

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, May 16, 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
Mayor Worthington	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund, 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. PRESENTATIONS

28th Legislative District Report/Update – Senator Nobles, along with Representatives Leavitt and Bronoske of the 28th District updated Council on various legislative actions and initiatives for which they advocated during the last legislative session.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – Mayor Worthington presented a proclamation to Curtis High School student Jasjit Singh recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in University Place.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following individuals provided comment: Joe Stortini and Dennis Flann.

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 April 23, 2022 and May 2, 2022 Council meetings as submitted.
- B.** Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 04/30/22; and Claims dated 04/29/22.
- C.** Authorize the City Manager to approve the fifth amended Town Center Binding Site Plan.

The motion carried.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

8. CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Staff Report – City Attorney Kaser provided an overview on the proposed changes to the Council Rules. Those changes include:

- Selection of Finance Committee Chair – identifying the Mayor Pro Tem as the Chair. This will commence with the next term (January 1, 2024).
- Council Comments – encouraging further comments on Councilmember report-outs on other activities.
- Excused Absences – streamlining the process of excusing absences.
- Remote participation of Councilmembers.

He indicated that there is a slight change in language for remote participation to align with new HB1329. The Rules as drafted contemplates ongoing remote participation by councilmembers when the rest of the meeting is on a hybrid format – this follows the text of the recent statutory language. He explained that absent this language, an emergency order or lack of quorum, the Council Rule would require that all Councilmembers be present for a Council meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Belleci, to adopt a resolution amending the City's Council Rules of Procedure as amended.

The motion carried. (RESOLUTION NO. 975)

MOTION: By Councilmember McCluskey, seconded by Councilmember Belleci, to amend Section 2, subsection F(2)(c) of the City's Council Rules of Procedure to reflect additional language as follows: In circumstances not satisfying subparts (a) or (b), so long as there is an option for the public to listen to the meeting *“and the Councilmember has circumstance (i.e., out-of-town travel, illness or other emergency) which would ordinarily justify an excused absence”*.

The motion passed 6 to 1. Councilmember Wood voted no.

9. CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg reported that the City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for fiscal year 2020 from the Government of Finance Officers Association for the twenty-fourth consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. He congratulated Finance Director Blaisdell and her team for this achievement. Additionally, he provided an update about the upcoming Duck Daze parade.

Councilmember Keel reported that Sound Transit is in the process of hiring a new CEO. He also updated Council on Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) position on local control around housing issues.

Councilmember Wood informed Council that he has been elected as interim President for the Board of Directors of Friends of the Lewis Army Museum.

Councilmember McCluskey stated that she is excited about the Duck Daze Parade and inquired if Councilmembers will be allowed to throw candies during the parade. She commented on South Sound Housing Affordability Partners' (SSH³P) presentation coming up next on the agenda and informed Council that the City of Dupont is now part of SSH³P.

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa commented on the issue of throwing candy during the Duck parade and the kind of items the City can provide that can be safely throw out to the crowd.

Mayor Worthington thanked Congresswoman Strickland for providing him an invitation to attend the events in University Place recognizing the future project at Chambers Creek and the opportunity to meet with the

U.S. House Speaker. He also reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa attended the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade Ball.

STUDY SESSION

10. SOUTH SOUND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PARTNERS (SSH³P) WORK PLAN

Pierce County SSH³P Manager, Jason Gauthier, provided an overview on SSH³P's draft 2022 Work Plan covering its development process, the seven principles to guide the work development, the five strategic priorities and strategies to achieve these strategic priorities and implementation timeline. He stated that SSH³P's intergovernmental agreement gives the executive board the responsibility and authority to create and implement an annual work plan to guide the work of SSH³P staff and provide benefit to member governments. Mr. Gauthier highlighted the strategic priorities and strategies to: (1) develop and support policies and programs that prioritize and incentivize residential production; (2) refine understanding of affordable housing solutions and promising practices; (3) assist member governments in achieving affordable and attainable production and preservation goals; (4) ensure community's affordable, attainable and accessible housing needs are represented; and (5) to complete the organizational aspects of the SSH³P intergovernmental operation. He indicated that after conversations with subgroup members, there was recommendation to acknowledge SSH³P's 2022 realities including limited staff resources; to make room to allow member government the opportunity to receive a briefing and to provide feedback on the 2022 work plan prior to its approval; the potential for opportunities to arise and require attention and action which may hinder the work plan's deliverables; and the development and adoption of 2023 work plan which is expected to begin the third quarter of this year. Lastly, he shared the Plan's implementation timeline which is anticipated to be completed by July 2022.

Councilmember Keel suggested that Mr. Gauthier reach out to AWC and County Association for resource and collaboration. He also asked whether SSH³P would consider joining AWC to advocate for local control on housing issues. Other comments include continued learning and looking into different academic research on housing policies to determine what have a history of what worked at reducing housing cost or making housing more available in the low to middle income areas; ensuring that SSH³P's timelines matches the political environment; SSH³P's program timeline and deliverables; expectations from cities to help accomplish this work plan; and funding and leveraging for resources.

11. FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Belleci, to table Item #11 – Fireworks Ordinance to a future Council meeting.

The motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia