

## POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2019

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Erickson; Councilmembers Garland, Lord, Musgrove, Nystul, Stern, Thomas.

Staff: City Clerk Fernandez, City Engineer Lenius, IT Senior Technician Williamson.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember McGinty

### MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- \* \* \* Minutes of February 6, 2019, Council Meeting
- \* \* \* Noll Road ROW Acquisition Approval

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda as presented.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Nystul.  
Motion carried.

#### 3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Erickson recognized the girls' soccer team "Pip Squeaks" who will be traveling to England. Their coach noted the fundraising projects the team has done. Team member Daisy summarized what they did to raise money and what they will do on their trip.

Pamela Benson spoke on behalf of the Washington State for Public Safety and asked the Council to review their codes to not allow level 3 sex offender homes in city limits.

#### 4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Nystul said the last snow storm is an excellent opportunity to reflect on how to prepare for emergencies, such as earthquakes, that will only give us seconds to prepare for, unlike the snowstorm that was predicted days before it happened.

Councilmember Thomas commended the North Kitsap School District for kicking off their strategic planning process. Tomorrow he will attend their alignment team meeting.

He also noted on February 25, 6:30 p.m., the Parks Commission will take public input on Austurbruin Park playground equipment.

Councilmember Lord announced there is a community meeting for the Washington State for Public Safety group at 9:30 a.m. at the Poulsbo Fire Station. She is going to explore what the City can do to help protect against having a sex offender house locating in Poulsbo. She applauded the soccer group; it is commendable the City has great ambassadors.

Mayor Erickson said there will be a debriefing at the next council meeting on the snow event. There are lessons learned that need to be shared, including the Mayor not having authority to close city hall during inclement weather. She also noted there will be a ribbon cutting at Westwood Crossing on March 7, a new subdivision on Finn Hill.

Councilmember Musgrove supports the idea of creating legislation to allow city hall closures when needed. He felt Poulsbo fared well in the snow storm in comparison to other areas. He noted the timing of intersection lights was well coordinated. He heard all praises, no complaints, about our public works and police department.

Councilmember Garland announced the Smart Talk Digital Safety Seminar is on Friday, March 8, 5:30 p.m, at the North Kitsap Auditorium.

Councilmember Stern saluted the young ladies who are going England to play soccer. He referred to an editorial in the Seattle Times "*Legislature, Don't Micromanage Cities.*" This is the whole topic of preemption, and the Association of WA Cities is fighting against it. Mayor Erickson said this is the classic fight between local government and people wanting to control their own neighborhoods versus the big guys at the top of the hill. The State Legislature is considering telling us how many houses we can put per acre in our community. It is mandating more density.

Councilmember Stern said there will be a dedication of the Eli Sculpture on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. for Morrow Manor.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Move to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

The items listed are:

**a.** Minutes of February 6, 2019, City Council Meeting

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Nystul.  
Motion carried.

## 6. BUSINESS AGENDA

### a. Noll Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Approval

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Erickson recused herself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Lord continued chairing the meeting.

City Engineer Lenius presented the agenda summary, noting the City negotiated the right-of-way acquisition for the Noll Road Improvement project for the following property: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation - Lands Conveyed and Temporary Construction Easement for \$27,600. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the acquisition documents.

Councilmember Thomas clarified when they see the parcel map, they are not acquiring the entire parcel, just enough land for the right of way.

Councilmember Lord asked for an elaboration on the source of the funding. City Engineer Lenius said this is federally funded through STP, which was obtained through Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council and Puget Sound Regional Council. The City has \$1.4MM for ROW acquisitions.

Councilmember Musgrove stated this approval for funding is a budgeted expense.

Councilmember Lord thanked City Engineer Lenius and her staff for all of the hard work they are doing on this complex project.

**Motion:** Move to approve the right-of-way acquisition for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation property totaling \$27,600.00 and authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign the Real Property Voucher on behalf of the City.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Nystul.

Motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m., Mayor Erickson returned to the meeting and continued chairing the meeting.

## 7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Garland reported they heard from Judge Tolman that the all-day court schedule is going well and there will be a new public

defender contract. They received an update from Fire and Police on the winter storm operations (much praise was given for the Public Works crew for keeping the roads clear to enable them to do their job well).

Economic Development/Tourism Committee: Councilmember Lord reported next week they will have a meeting and they will be discussing sex offender home siting and what they can possibly do to prevent it from happening in Poulsbo's city limits.

## **8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

None.

## **9. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Councilmember Lord is attending the KRCC PlanPol (Land Use Planning Policy Committee) meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Erickson reported she now has two super Tuesdays. At yesterday's meetings, Kitsap Transit looked at a new advertising policy; Housing Kitsap Finance Committee reviewed cash flows; the Board of Health Policy Committee reviewed the needle exchange program (2.3MM syringes were given out last year). Councilmember Musgrove said he knows there is an issue of needles laying around in parks, which is a safety concern for children.

Councilmember Stern thanked those who were signed up for AWC City Action Days, even though it was cancelled due to the snow. He also noted he will be absent on March 13, he will be in Washington D.C. with the National League of Cities.

Councilmember Lord asked if the Health Department coordinates with cities for prescription drug take backs. Mayor Erickson said they do coordinate with police departments. There is a drug take back box in the Police Department lobby. People can also take their unused prescription drugs back to pharmacies.

## **10. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Rick Eckert said the sheriff has a drug take back box, and the veteran's hospital as well. He said the School District started their strategic planning process; there will be a public comment opportunity on March 13 to hear what the public wants to see the district doing in the future. He said the schools get unfunded mandates to them as well. He said the District is aware of the level 3 sex offender house. If anyone has questions regarding this, please direct them to the superintendent. He felt the snow situation went as best as it could. The areas the busses have to travel were not that safe, and some facilities did not have power.

## 11. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Nystul noted they learned in PS/L that Judge Tolman has been on job for 25 years, and prior to that he was a butcher.

Councilmember Thomas would like to receive updates in the future on the following items: cemetery ordinance revision and the single use plastic bag ban. Councilmember Musgrove said the plastic bag ban discussion is an active topic being tackled in Olympia and the County, both would override us. At this point, if others are handling it, they will work on other issues.

Mayor Erickson said regarding the level 3 sex offender house the elected officials did not know it was going to occur and it is not in the city limits of Poulsbo. Poulsbo cares about this, but it is outside our jurisdiction. It is frustrating that it is on our border, and we have no say. The City is investigating how to make our codes tighter. The responsibility for this current issue will be in the court and the state legislature. She is sorry it happened; she wishes more could be done. It is very frustrating.

Councilmember Musgrove conveyed to state businesses that the legislature created new laws requiring family leave, but have no rules, regulations, or plans on how businesses can comply. The Association of Washington Cities has been trying to do seminars to help businesses on this topic, but it is delayed until some guidance from the state is given.

Councilmember Musgrove said next week he will attend EDC, but will miss PWC.

Councilmember Stern advocated for the school district to consider having a part-time class room for Running Start in both high schools.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Move to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Nystul.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk