

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Tuesday, January 17, 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, Engineering and Capital Projects Deputy Director Avcular, Communications Manager Seesz and City Clerk Genetia.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Flemming 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**

State of the City Report - Mayor Worthington delivered the State of the City report which reflects the City's accomplishments in the last year.

University Place Veterans' Memorial Plaza – Mayor Worthington presented Certificates of Recognition to Greg Gooch, Nancy Triebelhorn, Kenn Triebelhorn, Howard Lee and Karen Schwartz for their significant contributions and efforts in the construction of the University Place Veterans' Memorial Plaza at Cirque Park.

Washington State Department of Transportation 2022 Award of Excellence – Jay Drye, Director of Local Programs Division of Washington State Department of Transportation, presented the 2022 Award of Excellence-Best City to the City Council and recognized Jack Ecklund and Nuri Avcular, for the 56<sup>th</sup> Street/Cirque Drive Phase 3 project. Mr. Drye was joined by his colleagues, John Ho (Local Programs Engineer, Olympic Region), Dawn Fletcher (Assistant Local Programs Engineer), and FHWA Washington Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT** – The following individual provided comments: Chris Saunders, University Place Parks and Recreation Foundation.

## 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 3, 2023 Council meeting as submitted.
- B. Adopt a Resolution approving the Park Advisory Commission's 2023 Preliminary Work Plan. **(RESOLUTION NO. 1000)**
- C. Adopt a Resolution approving the Planning Commission's 2023 Preliminary Work Plan. **(RESOLUTION NO. 1001)**
- D. Confirm Stephen Smith's appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- E. Confirm Byron Pullen's appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- F. Confirm Adrian Brown's appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending January 31, 2024.
- G. Confirm Katy Schaff's appointment to the Park Advisory Commission for a term ending January 31, 2026.
- H. Confirm Michael Gruener's reappointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- I. Confirm John Siridakis' reappointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- J. Confirm Kimberly Nordby's reappointment to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- K. Confirm Emily Calhoun's appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2027.
- L. Adopt a Resolution amending the City's Purchasing Policy. **(RESOLUTION NO. 1002)**
- M. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of University Place and the University Place Historical Society.
- N. Authorize the purchase and installation of Cirque Park Skate Park Improvements through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group Contract #Q27315.1 in the amount of \$412,500.00 including sales tax and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
- O. Authorize the purchase and installation of nine (9) outdoor fitness stations through Omnia Partners, a cooperative purchasing group, Contract #2017001134 in the amount of \$66,775.13 including sales tax and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
- P. Authorize the purchase of one (1) John Deere 35G Compact Excavator through Sourcewell Cooperative Group Contract #032119-JD in the amount of \$63,477.63 including sales tax and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
- Q. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Krista Swain for legal services.

**The motion carried.**

## 8. CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg informed Council that the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition has put together a sandbag operation for the residents of Day Island and Sunset Beach to be able to protect their residences from the predicted king tides. He thanked the Coalition and staff for their efforts and successful operation.

Councilmember Keel commented on the City Commissions' 2023 preliminary work plans and emphasized his interest in working together with Council and commission members to finalize their respective work plans this year. He also updated Council on Sound Transit's Hilltop light rail extension project and stated that he will be participating in its test run this evening.

Councilmember Wood reported that he met with a gentleman from University Place last week who is very interested in parks and recreation, specifically trying to discuss the possibility getting a pump track for bicycles added to one of the City's parks. He hopes to be able to get potential recreation options available for discussion at the upcoming Council's retreat. He also thanked Chris Saunders for bringing up the option of a possible non-profit organization for consideration.

Councilmember McCluskey congratulated Director Ecklund and Deputy Director Avcular for their service, hard work and achievements having received WSDOT's 2022 Excellence Award-Best City accolade. She commended the University Place Veterans' Plaza group for bringing the Memorial Plaza to fruition. Referring to Ms. Saunders' comment, she is excited and hopeful to have a discussion about recreation opportunities in the City. Finally, she shared information and barriers on housing legislations discussed at the SSHA<sup>3</sup>P meeting she attended. She hopes that citizens would get on board and make public comment through the virtual site. SSHA<sup>3</sup>P is also recruiting for its Advisory Board.

Councilmember Flemming echoed Councilmember McCluskey's comments about the parks program and thanked Ms. Saunders for her involvement. He congratulated the individuals appointed to various City commissions this evening and thanked them for their service.

Councilmember Belleci echoed Councilmember McCluskey's comments regarding House Bill 1110 and Senate Bill 5190 which she explained basically take away local rights for single family zoning under the guise of affordable housing. She encouraged City residents to respond and contact the state legislators and ask them not to support these bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa agreed with Councilmember Belleci's comments on the housing legislations and commented on educating the community about these bills and its impact on the City, home ownership, and community setting.

Mayor Worthington reminded his colleagues of their upcoming retreat next week and shared the preliminary outline of discussion. He reported that he attended the AWC Mayors' Exchange. At the conference, he met with Senator Nobles and talked to her about the City's legislative topmost objective and views on House Bill 1110 and Senate Bill 5190. He also shared the same on discussions with other legislative representatives. Mayor Worthington shared his views on a council comment about the two legislative bills. Lastly, he received a call from PCRC Chair Mello to share his interest and concern about the City's urban flooding issue.

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **9. PARKING METERS**

Community and Economic Development Director Briske presented a parking management proposal for the Village at Chambers Bay. He provided the current status and concerns with on-street parking at prime retail spots at the Village, noting that there are still approximately 17,000 square feet of unbuilt/unleased commercial that will proceed to add to the problem. The solutions that staff considered to address the parking issues include (1) enforcement of existing time limits; (2) parking validation model; and (3) parking meters. Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund pointed out that the cost for enforcement personnel, if the City is to go for the first two options, is estimated at around \$100,000 for a minimum of one full-time employee. With the limited enforcement on parking meters, he anticipates no additional cost to the City's contract to use the current parking security personnel to identify parking meter citations needed. The proposal involves placement of parking meters on Market Place (90-minute max) to be enforced from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., free on Sundays and holidays, for a charge of \$1/hour that can be purchased in 15-minute time blocks or less. Free parking stalls will still be available in the garage and on Bridgeport Way. Market Square stalls with a 15-minute time limit will still be free and enforced. He highlighted the features of the parking meter payment methods and options. The parking program can be initiated in late spring/early summer with initial installation and setup costs of \$41,170. Director Ecklund indicated that initiation of the parking meter program will include a public education process. This proposal has been included in the previous (2021) budget and does not require additional fund allocation. Director Briske shared several benefits of this proposal which include estimated generated revenue of \$100K - \$200K in sales per year for the Village businesses; it will encourage those who look for long-term parking to park in the garage; it will discourage business employees from parking on-street; it will keep a percentage of stalls open for customers; and parking revenues in excess of operations costs can be invested back into the Village and used for landscaping, security, events, etc.

Discussion followed regarding the estimated operating cost; parking infractions; ancillary cost for monthly credit card payments; user-friendly payment applications; public education/change behavioral habits; interest in reinvesting extra parking revenue; testing of data assumptions; garage parking lighting, security/safety concerns and management; possible production/issuance of rechargeable parking card; and

concerns about solar power energy source for meters. A request was made for staff to provide report/feedback from affected businesses on the impact of metered parking. There was consensus on the recommendation of not metering ADA stalls and support for possible card payment option only.

At 8:45 p.m., the City Council took a five-minute break. The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m., **MOTION:** By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Belleci, to table Item 11 – Affordable Housing Options to the February 6, 2023 Council meeting.

**The motion passed 6 to 1. Councilmember Keel voted no.**

**10. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS – TABLED FOR THE 02/06/23 MEETING.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia  
City Clerk

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