



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020
HELD REMOTELY
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.

Prior to the invocation, Mayor Brickner reviewed the logistics for this evening's meeting which, per Governor Inslee's Order 20-28, dated March 24, 2020, was being held remotely. Invocation then took place.

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Brickner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Brickner, City Council, and City Staff

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

ROLL CALL

City officials who physically attended the meeting were:

Mayor Brickner, Katy Allen, City Administrator, RJ Stevenson, Finance Director, Brian Asmus, Chief of Police, Lisa Key, Director of Planning and Engineering, Ann Swenson, City Clerk, and Todd Henderson, Information Technology.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom were:

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Council Members Langford, Severs, Folyer, Dunne, and Kurtz.

The City Attorney, Operations and Maintenance Director, City Engineer, and Liberty Lake Municipal Library Director also attended the meeting via Zoom.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to excuse Council Member Kaminskas as she had a conflict this evening, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to amend the agenda to defer the 2nd reading of Ordinance 267 until August 4th to allow for the execution of a vacation of ROW agreement by Western States, as referenced in the Ordinance. Council Member Langford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Sahlberg, Liberty Lake River District resident: addressed transportation issues on tonight's agenda. He thanked city staff for their work with the Washington State

Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and for opening Mission Avenue. He commented the trail on the north side of Mission Avenue is being used by dozens, if not more, every day. He said it is very much appreciated to have a safe place for people to walk from the River District to the business area in River District. He also commended Parametrix for the excellent network analysis and update they have provided and spoke in favor of supporting their recommendations. He asked about getting graphics from Parametrix that include all walkways, sidewalks, trails, and bike paths to work on a future master plan for bicycle and pedestrian safety. He offered to be involved in those discussions, noting the goal is to move everyone safer, not faster.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & INQUIRIES

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy reported on his attendance at a Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce's Zoom meeting, wherein the Paycheck Protection Program was discussed.

Mayor Brickner explained what is and is not allowed during Phase 2. He then recognized community member Amelia Allen. Amelia is a younger girl who said the night of the 4th of July was her most favorite ever. In her own words, she said it's not about what we do but who we are with. Amelia pointed out the many good things about COVID such as slowing down and enjoying each moment. Mayor thanked her for her great insight and encouraged everyone to embrace those things as we get caught up in the current environment. He reminded the councilmembers the DC Fly In is scheduled tomorrow from 12-2 and asked that they let staff know if they would like to attend. He asked for help at farmers market this Saturday and requested updated bios from the city council. He reported on attending former Building Inspector Rudy Torres' memorial tribute and announced the employee appreciation luncheon has been postponed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The city administrator reported Spokane County is looking at a Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Facility. The facility would tend to the needs of those who have mental health situations who interact with law enforcement. She then turned the floor over to the chief of police, who gave an update on the solar equipment providing backup power at the police department. He also addressed a question from Councilman Langford regarding storage backup for the city's data. After further discussion about ensuring proper backups and professional reload capabilities, Councilman Langford made a motion to review the possibility of going with local company TierPoint for professional storage of the city's data. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. After further brief discussion, Mayor called for the vote. Motion failed 2-4; Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy and Councilman Langford in favor, all others opposed.

The city administrator resumed the floor and gave an update on COVID. She then turned the floor over to the finance director, who provided an update. The city administrator again resumed the floor and gave updates on employee recruitments. She introduced Ben Schmitt, the city's new engineer and Mr. Schmitt offered some words of introduction. The city administrator gave an update on Harvard and Henry Road. She

spoke about the council's tentative retreat on August 2nd. After discussion about whether to proceed, it was determined that postponing the retreat is the best course of action at this time. It was discussed that bringing some high priority topics back for workshop discussions would be favored by the council. Councilmembers will submit their priorities to staff and those will be discussed at the August 4th city council meeting. The city administrator concluded her report with updates about events, reservations, and programs.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

The Director of Planning and Engineering introduced Charles Allen, Transportation Engineer and Project Lead, from Parametrix, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Liberty Lake network analysis update. The analysis focused on transportation at the Country Vista corridor as well as the entire city network for multi-modal and vehicular focus, respectively. He addressed the study area, data collection, growth assumptions, analysis, and recommendations.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve action item 10Ai, approving the July 7, 2020 city council meeting minutes. Council Member Dunne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve action item 10Aii, approving the July 21, 2020 vouchers in the amount of \$827,149.15. Council Member Folyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

A/P check numbers were 30199 through 30255, totaling \$353,826.32. EFTs totaled \$39,021.69. Payroll check numbers were 30121 through 30127 totaling \$10,159.58. EFTs totaled \$424,141.56.

RESOLUTIONS

The City Clerk read, by title only Resolution No. 20-276, approving the final plat of Hawkstone second addition located in a portion of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 25N, Range 45 E.W.M., Liberty Lake, Washington, File P-06-0002B.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-276, seconded by Council Member Folyer. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk read, by title only Resolution No. 20-277, providing for the disposal of certain inventory items deemed to be surplus to the reasonably foreseeable needs of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-277, seconded by Council Member Kurtz. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

The city administrator then reviewed the upcoming agenda items for the August 4th City Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Brickner called adjournment for 20 minutes into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 for discussion of real estate. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

These minutes were approved August 4, 2020.



Shane Brickner, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



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