

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019

MINUTES

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

Staff: Finance Director Booher, City Clerk Fernandez, Director of Engineering Kasiniak, City Engineer Lenius, Planning Director Boughton, Public Works Superintendent Lund, Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey, Police Chief Schoonmaker, Prosecuting Attorney/Risk Manager Foster, Senior Budget Accountant Gaines, IT Manager Stenstrom.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Musgrove and Stern

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Budget Amendment/BA # 19-0401, P&R LOCAL Debt Payoff
- * * * SR305 Manhole Rehabilitation Project Change Order Approval
- * * * Public Hearing: 2019-2020 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment Ordinance
- * * * Department Budget Presentations
- * * * CIP Presentation

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kris Haight spoke regarding the July 3rd incident and the body camera video footage posted on the Kitsap Daily News website. She wants the officer fired and meaningful action from the City.

Hat-Sey spoke regarding the released body camera footage and feels there is more the City can do. She wants the officer held accountable.

Kori spoke regarding the newspaper article written about the investigation and saw the released body camera footage. She doesn't trust the investigation and wants the City to find alternative ways to investigate the incident. She spoke regarding officers who continue to be violent after previous acts and wants the City to prevent that from happening.

Diane Charlie, Stonechild's mother, thanked those in support of her son and said he was a good person. She said there has to be change to stop all of this. Intimidation from police is extreme all around not just here. Her son didn't deserve this.

Leigh read a quote from Reverend Williams.

Brenda Calderon spoke regarding the released body camera footage and how traumatic the situation is for everyone involved, about racism in the community, wanting the officer held accountable, and focus on de-escalation training.

Philip thanked Diane for coming to speak tonight. He said there is so much heartbreak and devastation, but there is only one victim. He asked for the officer to be fired.

Carla Abrams thanked Diane for coming to speak tonight. She spoke regarding the released body camera footage. She would like a more orchestrated effort to release information. She believes a horrible error was made. Firing the officer will not solve a systemic problem.

Anja Callahan spoke regarding the July 3rd incident. She is shaken after watching the body camera video. She discussed information in the article. She wants accountability.

Marsha Cutting added her voice to those asking the Council to watch the video, and she asked if the incident was handled properly, and if not, what is the City going to do about it.

Seth Moyer-Stratton spoke regarding the July 3rd incident and his disappointment with the actions of the City. He urged the City to put pressure on the Poulsbo Police Department to fire the officer and listen to the Suquamish Tribe.

Thomas Wilson spoke regarding the July 3rd incident and wants the officer held accountable for his actions.

Jane Pearson spoke to honor Stonechild's mother and aunt. She asked who will act to change the problem, and when will they act.

Jo Walter shared her emotions. She hopes the City is feeling the same emotions. She asked the City to do their best to bring justice for their family.

Pam Keeley spoke regarding the released body camera footage. She wants the officer to be held accountable and noted all the white people who set the table for that action, and they are responsible for this action as well. We must change as a community with the City's leadership.

Maria Fergus spoke regarding racism in the City of Poulsbo, the lack of leadership, and her fear for her family.

Alex Carlson spoke regarding the body camera footage and not seeing anything in Stonechild's hands. He didn't see anything that should cause a shooting.

Jen-See Stone demanded justice for Stonechild, spoke regarding recent articles, and wants the officer fired.

Wendy Jones said it is not okay to end the citizen comments abruptly.

Councilmember McGinty noted a point of order regarding the Council Rules of Procedure and how the citizen comment period is limited to 15 minutes; however, they have been letting it go over to hear everyone's concerns.

Unidentified – spoke regarding her emotions regarding the City not making a stand. She wants the officer fired and prosecuted, and the policing culture needs to be changed.

Pete said community prevents crime, and the community is calling out a crime. He spoke regarding those who will have to live with this event for the rest of their lives.

Adabelle spoke regarding the July 3rd incident and has seen no meaningful response or action from the City. She spoke regarding the body camera footage and her feelings of outrage. She wants meaningful accountability from this issue.

Judy Mains spoke regarding the July 3rd incident. She prays the Council's hearts and minds open and dare to look and take action.

Matt spoke regarding increased distrust of police across the country. Firing the officer won't bring back those who have been lost. It is not a lot to ask, and it is a start.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas spoke regarding the comments given tonight as being impactful and he thanked them for coming to speak.

Councilmember Thomas said three councilmembers are not returning, and there are several things he would like to accomplish before he leaves. This upcoming weekend is the Council Retreat, and the new Councilmembers will be joining them.

Councilmember McGinty said he understands the frustration with how the content is being released. He's still waiting for the full picture to take action.

Mayor Erickson reiterated what Councilmember McGinty stated, and they have no control over how the public records are being handled by KCIRT. She spoke about due process. She thanked Diane for attending the meeting. She thanked everyone for their patience.

Councilmember Lord stated that her heart goes out to everyone, and she thanked them for their courage.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda items a and b.

The items listed are:

- a. Budget Amendment/BA #19-0401, P&R LOCAL Debt Payoff
- b. SR305 Manhole Rehabilitation Project Change Order Approval

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

6. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

a. **Public Hearing: 2019-2020 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment Ordinance**

Finance Director Booher presented the agenda summary, noting that this gives the public an opportunity to address the Council regarding the 2019-2020 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment Ordinance. She reviewed the Mayor's adjusted budget prior to modification requests. The beginning balance, and how the operating revenues are about a million less than the operating expenditures for both 2019 and 2020. They anticipated using reserves as part of the budget (\$800,000 in reserves for 2019). The projected fund balance for 2020 is \$2,867,053. She reviewed additional changes by fund (Fund 101, 123, 124, and the addition of a new fund for Affordable Housing Tax).

At 8:47 p.m., Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing, and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

b. Department Budget Presentations

Finance Director Booher presented the agenda summary, noting departments will present their modification requests for the 2019-2020 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment. Booher said all the requests and the summary of what is recommended will be discussed at next week's meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- 2020 Lodging Tax Grant Recommendations
- 2020 budget requests

Planning

- Requesting a Senior Planner Position or added dollars to professional services for 2020 consulting assistance regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update

Police

- Requesting 1 FTE Police Clerk position – first priority
- Reconsideration of overtime – second priority

Prosecutor/Risk Manager

- Reconsideration of an Assistant City Prosecutor position

Councilmember Garland left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

c. CIP Presentation

The CIP Presentation was moved to the November 20, 2019, Council meeting.

Motion: Move to extend the meeting time to 10:10 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee: Councilmember Thomas reported that they discussed a Special Events ordinance update and updating the fees associated with the special events. The committee recommended it, and it will be coming to Council soon. There was talk about recovering costs for Police and Public Works.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Chief Schoonmaker appreciates the Mayor, City Council, and community for coming out and talking. The July 3rd event is significant, and no one in the City is making jokes about it. They are taking this extremely seriously. It is hard to be in a position where both your

silence and comments are used against you. His message to the community is that his doors are always open for dialogue. He asked the public to trust the process and more importantly, he asked that everyone get a copy of the report and read the report for themselves. The report was done for a reason, and it is that long for a reason. To get a copy, contact the Kitsap County Sheriff's department and make a public records request.

9. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

10. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Erickson asked for citizen comments; no comments were received.

11. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk