

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, February 21, 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	Excused
Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa	Present
Mayor Worthington	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Community and Economic Development Director Briske, Senior Planner George, Police Chief Premo, Public Safety Manager Hales, Administrative Services Director Petorak, Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund, Finance Director Blaisdell and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa 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.

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to amend the agenda to add an item before Item #7 for Council consideration – Adopt a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Pierce County Flood Control Zone District for District grant-funded projects.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – The following individuals provided comment: Peggy Dawson, 7113 32nd Street Court West; Dennis Flann, 2623 Lemons Beach Road; Rick Noren, 3725 Brookside Way West; and David Hufford, 3620 Soundview Drive West.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A.** Approve the minutes of the January 28, 2023 and February 6, 2023 Council meetings as submitted.
- B.** Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 01/31/23; and Claims dated 01/13/23, 01/18/23, and 01/31/23 (2022 and 2023).
- C.** Receive and File: Black History Month Proclamation.

The motion carried.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

PIERCE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Staff Report – Engineering and Capital Projects Director Ecklund presented a resolution to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Pierce County Flood Control Zone District. He indicated that the City was recently awarded a \$650,000 grant from Pierce County Flood Control Zone District to address storm water flooding in the vicinity of Grandview Drive/Olympic Boulevard and Brookside Way. In order to access funds, the City is required to enter into an Interlocal Agreement. The Agreement requires the project to be completed by the end of the year and billings to be submitted by March 31, 2024. City staff has reviewed this Interlocal Agreement and recommends its approval.

7. Public Comment – The following individuals provided comment: Rick Noren, 3725 Brookside Way West; and David Hufford, 3620 Soundview Drive West.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to adopt a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Pierce County Flood Control Zone District for District grant-funded projects.

The motion carried. (RESOLUTION NO. 1004)

8. HB1590 – HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES SALES TAX

Staff Report – City Attorney Kaser presented a proposed ordinance that would levy a sales tax as authorized under RCW 82.14.530. This tax, should Council choose to impose it, would be an additional one-tenth of one percent at point-of-sale sales tax for all goods sold within the City. He indicated that Pierce County has a similar taxation set for their action on March 7, 2023. The taxation, should local municipalities choose to pass them, serves as a credit against the County tax. Attorney Kaser provided additional information and discussed the restricted uses of the tax revenue and its threshold in response to Council's queries regarding the fund application/management and its potential use to offset the cost of a community/behavioral healthcare officer.

Public Comment – The following individual provided comment: Wayne Mannie, 5810 80th Avenue Court West.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to pass an Ordinance authorizing the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of RCW 82.14.530; adopting a new Chapter 4.100 of the University Place Municipal Code; amending Section 4.40.330 UPMC and adopting implementing provisions; relating to housing and related services.

The motion failed.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

Staff Report – On behalf of the University Place Police Department, Police Chief Premo made a brief statement regarding the continuing discussion on funding for additional officers for the Police Department. He believes that the City's current situation is of critical importance to the future of public safety, and that while additional officers will not make the City crime free, it will improve the level of services, increase proactive community-oriented policing, and enhance police visibility throughout the City. Chief Premo thanked the Council for keeping public safety a top priority and the citizens of University Place for their continued support.

City Attorney Kaser presented a resolution that would authorize placement of a ballot measure for a levy lid lift for support of law enforcement services. The public safety levy ballot measure will be submitted to voters in the April 2023 special election. He noted that the measure tracks the change in funding option (B+) that Council has previously discussed which envisions eight additional patrol and traffic officers together with a specialist addressing homelessness, park safety, and crime prevention. He indicated that the deadline to submit this proposition, should Council wish to place it in the April special election, is February 24, 2023. In response to Council's concerns and previous discussions, Attorney Kaser briefly

explained housekeeping action with regard to the ballot question. In addition, the proposed resolution provides for a Council subcommittee consisting of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Chair of the Finance Committee to exercise the City's right to appoint a committee "For" and "Against" the measure.

Public Comment – The following individuals provided comment: Betsy Tainer, 3333 Locust Avenue West; Dennis Flann, 2623 Lemons Beach Road; and Jennifer Healy, 7505 52nd Street Court West.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to adopt a Resolution authorizing a levy lid lift to be placed on the April 2023 Special Election ballot for support of law enforcement services.

The motion carried. (RESOLUTION NO. 1005)

10. CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg informed Council that Public Works has launched a student art contest "Color It UP" to help transform bland utility boxes. The winning artwork will be printed on vinyl and wrapped around the various utility boxes around the City. Entry deadline is April 14, 2023.

Councilmember Keel reported that he attended the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) City Action Days and shared information on key issues he had discussed with State legislators during the conference. He also shared the follow-up information he received from South Sound 911.

Councilmember Wood reported that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and imparted information on legislative topics covered at the meeting. He also inquired about the traffic impact the future Fircrest development will have on Mildred Street and 27th Street.

Councilmember McCluskey expressed her excitement about the student art contest for the utility boxes.

Councilmember Flemming reported that the University Place Rotary and the University Place School District will be hosting a "Clean UP" event on April 22, 2023 starting at 8:00 a.m. to get the community together to walk along and clean-up streets/parks. The event will wrap up with a community party at Curtis Junior High School. He invited the public to attend and participate.

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa reported that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council general assembly meeting. He also shared his discussions with the State legislators regarding the zoning and housing legislations.

Mayor Worthington reported that he, along with Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa and Councilmember Keel, attended AWC's City Action Days where he had an opportunity to visit with Representatives Levitt and Bronoske to discuss the City's agenda on the issue about the zoning, the effects of the affordable housing activities (HB-1056) and its impact on the community, the Blake Decision, and other City concerns. He also participated in the district-wide call to the 10th Congressional District, Congresswoman Strickland. Lastly, he attended the Steilacoom Kiwanis Club meeting where he shared the City's year-end review.

At 9:03 p.m. a motion was made and was carried to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. Council took a five-minute break and resumed to Study Session thereafter.

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, seconded by Councilmember Keel to table Item 11 – Housing Action Toolkit to a future Council meeting.

The motion carried.

STUDY SESSION

11. WEST PIERCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Public Safety Manager Hales introduced Serena Retondo, the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition Coordinator. Ms. Hales briefly talked about the enhanced interlocal agreement with West Pierce

Emergency Management Coalition. Ms. Retondo used this opportunity to meet with Council to provide an overview of West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition as it relates to its membership, purpose, operation plans, and on-going training for its members and community stakeholders.

The enhanced Interlocal Agreement provides guardrails to determine how costs are shared or allocated and includes the creation of a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Plan; the coordination of ordering and distributing resources during an incident; and adding a provision for unanticipated and reasonable expenses for a large-scale incident/emergency. Ms. Hales indicated that all coalition partners agreed on the proposed changes and have passed it through their respective governing Councils.

Questions were addressed regarding the coalition's participation; EMI training integration; coalition program cost and funding; pre-damage definition; the inclusion of lahar in the ILA upgrade; continuity of operations plan; board and jurisdiction authority; emergency governance; Pierce County Emergency Management role; fiduciary agency; and stakeholder participation.

At 9:33 p.m., a motion was made and was carried to extend the meeting to 9:45 p.m.

12. HOUSING ACTION TOOLKIT – TABLED TO A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.

13. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia
City Clerk