

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 17, 2019

MINUTES

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

Staff: Associate Planner Coleman, Deputy City Clerk Diehl, City Prosecutor Foster, Police Chief Schoonmaker, IT Manager Stenstrom.

ABSENT: Councilmember Garland.

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

* * * Minutes of June 5, 2018, Council Meeting

* * * Boards & Commission Appointment

* * * Ordinance No. 2019-12, Clearing & Grading Ordinance Adoption

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

Mayor Erickson suggested moving the presentation for Employee of the Quarter, which is under Mayor's Reports to before Comments from Citizens due to the employee having small children and the amount of citizen comments that were going to take place.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as amended with the Employee of the Quarter Presentation to before Comments from Citizens on the agenda.

Action: Approve as amended, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Motion carried.

3. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION

Mayor Erickson presented Craig Frazier with the employee of the quarter award. She noted Craig has a very difficult job and is a pleasure to work with. He has completed the following classes while employed with the City of Poulsbo: Residential Mechanical Inspector M1, Residential Building Inspector B1, Residential Plans Examiner, Building Plans Examiner, and Part One Management Module of Certification of a Building Official.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Lydia Sigo, a Suquamish resident, questioned why the fireworks show still took place after the police incident in the park and feels her constitutional rights have been ignored.

Jan True, a Poulsbo resident, expressed concerned over what she feels is a new normalization of hate and questioned why the Public Safety/Legal Meeting scheduled for today had been cancelled.

Dan McClure, a Bremerton resident, expressed concern for the continuance of employment of the officer involved in the incident.

Dana Jackson, a Poulsbo resident, stated she believes white people in the US have grown up with bias that is not necessarily their fault and feels it is the individual's responsibility to identify and change any bias they might have.

Wendy Jones, a Bainbridge resident, stated she believes the use of deadly force is unnecessary and there should be more non-lethal force and de-escalation tactics used.

Carla Abrams, a Port Ludlow resident, stated she is terrified for her adult child who is Native American.

Chris Height, a Jefferson County resident, encouraged council to listen and pay attention to citizen's comments.

Helen Havens, a Bremerton resident, stated she believes people need to be aware of other people's conditions and hopes there will be a lot of discussions in order to prevent any further incidents as this one from taking place.

Brandy Williams, a Bremerton resident, noted there will be a Police and Community Together Meeting discussing De-escalation Tactics on July 23rd in Bremerton and encouraged the council and police to attend.

Jessica Lee, a Quilcene resident, stated she does not participate in 4th of July celebrations due to the meaning of the 4th of July to her and feels grief over this incident has spread to other cities.

Christina Roak, a Poulsbo resident, shared a prayer with the council.

Airen Lydick, a Bremerton resident, noted he has been in the service profession for several years and would like the council to listen to the people including holding meetings such as the Public Safety/Legal Meeting even if there are no agenda items.

Peggy Erickson, a Bainbridge Island resident, stated her native friend is heartbroken and very angry, also she feels it is a very critical time right now in community relations to be listening and considering how to move forward.

Kaelyn Delaney, a Poulsbo resident, stated her sons were distraught about the incident in Poulsbo and wonder how it could have happened here. She wondered why no statement had be made by the Mayor.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Stern noted with the passage of I-940, it has taken away the ability to comment about the incident on the 3rd of July and he also feels helpless.

Councilmember Thomas noted every meeting there is a citizen comments section at the meeting and encouraged folks to come and continue to make the comments.

Councilmember Lord stated how she was extremely saddened by the comments she was hearing tonight and the council policy does not allow for the council to carry on a dialog during the comment section, but stated she is listening.

Mayor Erickson displayed a photo of the quilt that was given to the Suquamish Tribe by the City of Poulsbo in 2012 with the title of "We are Connected" to show our respect and affection for the Suquamish Tribe. Erickson noted she is not allowed to make comments with the new law that took place on July 1st and public outreach is not covered on how to re-act in this situation with the new law. Erickson stated a public Trauma/Grief Meeting took place at Gateway Church on 7/16 and no city employees were at the meeting due to them being instructed not to go by our legal staff. Erickson also noted her lack of eye contact is due to her scanning the room because she also sometimes does not feel safe.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked the citizens for coming and making their comments.

Councilmember McGinty stated he had been listening and warned how social media can create negative reactions that are not always based on fact, encouraged citizens to wait for the report findings to be released, and noted the city officials will do whatever it takes to make the city better. McGinty also noted police officers have a hard job and are people too in which he showed his support for the officer and family during this period.

Councilmember Nystul thanked the citizens for their clear and calm comments. Nystul reported the Lodging Tax applications are due August 1st.

Kitsap Rowing Association, Mac Noyes noted they will be hosting the Kitsap Invitational Summer Scrimmage on Sunday 7/21 from 7am to 12pm in Liberty Bay.

Mayor Erickson noted Forest Rock Lane is now open, looks beautiful, and is ADA accessible. Erickson also reported the mural at Fish Park had been vandalized, in which an insurance claim has been made to repair it and cameras will be added to the park.

Councilmember Lord pointed out regarding the Forest Rock Lane Pavement Preservation Project, the natural springs which ran under Forest Rock Lane were remedied to keep the road in-tact for a long time.

Councilmember Thomas noted they have begun working on the American Legion Park Project and it is moving along slowly. Thomas will be organizing a dedication event which he invited his fellow councilmembers to attend but noted no date has yet been set.

Councilmember Stern thanked the council for their support on his appointment as AWC Board President and presented them with tokens of his appreciation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda item a.

The item listed is:

- a.** Minutes of June 5, 2018 City Council Meeting

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

7. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. Boards & Commission Appointment

Mayor Erickson noted there was a vacancy on the Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television Advisory Committee for the City of Poulsbo Representative. After a review of the applications, Mayor Erickson recommended appointing Kim Colebrook to fill the

term ending December 31, 2021. Erickson stated Mr. Colebrook has provided a great deal of community service thus far with helping the citizens of Poulsbo with their Emergency Preparedness Plans and is the guardian of Vinland Pointe.

Kim Colebrook noted he is eager to help and find the preferred future for BKAT.

Motion: Move to confirm the Mayor's recommendation for appointment to the BKAT Advisory Committee as presented.

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

Motion carried.

b. Ordinance No. 2019-12, Clearing & Grading Ordinance

Associate Planner Coleman noted the City Council held a public hearing on 7/10/19. At the conclusion of the public hearing and deliberations, City Council voted to approve the Tree Cutting and Clearing and Grading Ordinances, with modifications as identified by the City Council during its workshops and deliberations. The attached ordinance adopts these actions.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance No. 2019-12, an Ordinance of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, amending and replacing Chapter 15.35 of the City of Poulsbo Municipal Code in order to regulate the cutting of trees to help preserve the wooded character of the City of Poulsbo and to protect its urban forest; amending Title 15 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 15.40 in order to promote, protect and preserve the public interest by regulating land alteration in the city; and providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McGinty, **Seconded by** Lord.

Motion carried.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported the following items were discussed: they are looking into the Anderson Parkway dumpster issues in regard to small compactors; Rural Town Center Grant; they will be reviewing the financial statements at the next meeting; and who's handling the holiday decorations and should the city be involved.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None.

10. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Musgrove noted the Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting will take place tomorrow.

Councilmember Nystul reported there is a Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Transpol meeting tomorrow afternoon.

11. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Shannon Turner, a Poulsbo resident, thanked council for the counseling session which was put on yesterday at Gateway Church. Turner stated he spoke with the Chief of Police and appreciated the open communication along with the council willingness to listen in order to improve situations.

Mary Gleysteen, a Kingston Resident, thanked the council for their acceptance of public comments and feels the council needs to take a deeper look into how we operate as a society.

12. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Stern continued to invite the sharing of public comment at the council meetings.

Mayor Erickson stated the July 3rd incident is very sad and everyone is grieving but vowed the city will do the right thing, but right now the city does not know what the right thing is due to the ongoing investigation.

Councilmember Musgrove appreciates the citizens in which he represents coming forward and telling council what they think and feel. Musgrove stated with the new I-940 law he has no more information than the citizens and is frustrated with being out of the loop in this the process.

Councilmember McGinty stated he feels the most important thing is fairness and having the City not involved in the investigation is probably not a bad thing. McGinty noted he feels it is unfair to prejudge anyone without the completion of the investigation.

Councilmember Nystul congratulated Councilmember Stern on his appointment as AWC president and feels it will be great to have him representing the City in Olympia. Nystul also noted the League of Women Voters held a forum last night with the three candidates for the North Kitsap School Board and ballots will be out soon.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Kati Diehl