

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, June 5, 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	Excused
Mayor Worthington	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Public Works Director Ecklund, Police Chief Premo, Public Safety Administrator Hales, Community and Economic Development Director Briske, and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Keel led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to amend the agenda to add Item 7D under Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as amended.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month Proclamation – Mayor Worthington presented a proclamation to Tarah Threde, Administrator for the Hearthside Manor, recognizing the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urging all citizens to learn more about this disease and its impact on victims and families.

Color it UP Contest Winners – Public Works Director Ecklund presented the artworks of students from Curtis Junior High, Curtis Senior High, and Charles Wright Academy who participated in the Color it UP contest. The following students were recognized as winners of the contest: Evan Banal, Mariia Sheelgina, Porscha Clay, Charles Wright Glass Art Class, Andy Luna, Mera Foster, and Charles Wright Printmaking Class.

Tahoma Audubon Society – Suzanne Harkness of the Tahoma Audubon Society presented information about Tahoma Audubon Society's mission and goals through education, conservation, and recreation programs.

Recognition, Police Chief Premo – Mayor Worthington presented a proclamation and a plaque to Police Chief Greg Premo in recognition of his service, achievements, dedication, and commitment to public safety. Councilmembers congratulated Chief Premo and wished him well on his retirement.

Introduction of New Police Chief – Police Chief Premo introduced Lt. Patrick Burke, the City's new Police Chief.

Demographics Recap – Community and Economic Development Director Briske provided an overview of University Place’s demographics and housing statistics between 2000 to 2022.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – The following individuals provided comments: Jane Park and Chris Saunders, University Place Parks & Recreation Foundation.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel to approve the amended Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Council meeting as submitted.
- B. Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 05/15/23; and Claims dated 04/28/23 and 05/15/23.
- C. Adopt a Resolution appointing voting delegates to the 2023 Association of Washington Cities’ Annual Business Meeting.
- D. Cancel the City Council meeting of June 20, 2023 and set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **(ADDED)**

The motion carried.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

8. CIRQUE PARK FEASIBILITY CONSULTANT BID AWARD

Staff Report – Public Works Director Ecklund recommended the approval of a consultant agreement for the Cirque Park Community Center feasibility and site plan study. The City advertised a Request for Qualifications for a Cirque Park Community Center Feasibility and Site Plan Study and received six qualification packages in response to this advertisement. The qualification packages were reviewed by City staff and members of the Park Advisory Commission. Based on this review, three firms were selected for interviews for the project and Architecture Resource Collaborative (ARC) was selected. ARC has provided a proposal in the amount of \$76,050.00. Staff have reviewed the proposal and have found it to be reasonable and responsive to the request. This project is funded 50% through park impact fees and 50% through ARPA funds.

Public Comment – The following individual provided comments: Mr. Armstrong.

Council Consideration – **MOTION:** By Councilmember Belleci, seconded by Councilmember Keel, to authorize the City Manager to execute the consultant agreement for the Cirque Park Community Center Feasibility and Site Plan Study with Architecture Resource Collaborative in the amount of \$76,050.00 and execute all necessary contract documents.

The motion carried.

9. CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

Public Works Director Ecklund provided an update on 37th Street Court West construction project currently underway as well as the progress on the park trail and the installation of exercise equipment at Cirque Park. He noted that the bid on 35th Street project will be going out to bid next week.

City Manager Sugg remarked on the successful Duck Daze parade and community event.

Councilmember Keel commented on the success of the Duck Daze event and the community turn-out. He reminded his colleagues of the upcoming AWC Conference and informed them that the National League of Cities will be holding a free conference in Tacoma.

Councilmember Wood enjoyed the Duck Daze parade and expressed his pride in the community.

Councilmember Belleci found the Duck Daze parade a successful and enjoyable event. She commended the young artists who participated in the Color it UP contest.

Councilmember McCluskey expressed her pride in representing the community and thanked Marian Holloway and her team for putting on a successful event. She commented on Ms. Park's comment about inclusivity. In addition, she commended Police Chief Premo for his hard work, dedication, and achievements.

Councilmember Flemming was impressed with the turn-out at the Duck Daze event. He recognized Marian and the team for their hard work. He also commended Police Chief Premo for his leadership and dedication to public safety. In addition, he remarked on the Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness proclamation. Lastly, he informed the Council that SSHAP is currently working on its workplan and highlighted items that the City needs to take note of.

Mayor Worthington reminded the Council that the June 20 regular meeting has been cancelled. Instead, the Council will meet on June 14, 2023. He commented about the Cirque Trail Park and the outstanding Duck Daze event and thanked the West Pierce Fire & Rescue for their participation. He thanked Police Chief Premo for his hard work and contributions to public safety and wished him success.

STUDY SESSION

10. PUGET SOUND ENERGY FRANCHISE

City Attorney Kaser presented the proposed Franchise Agreement permitting Puget Sound Energy to construct, operate and maintain facilities necessary for the distribution and sale of natural gas to customers in and outside the City. The current Franchise Agreement expired in May 2023 on its own terms. City staff have worked through PSE's legal counsel to negotiate the Franchise Agreement to continue providing natural gas to the City's residents. Attorney Kaser indicated that the proposed Franchise Agreement is largely identical to the 2003 Franchise, with agreed-upon changes in the insurance provisions and other word-smiting. City staff recommends approval of this Agreement.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia
City Clerk