



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022
HELD REMOTELY**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION

Prior to invocation, Mayor Kaminskas reviewed the logistics for this evening's meeting which, per Governor Inslee's Order 20-28.15, was being held remotely. Invocation then took place.

INVOCATION: Given by Councilmember Cargill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Kaminskas, City Council, and City Staff.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminskas, Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Councilmembers Baird, Cargill, Folyer and VanOrman, and Todd Henderson, IT Technician.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Councilmembers Dunne and Kurtz, Jennifer Camp, Acting City Administrator, Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, Lisa Key, Director of Planning & Engineering, David Williams, City Engineer, Damon Simmons, Police Chief, Sergeant Morgan, Trevor Ragan, Acting Director of Operations & Maintenance, Sean Boutz, City Attorney and Kelsey Wright, City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the agenda with any additions or subtractions requested by the Council, seconded by Councilmember Cargill. Councilmember Folyer moved to add a workshop discussion on Trailhead as item 9D, seconded by Councilmember VanOrman. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor then called for the vote on approving the agenda as amended, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Kim Schmidt: A city resident, spoke regarding the proclamation on this evening's agenda.

Kelsey Wright, City Clerk, acknowledged written comments received regarding Trailhead from Greg Cronin and Randy Walker and written comments received regarding the proclamation from Ron Gray, Christy Deniston, Erin and Jason Merrifield, Sandi Bishop, Carmen Green, Joseph Pitt and June and Rick Jacobson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Damon Simmons introduced two new police officers, Officer Rippee and Officer Howard.

Mayor Kaminskas invited Councilmember Cargill to provide some background information on the proclamation in support of reforming state emergency powers for consideration. Following Councilmember Cargill's presentation and council discussion, the Mayor called for the vote to approve the proclamation. Councilmembers Baird and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmembers Kennedy, VanOrman, Kurtz, Dunne and Folyer voted opposed. The proclamation failed to be approved with a final tally of 2-5.

REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

City Council: Councilmember Kurtz reported on attending two trainings, City Action Days and Great City Council Meetings. Additionally, she reported on attended a demonstration with the Thought Exchange platform.

Councilmember Dunne thanked Lisa Key and Jen Camp for taking time to learn about Thought Exchange.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy reported on attending the City Action Days and Great City Council Meetings, and also provided his feedback regarding Thought Exchange.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas reported on attending the City Action Days, Great City Council Meetings, and Conflict Resolution Skills trainings. She also reported on a possible safety camera system the police department is researching, and completing interviews for Planning Commission. Additionally, she mentioned the GSI Legislative update and that she would be judging the Future Business Leaders of America regional championship and traveling to Olympia for AWC Mayor's Exchange. Lastly, she provided a reminder of timing for submitting items for agenda review.

City Administrator: Jen Camp, acting City Administrator, set the table for staff to provide updates. Lisa Key, Director of Planning & Engineering and Kyle Dixon, Finance Director provided an update on Trailhead. Lisa Key provided an update on the zone change for the Meadowwood Technology Campus. Kyle Dixon, provided an update on researching recruitment firms for the City Administrator position followed by Todd Henderson, IT Technician, provided an update on technology for in-person council meetings. David Williams, City Engineer, provided an update on the Kramer Road Overpass. Lisa Key then provided council with notice of planned blasting on Legacy Ridge. Jen Camp then spoke regarding a Shop Loco Partnership with Ridgeline High School and reviewed upcoming events and reminders. Questions asked and answered throughout.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

Representation on Advisory Boards: Mayor Kaminskas reviewed boards and committees which the City serves on. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy spoke regarding the commitment required for some of the committees that he has served on.

Councilmember Dunne volunteered to be the Council representative on the Spokane Transit Authority Board. With no objections from the council, Councilmember Dunne was appointed to serve on the STA Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy volunteered to be the alternate representative on the STA Board. With no objections from council, Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy was appointed as the alternate.

Mayor Kaminskas then spoke regarding the appointment of a council representative on the Lodging Tax Advisory Board. Following discussion, it was decided to postpone appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Board so that council may hold a workshop first.

Local Income Tax Ban: Councilmember Cargill presented on the topic of bringing an ordinance forward to prohibit a local income tax. Questions asked, answered and discussion ensued. Councilmember VanOrman moved to direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance to bring back for a first read. Seconded by Councilmember Baird. Following discussion, the Mayor called for a vote. Councilmembers Baird, Folyer, VanOrman, Cargill and Kennedy voted in favor; Councilmembers Dunne and Kurtz voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-2.

GSI Partnership Workshop: Alisha Benson and Gary Ballew, with Greater Spokane Inc. presented an overview of the purpose of their organization and an update on their projects, processes, and progress throughout 2021. Questions asked and answered.

Trailhead Workshop: Councilmember Folyer initiated the conversation on the Trailhead project sharing his thoughts on the necessary portions of the project, followed by council discussion.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the consent agenda items: 10Ai, was to approve the January 18, 2022 city council meeting minutes; 10Aii, was to approve the January 25, 2022 special city council meeting minutes, 10Aiii was to approve the December 31, 2021 vouchers, February 1, 2022 vouchers in the amount of \$288,523.33. Councilmember Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Councilmember Cargill was out of the room at the time of the vote.

Action Items

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to authorize the purchase of a Club Car Carryall 500 in the amount of \$12,466.92. Seconded by Councilmember Baird. The motion carried unanimously with a final tally of 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the Greater Spokane Incorporated Annual Economic Development Partnership agreement in the amount of \$26,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract. Seconded by Councilmember Folyer. After brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Councilmembers Kurtz, Dunne, VanOrman, Folyer, Kennedy and Baird voted in favor; Councilmember Cargill voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 6-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the 2022 small works contract with Bacon Concrete for miscellaneous concrete flat work and curbing in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Folyer. After brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously with a final tally of 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Joe Mann, Dg Garcia, Dr. Dale Robbins and Jim Baumker to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Kurtz. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote, which carried unanimously with a final tally of 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Avista Lighting Agreement for Kramer Parkway in the amount of \$4,806 annually. Seconded by Councilmember Baird, which carried unanimously with a final tally of 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to authorize the Mayor to approve the purchase two police vehicles off the state contract in the amount of \$69,547.97 and authorize the Mayor to approve the quote from RACOM to outfit both vehicles in the amount of \$28,400.86. Seconded by Councilmember Baird. Following discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Councilmember Dunne moved to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Baird, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the five-year contract renewal with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for body cameras, and purchase the first year in the amount of \$24,927.00.

Seconded by Councilmember Baird. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy introduced a discussion revisiting an action item approved at the January 18th City Council meeting related to Pro Shop supplies and merchandise purchasing authority for resale. Discussion ensued with questions asked and answered.

Councilmember Kurtz moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Dunne. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kurtz moved to table the topic to a future meeting, seconded by Councilmember Baird. Following brief discussion, Councilmember Kurtz moved to amend the motion to table until the 15th, seconded by Dunne. Following discussion, the Mayor called for the vote to amend the motion. Councilmembers Dunne, Kurtz, VanOrman, Baird, Cargill and Folyer voted in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy voted opposed. The motion was amended with a final tally of 6-1.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion to table the discussion until the February 15th meeting. Councilmember Kurtz called the question, seconded by Councilmember Dunne. Councilmembers Kurtz, Dunne, Folyer, Baird and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmembers Kennedy and VanOrman voted opposed. The motion to call the question carried with a final tally of 5-2. The Mayor called for the vote on the motion to table the discussion until the February 15th meeting. Councilmembers Cargill, Dunne, Baird, Kurtz and VanOrman voted in favor; Councilmembers Folyer and Kennedy voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-2.

Councilmember Cargill moved to extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Cargill commented on his concerns regarding making accusations during meetings.

Councilmember Dunne reflected on conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / APPEALS: No items at this time.

RESOLUTIONS: No items at this time.

ORDINANCES: No items at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS: Kelsey Wright, City Clerk, reviewed upcoming agenda items and workshop discussions for the February 15th meeting. The Mayor and Council provided guidance on upcoming workshops.

Councilmember Cargill moved to bring back tonight's proclamation regarding State emergency powers reform as a resolution, seconded by Councilmember VanOrman. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Councilmembers Folyer, Cargill, Baird and VanOrman voted in favor; Councilmembers Dunne, Kennedy and Kurtz voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 4-3.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dg Garcia: A city resident, spoke regarding deliberations during the meeting, and encouraged the importance of the bigger picture of what liberty lake together means.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

These minutes were approved February 15th, 2022.



Cris Kaminskas, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Kelsey Wright. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.

