,000 will be held for future allocation by the City Council for the provision of governmental services as defined in the ARPA final rules. Secondly, under the ARPA final rules, the resolution exercises the City’s claim to make a one-time election under a standard distribution of up to \$10 million as revenue loss. City Attorney Kaser indicated that this resolution is not a substitute for an appropriation, but a policy statement of how Council would like to allocate those monies, and such allocations would follow budgetary practices and procedures.

Public Comment – None.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to adopt a resolution electing the standard allowance for revenue loss and to state several intended uses of the City of University Place’s allocation of local fiscal recovery funds through the American Rescue Plan Act; and for other purposes.

**The motion carried. (RESOLUTION NO. 973)**

### 10. ARPA SEWER CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Staff Report – For Council consideration, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund presented a Professional Services Agreement for developing a program to evaluate and prioritize areas in the City for sewer expansion. The City has obtained funding through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), some of which the City has identified as potential funds to extend sewers into unserved areas. He indicated that the City advertised a Request for Qualifications for the consulting services and had conducted interviews and selected Gray and Osborne, Inc. to perform the work. Staff found Gray and Osborne to be best qualified for this work with their extensive experience in the assessment and development of sewer utility cost and feasibility. The elements and the scope of work include a public outreach, coordination with Pierce County utilities, data acquisition, sewer layout and cost estimates, funding strategies, prioritization

and connection policies. Gray and Osborne has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$130,000 for the performance of this work. The engineering staff have reviewed the proposal and found it to be reasonable relative to the amount of work required. This amount is within the budget amount and additional appropriation is required.

Public Comment – The following individual provided comment: James Feore

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc. in the amount of \$130,000 for the purposes of doing an assessment and report for sanitary sewer service.

**The motion carried.**

## **11. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS**

City Manager Sugg gave an update on the Alameda Avenue and Chambers Creek Road Phase I projects.

Councilmember Keel reported on AWC's action and letter to legislators opposing the use of Public Works Assistance Account funds to help pay for the transportation package. He also reported on Pierce Transit's planning for the Bus Rapid Transit route and its impact to the City.

Councilmember Wood reported on the status of two public safety bills that recently passed as well as others that are still in the process (reasonable suspicion, vehicle pursuit and catalytic converters).

Councilmember McCluskey reported that she attended the SSHA<sup>3</sup>P meeting and shared the commentary on housing provided by Elliot Barnett of the City of Tacoma. She mentioned that they also reviewed and revised draft outlines for the creation of the SSHA<sup>3</sup>P Advisory Board; and that they made an offer of employment for the SSHA<sup>3</sup>P Director.

Councilmember Flemming thanked Councilmember Keel for sharing information on the Bus Rapid Transit route. He also commented on the Ukraine proclamation and extended his heartfelt support to its people.

Councilmember Belleci shared that Galos Flamed Grilled Chicken is now open for lunch and dinner – grand opening is scheduled at the end of March.

Mayor Worthington reported on a ribbon-cutting event held recently for Wellness Spa. He reported that he participated in the Pierce County District Court redistricting committee meeting; he informed Council that on Council's behalf, City staff has contacted the 28<sup>th</sup> District delegation to express the City's concerns over the Public Works Trust Fund draw down; and that Rainier Communications Commission is finalizing its franchise agreement with Comcast. Mayor Worthington informed Council that he has been contacting chairs of each of the City's advisory commissions to reach out to them and hopefully bring them into the Council meeting twice a year. Lastly, he informed Council that the Philippine Consulate General of San Francisco will be opening a satellite office in University Place for about ten days as part of its consular outreach program. He was invited to attend a function and on behalf of the City Council and the community would like to present a proclamation suited for the occasion – the proclamation will be included in the consent agenda for consideration. RCC is finalizing the franchise agreement with Comcast.

Councilmember Wood echoed Councilmember Flemming and Mayor Worthington's comments on Ukraine and encouraged members of the Council to support members of the Ukrainian American community who may be bringing in families from Ukraine.

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **12. EMC SURVEY AGREEMENT**

City Manager Sugg stated that back in January, Council had a retreat at which it spent time discussing goals setting for the next biennium. Out of the goals setting exercise, police and public safety was ranked as Council's number one goal. In preparation for Council's upcoming goals setting retreat, he reminded Council that the EMC Research survey agreement, should Council decide to proceed with it, will allow the

City to gauge the community support for additional public safety and will help staff build outreach efforts in preparation and support for specific Council public safety objectives in the coming biennium. The contract amount is for \$38,100 and is tied directly to the EMC proposal included in the packet. He indicated that the survey results will be in support of those efforts within the Council's desire to understand the community with respect to public safety.

Discussion followed with regards to the use of the gathered data; timeline for action; and the ability/chance to review the survey questions.

**MOTION:** By Councilmember Keel, seconded by Councilmember Wood to suspend the Rules to move this item for Council consideration this evening.

**The motion carried.**

Public Comment – None.

**MOTION:** By Councilmember Keel, seconded by Councilmember Belleci to approve the Professional Service Agreement with EMC for community public safety survey.

**The motion carried.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia