

## POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

### MINUTES

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

Staff: Finance Director Booher, Deputy City Clerk Diehl, Director of Engineering Kasiniak, Police Chief Schoonmaker, IT Senior Technician Williamson.

### MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- \* \* \* Set Public Hearing for 2020 Revenue Sources
  - \* \* \* Ordinance No. 2019-15, Adoption of Sales and Use Tax Affordable and Supportive Housing
  - \* \* \* Fjord/Lemolo Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Plan Contract and Budget Amendment
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#### 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** Musgrove.

Motion carried.

#### 3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Dana Stege-Jackson, a Poulsbo Resident, was upset about how the citizens comments were handled at last Wednesday council meeting.

Paul Twieten, a Poulsbo Resident, thanked first responders for their service and dedication on 9/11 and to the Poulsbo Police Department for protecting their residents on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sophie Morse, a Poulsbo Resident, was concerned about the policies regarding public safety and what can be done to make them better. She noted the public cannot be expected to act and be a certain way.

Norma Bayes, a Belfair Resident, spoke regarding discrimination against the Native Americans and others in Poulsbo. She stated she feels the Mayor was unkind to speakers at the last council meeting.

Sarah White, a Poulsbo Resident, wants to remind the council and mayor that they work for the citizens and feels there needs to be more accountability for this incident.

Carla Abrams, a Jefferson County Resident, believes the investigation will not be un-bias since there is no Native American presence on the investigation team.

Haut-Sey [sp.], a Port Ludlow Resident, feels the council and mayor seem to be annoyed by the speakers and she does not care what the outcome is of the investigation is but believes the officer should be fired no matter what.

Cory, a Quilcene Resident, believes the officer should be fired and the Police Department should start making changes that have been brought up in previous meetings to their policies.

Jane Pearson, a Poulsbo Resident, believes everyone has something to learn from the incident on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Peggy Erickson, a Bainbridge Island Resident, does believe the Police have the right to use deadly force and questioned why nothing has been done to mend the relationships with the tribe and community.

Robin Bodony, a Poulsbo Resident, wants to see the Police Department equipped with de-escalation tactics and the family of the victim should have their pain responded to with compassion and respect.

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

Councilmember Stern noted there will be a full account of the incident from the Incident Response Team and the City of Poulsbo will be working with the tribe on relations. Stern quoted Abraham Lincoln. "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion might have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will yet swell to chorus of this union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of all of our nature."

Councilmember Thomas noted he appreciates all citizen comments and stated he is an active listener. Thomas noted he is willing to sit down with the citizens to get to know them better and they can get to know him. Thomas announced on 9/28 at 10 a.m. a

ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on the plaza at American Legion Park for the new bricks installed honoring the veterans of the armed forces.

Councilmember Musgrove stated he is listening and welcomes any comments from the public. Musgrove announced: the Poulsbo Car and Boat Show took place last weekend and was enjoyable; the Burn Ban is being lifted on 9/13 at 10 a.m.; and Poulsbo Fire Chief Jim Gillard will be the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on 9/18.

Mayor Erickson thanked the citizens for speaking at the meeting in which she noted she has been under a huge amount stress and if she appeared to be rude, she apologizes. Erickson noted she holds open office hours to meet with concerned citizens on Saturday's from 9 a.m. to noon and has so for the last ten years.

Councilmember Lord stated she is listening and appreciated the citizen comments.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

## **6. BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **a. Set Public Hearing for 2020 Revenue Sources**

Finance Director Booher noted the City Council is setting the public hearing for the 2020 Revenue Projections and discussing the property tax the council would like to levy for the following year.

**Motion:** Move to set Public Hearing for October 16, 2019, at 7:15 pm to review revenue sources for 2020.

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

### **b. Ordinance No. 2019-15, Adoption of Sales and Use Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing**

Finance Director Booher noted this ordinance was in response to House Bill 1406 and the Resolution of Intent which was recently passed, to finalize the act and pass it onto the Department of Revenue. Booher noted it is not an additional tax, it is allowing the 6.5% to be retained by the local jurisdiction. It has a restrictive use to be used for homeless housing. All cities are eligible to levy the tax and the Department

of Revenue will determine the maximum revenue based on the fiscal year of 2019. Poulsbo can levy .0073% which is approximately \$33,000 per year. The funds can be used for persons whose income is at or below 60% of the county's median income to: Acquire, Rehabilitate, or Construct new affordable housing, provide rental assistance, funding the operation and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing. Funds can also be used to pledge capital purpose bonds, but with the amount we would receive it would be an unlikely option unless pooled with another agency.

To be eligible for the funds the following must take place: Resolution of Intent must be passed by January 8, 2020; Ordinance must be adopted; the Department of Revenue must be notified 30 days prior to adoption of sales tax credits. Booher noted this Ordinance was reviewed by the City Attorney and the Department of Revenue.

Councilmember Thomas noted tonight the council is only adopting an Ordinance and not determining where to allocate the money and this is not a new tax but use of current taxes.

Mayor Erickson stated a committee will most likely be developed for allocating the funds and it is not all about affordable housing but also workforce development.

Booher cautioned the act of creating a committee due to it being very time consuming and the plan for these funds needs to be submitted by January 2020.

Councilmember Lord questioned how flexible the plan will be and can it be altered if something is not working.

**Motion:** Move to approve Ordinance No. 2019-15, an ordinance of the City of Poulsbo, Washington adopting legislation to authorize a sale's and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019), and other matter related thereto.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion:** Move to create an Ad-hoc Committee of six members including 2 or 3 councilmembers to develop recommendations as to the disposition of the funding and report to the City Council.

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

Motion carried.

**c. Fjord/Lemolo Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Plan Contract and Budget Amendment**

Director of Engineering Kasiniak explained the need for a Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Plan on Fjord Drive/Lemolo Shore Drive due to the increased vehicular traffic which will be created from the SR305 & Johnson Way Roundabout project. Kasiniak noted this project would be done by slowing down traffic and enhancing non-motorized facilities. The contract being presented includes: Design Alternatives; Road Cross Sections; a Cost Estimate; Coordination with Kitsap County; Developing a joint request for State Budget Allocations; has a cost of \$4950.00; and the Fund Source will come from Traffic Impact Fees. Kasiniak stated this contract and budget amendment had been recommended by the Pubic Work Committee.

**Motion:** Move to approve the contract task authorization for Struck Environmental for design work on the Fjord Drive/Lemolo Shore Drive Non-Motorized Enhancement Project in the amount of \$4,950 and authorize the Mayor to sign the task authorization on behalf of the City.

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

**Motion:** Move to approve the budget amendment for the Fjord Drive/Lemolo Shore Drive Non-Motorized Enhancement project in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from Traffic Impact Fees.

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

**7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported on the discussion of a street side public parking policy.

Community Services Committee: Councilmember Thomas asked for council concurrence on a new event called Poulsbrew. This event will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Poulsbo Village Parking Lot and is put on by the Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion:** Move the City Council approve the special event Poulsbrew scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Poulsbo Village as submitted.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Thomas, **Seconded by** Lord.  
Motion carried.

Thomas reported on the following items discussed at the Community Services Meeting: Rotary Morrow Manor Community Park Plan; research on concept called a "Tourism Promotion Area"; Highway 305 greenway which is a 15 acre parcel that is coming back to the city and is proposed to be walking trails; Community Art Funding being created by sale of the Poulsbo Police Station which is approximately \$100,000; updates on park projects including (Waterfront park hedges, Austurbruin Park new playground equipment is being installed next week, Lions Park is now pickleball compliant, Poulsbo Perk scored 2<sup>nd</sup> on desirable funding by the Public Facility District and the next meeting is on 9/23); Events that took place last weekend included: Poulsbo Car and Boat Show; Kids Day, and Kitsap Community Orchestra Annual Fundraising Dinner; and the Lodging Tax Committee will be reporting to the Community Services Committee on November 20, 2019.

Economic Development/Tourism Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported they are working on a city policy for public art and the committee is open to suggestions.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Councilmember Nystul reported: the committee met last Tuesday; eleven presentations were given; \$306,700 was asked for; the committee was given \$150,000 to allocate; many groups put in great application and gave great presentations; the Special Event Coordinator position was not approved; if there is year-end fall out money, it was recommended \$5,000 be allocated to Police Department Overtime for Public Events; discussion of possibly charging the events for Police & Traffic Services; Tourism Promotion Area discussion.

## **8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

None.

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

Councilmember Stern reported he and the Mayor will attend the September 23<sup>rd</sup> KRCC meeting and the topic of discussion will be population allocation and building lands. Stern announced the week after the general election in November will be a Newly Elected Workshop and Legislative Dinner at the Silverdale Hotel.

Councilmember Musgrove noted he, Councilmember Stern, and Mayor Erickson are on the KRCC Affordable Housing Task Force and welcomed any comments they can take to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Erickson noted: the KRCC workshop will be an interesting discussion on population allocations; Affordable Housing Task Force agenda was finalized today in which they will be discussing: Land trusts in regards to creating affordable housing, ADU's, Multifamily Tax Credits, and Inclusionary Zoning; and She will be attending the PSRC Transpol Meeting in Seattle tomorrow which after they will hold the kickoff meeting for the Project Selection Task Force that discusses the federal funding cycle for federal highway dollars.

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

Norma Bayes, a Belfair resident, stated most Natives were living in abject poverty when she was young until they were able to gain treaty rights.

Nate Thomas, Poulsbo Resident, appreciated the council's investment on the pedestrian safety measures for Fjord Drive and will be reaching out to the County Commissioners to encourage their participation for the piece of Fjord Drive which falls within the county's jurisdiction.

John Bukowsky, Poulsbo Resident, impressed with the Fjord Drive improvement plan and encouraged council to look into KEDA's Smart City Program. He also feels council has a big heart and knows they are listening to the citizen's that speak at their meetings.

#### **11. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Stern agrees with the comments of Fjord Drive being a gem and suggested possible creation of a committee to look at race relations in Poulsbo.

Councilmember Thomas noted he attend a citizen advisory committee that discusses the county's treatment tax and Poulsbo has asked for funds to be added to the Navigator Program.

Councilmember Musgrove responded to the comment of "the sales tax being used for affordable housing by city as only being \$33,000" and stated it was disappointing and not the city's decision that the State is only allocating that amount to Poulsbo. Musgrove gave kudos to the Navigator Program and is a firm believer in the program.

Councilmember McGinty is excited about the Fjord Drive / Lemolo Shore Drive Pedestrian Plan.

Mayor Erickson stated she discussed with Senator Rolfes about the potential to create a pedestrian corridor zone in which fines for traffic offenses would double in this zone. Erickson noted the tax money for mental health will have to be use for three components to make the program successful, those components include: getting the folks hooked up with the Behavioral Health Navigators; Creating of more affordable housing / boarding houses; and placement in a workforce development program.

Councilmember Nystul congratulated Councilmember Stern on not noting who won last weekends Washington Huskies game.

Councilmember Lord noted the job development aspect is very important but can be difficult due to some individual's criminal records.

Councilmember Garland volunteered to be on the committee which would allocate the sales tax funds for affordable housing.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Move to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk

*Respectfully prepared and submitted by Kati Diehl.*