

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Erickson; Councilmembers Livdahl, Lord, McGinty, McVey, Musgrove, Phillips.

Staff: Interim Police Chief Grossman, Finance Director Booher, City Clerk Fernandez.

ABSENT: Councilmember Stern

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Payable Disbursements for July 2020
- * * * Minutes of July 15, 2020, Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of August 5, 2020, Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of August 12, 2020, Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of August 26, 2020, Council Meeting
- * * * South Fork Dogfish Creek Restoration Consultant Contract Amendment
- * * * Business Recovery Grant Policies
- * * * Council Goals Discussion

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order 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** McGinty, **Seconded by** Lord.
Motion carried.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

City Clerk Fernandez read the following emailed citizen comments into the record, which are summarized below:

- Raelenea Copus wrote that she is ashamed of Poulsbo and the outlined next steps she wants the City of Poulsbo to take regarding the July 3 incident.
- Patricia Beuke wrote regarding citizens not believing a close evaluation was made for the killing of Stonechild Chiefstick with the Command Review Officer Involved Shooting, because she believes racism involved.

- Webster Gadbois wrote regarding the City's actions following the July 3, 2019 shooting and feels the intent is to avoid accountability. He asked Officer Keller be held accountable for his actions.
- Alexa Macaulay wrote in support of a permanent memorial in the Waterfront Park for Stonechild Chiefstick, moving the July 3 fireworks event to another date, and firing Officer Keller.
- John Garland wrote to express his gratitude to Chief Schoonmaker for his dedication and service to Poulsbo.
- Emily Hiatt wrote regarding her concerns of the findings of the killing of Stonechild Chiefstick and demanded Officer Keller be removed from the police force.

Olivia Manscur-Stoker said is ashamed to say she is from Poulsbo, and there are so many things the City and Port should have done. Stonechild Chiefstick should never have been murdered. Poulsbo needs to take decisive action and fire Craig Keller and complete an independent investigation.

Jone Cunningham is a resident and cares deeply about her neighbors. She stated that Craig Keller's abusive behavior is completely compatible with being a police officer. is being compensated by the Good Faith Law. She wants the City to open a new investigation, fire Keller, and erect a permanent monument.

Aidan Moore expressed his dismay that Officer Craig Keller has been reinstated on the Poulsbo Police force because it sets a dangerous precedent. He also requested the PPD budget be reduced, the City launch a new investigation and fire Craig Keller.

Rebecca Petris said the only people who should get to define racism are those suffering under the burden of the reality of racism. She hopes the Council is discussing how to foster conversation about racism in Poulsbo and asked the Council to support the "Healing the People" monument that has been proposed.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl thanked everyone for their comments. She reiterated that they held a Council workshop on July 6 where they scratched the surface of systemic racism. She is tired of being called racist and a white supremacist, and she is sure that her colleagues are as well. She realizes she has implicit biases. She publicly supports the "Healing the People" monument. After speaking with Trishanda Pickup, the mother of four of Stonechild Chiefstick's children, the family would like to keep the July 3rd festival on July 3rd in the future.

Councilmember Lord stated that her hearts go out to the family, the Suquamish Tribe, the Cree Nation, and everyone affected by the tragedy. She has great love for the Suquamish Tribe and has interacted with them many times. She pointed out that everyone has their

own hearts. They have presumed us to be racist, unfeeling, and blowing the whole situation off. She knows the Council and Mayor wants to heal the community.

Councilmember McGinty clarified that just because they do not do everything that is asked of them, does not mean they are not listening. He thanked Councilmember Livdahl for all the outreach she has done with Kim Hendrickson to look at public forums to help heal the community.

Councilmember McVey thanked everyone who commented. He has read all the witness statements and all the reports related to the shooting. He found all the reports comprehensive and well done, and he supports the findings of the investigation. He also appreciates the Police Department and all their work to protect and serve the citizens of Poulsbo.

Councilmember Musgrove appreciates everyone's comments. This is a tiny piece of the forum. This is where citizens can exercise their rights to have opinions and voice them, and we try to give that opportunity because we want to hear them. The Council receives many more emails and phone calls from others with all kinds of different opinions, and we listen to all of those whether they are done at the meetings or not. This is your opportunity to speak your heart and opinion, and not be interrupted. This is part of listening to our community. We look forward to moving forward on all of this for everyone.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Councilmember Livdahl for what she said. He agreed with Councilmember McVey's comments. Everything was done according to state law, and he supports Craig Keller as well as the Police. He said Chief Schoonmaker served for 30+ years in countless communities and coaches kids sports for free. If you have talked to him, you know how good of a guy he is.

Mayor Erickson spoke about an email from Jone Cunningham who shared some podcasts that influenced her. The Mayor said the saddest thing about the tragedy is that people are getting paid to publish a podcast about the incident, which does not include factual information. She reiterated that this a 360-degree tragedy. She supports Councilmember Livdahl, and she looks forward to the healing process. The Suquamish Tribe is their closest neighbor and their best friend. They have taken a hard stance on that; it is the City's job to make sure healing occurs.

a. Department Head Comments

Acting Police Chief Grossman is pleased to be in attendance and listen to everyone's comments.

Finance Director Booher noted they will be moving forward in the budget process the next few months. They will be very busy.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Musgrove asked for the July 15, 2020, minutes be pulled for minor changes and brought back next week.

Councilmember Lord amended the August 5, 2020, minutes. On page 3, she discussed supporting the downtown businesses in the Summer Fair. It states, "parking streets", but it should be "parking spaces." For the "Economic Development/Planning Committee", it stated "Planning/Economic Tourism Committee", but it is codified as the Economic Development/Planning Committee, so that needs to be changed.

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as amended.

The items listed are:

- a. Payable Disbursements for July 2020
- ~~b. July 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes Approval~~
- c. August 5, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes Approval
- d. August 12, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes Approval
- e. August 26, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes Approval
- f. South Fork Dogfish Creek Restoration Consultant Contract Amendment

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Musgrove, **Seconded by** McVey.
Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. Business Recovery Grant Policies

Mayor Erickson presented the agenda summary, where she is seeking approval of the Business Recovery Grant Program to be funded from the City of Poulsbo's CARES Act funding and approval of the proposed individuals to review and make recommendations on grant awards. There will be a minimum of \$80,000 available for grants, and the Finance Department will keep monitoring the fund as time goes on.

Mayor Erickson is seeking Council confirmation of the following three citizens to serve on the advisory committee: Abby Garland, Steve Calhoun, and John Kenny.

The application would be put on the website with a due date of September 20. The application will require receipts for all items being requested for reimbursement, along with a spreadsheet of expenses and a W-9 form. The completed application will be submitted to the Clerk's Office to be reviewed for completeness and for business

licenses. Then the Finance Department will review the expenditures and if they are appropriate under the grant guidelines. Mayor Erickson shared the grant application checklist and the process for approval.

Mayor Erickson asked if the grants should be awarded to everyone who applies (spread it all around), or have people ask for a certain amount and then the committee decides how much money each business receives (similar to LTAC).

Councilmember McGinty asked what criteria they would use to have the committee approve applications. If there are \$240,000 in requests but \$80,000 to disperse, is there a fairer way to disperse.

Councilmember Phillips suggested the committee decides how to split up the money.

Councilmember McVey would prefer to allow the committee to choose how to spread the money, but if he had to decide, he would lean towards spreading the money out equally. He is fine with the three individuals the Mayor recommended, and he thanked them for volunteering.

Councilmember Musgrove attended an AWC Department of Commerce seminar regarding CARES dollars and what it can and cannot be used for. Most of the cities chose to spread it out to the greatest number of people. He asked if a motion was needed to approve the new budgeted amount.

Finance Director Booher answered that the entire dollars have not had a budget because they fall under the Mayor's emergency orders. Once they gather the information, then they will prepare a budget amendment. They will bring the budget forward in October. The rough budgets have been brought forward in committee and to the Council.

The Council agreed to spread the money to everyone who applies.

Councilmember McVey would like to increase the amount given to Fishline if they have extra dollars.

Councilmember Lord noted that "in-person contact with your customers" should be added to the eligibility criteria/checkboxes section.

Mayor Erickson would like to go on record stating she wants to use a minimum of \$80,000 of CARES dollars on grants, more may be available later.

Motion: Move to increase the budget line for CARES business grants from \$50,000 to \$80,000.

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

Motion: Move to approve the Business Recovery Grant Program as amended and confirm the committee members as presented.

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

b. Council Goals Discussion

City Clerk Fernandez presented the agenda summary, noting the Council Working Goals need to be updated for the 2021-2022 budget.

The Council discussed and updated the goals with the following major changes:

- 1) Remove the cemetery goal, as that was effectively completed.
- 2) Add a goal about reestablishing their relationships with the community related to diversity and inclusivity.
- 3) Add a goal about supporting the construction of the Poulsbo Event and Recreation Center.

City Clerk Fernandez will email the Council the revised document for review and include it in the Legislative budget submittal.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development/Planning Committee: Councilmember Lord reported they had a recap on the department's response and impacts due to COVID-19. They presented their budget for 2021-2022 and workplan. The most important item is the overhaul of the Comprehensive Plan, which is due in June 2024, unless the state gives an extension. The Comp Plan is the foundation for much of the City. The population allocation will be coming and a minimum of \$50,000 is needed for the Comp Plan.

Finance-Administration Committee: Councilmember McGinty reported they reviewed and concurred with the surplus items list; it should come to Council next week. They reviewed the budgets for the Clerk, Legislative, and Executive departments. The Lobbyist and KEDA

funding are recommended for striking. They also went over the HR, IT, and non-departmental budgets. They reviewed the monthly sales tax for June, and they are down about 7% from last year's revenues, but only 3% down from projections. There are many housing developments coming forward, which will help the Real Estate Excise Tax.

Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported they coordinated the Planning/Economic housing studies into this committee from Planning. There is a request to bring in Kitsap County for input on partnering on Kitsap County housing projects. Fishline is busier than expected, and they are looking for some flexibility in the CARES Act (CRF) money. They discussed the H3 department budget, which currently does not have one. They will bring it forward for 2021-2022. Hot meal services from Gateway will end in a couple weeks, and there is a request to keep it going since there is still a need for this service. SB-6231 became effective June 2020, which creates a tax incentive for ADUs. They discussed the Nordic Cottage project that Gateway is looking at pursuing on the Triangle property; it would be a great experimental project.

Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Phillips reported they discussed budgets; everyone is trying to cut where possible. The court is looking at hiring a part-time in-house security person. Jail costs are down 17%, probably due to COVID-19, but they are looking at an in-home detention program where the offender pays \$10 a day for the monitoring system instead of having people sit in the jail. The Police are looking to replace their computers and seven vehicle and they are understaffed in their administrative section. Prosecuting Attorney Foster is also looking for a back-up or second attorney.

Public Works Committee: Councilmember Lord reported they had the South Fork Dogfish Contract Amendment presentation, which they approved on the consent agenda. They had budget presentations from Public Works, Building, and Engineering. The only change in Public Works is that they expected \$1.00 per ton cost for solid waste, and the County raised it to \$5.00 per ton. They have a budget request of a new garbage truck, which is a \$400,000 line item. For Building and Engineering, their budgets include Johnson Parkway, a long-range sewer plan, and ROW acquisitions for the rest of the Noll Road corridor. They have a new program request for the long-range sewer plan and a feasibility study for the different kinds of MBRs. Those will come out of the sewer fund. They also had a first look at the updated construction standards, and they will review it again.

8. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember McVey attended the KRCC Transportation Policy committee meeting. They focused on planning for larger, regional future projects.

Councilmember Musgrove attended the Business Recovery Task Force meeting. It was a productive meeting, and they are asking members to brainstorm ideas that could be brought to Poulsbo on a permanent basis, not a short-term basis. This would help them

plan for what to invest in. An example was street awnings, which would provide cover for tables and chairs or tables with merchandise.

Councilmember Phillips noted that it was the first day of school.

Mayor Erickson missed her regional board meetings due to family obligations. She met with a group who is putting together a business recovery document with the Department of Emergency Management, which must be completed by the end of October.

9. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Rick Eckert, North Kitsap School District, stated that it was the first day of school. The first couple days are for students to contact their teachers. Last week was the school board's budget adoption meeting. The coming year is a little bleak, the budget is not looking good, and they are down about 300 students.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl encouraged all the parents who have kids learning at home, she knows it must be challenging times right now. She is thankful for former Chief Dan; she will miss him. She looks forward to working with the next Chief.

Councilmember Lord pointed out that they are living in such strange times, especially with COVID-19, but they are also entering flu season. If your doctor suggests, please get your flu shot early because it takes a couple weeks for the flu shot to provide immunity.

Councilmember Musgrove hopes Chief Dan has a great retirement. He appreciated everything he has done for the community. He suggested having an extra bit of patience with children. He cannot imagine how the changes of COVID are affecting children. It must be tough on them. He encouraged others to be kind and compassionate to others.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk