

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021

MINUTES

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

Staff: Finance Director Booher, City Clerk Fernandez, Director of Engineering Lenius, Civil Engineer Ranes, Public Works Superintendent Lund, Engineer 1 Burgess

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Minutes of February 3, 2021, Council Meeting
- * * * Budget Amendment for Capital Lease
- * * * Astound Master Telecommunications Permit Extension
- * * * MOU with Kitsap County for Buildable Lands Analysis
- * * * Johnson Parkway/SR-305 Roundabout Centerpiece Art Recommendations
- * * * Proclamation

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** Stern, **Seconded by** Lord.

Motion carried.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

City Clerk Fernandez read the following written comment:

- Rita Hagwell provided follow up from her comment last week, and the lease of land will not affect her property.

Judge Robin Hunt said she has been emissary for the Suquamish Tribal Council to find a way forward with the City of Poulsbo. She is delighted and proud of the people she has worked with on both sides, and how much integrity and good will people have exhibited in this process and the different points of view on the artwork project. She expressed one concern, she said it looks like the two paddlers are facing the stern of the canoe, not the front and suggested making the paddlers more authentic and dignified. She also said

she has been working with Police, Parks & Recreation, and the museum and it seems like Poulsbo is trying to repair tragedies that befell on this City and trying to move forward. She thinks Poulsbo will be a leading example for other communities around the state and country on how to move forward. She thanked them for their example.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl acknowledged Judge Hunt's words and how much she appreciated them; they are very moving.

Councilmember Lord thanked Judge Hunt for her true heart and willingness and motivation to help steer the City through this process. Her words are important, and she appreciated her comments. She also noted on February 23 at 6:00 p.m. there is a Zoom meeting for the Lemolo Shore Drive Traffic Study put on by Kitsap County.

Councilmember McGinty said it is great to hear positive comments and appreciates all of Judge Hunt's help.

Councilmember McVey thanked Judge Hunt for her words, diligence, and valuable role she has served between the City of Poulsbo and the Suquamish Tribe. He thanked the Public Works Crew for their snow removal work during the last winter storm.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked Judge Hunte for her sincere comments and thanked Public Works for always going above and beyond and just getting it done.

Councilmember Phillips thanked the North Kitsap School District staff and teachers working through these difficult times. He thanked Judge Hunt for the kind words, it means a lot. He thanked Public Works for their work during the storm. He also said Poulsbo Fire puts good information on their webpage, and recommended people visit it.

Councilmember Stern announced there will be a second City Council workshop on Racial Justice and Policing on February 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Erickson said work continues with getting vaccines to pop-up sites targeting our elderly and disabled. She has also been working on public art. She thought it was so much fun to watch the kids playing and sledding during the snowstorm.

a. Department Head Reports

Public Works Superintendent Lund said his crew did a great job with snow removal. They will get the sand cleaned up and put the speed bumps back down. He also noted the parks restrooms are changing to family style restrooms.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Stern asked if there was a difference in language for "motion carried" vs. "motion passed unanimously." City Clerk Fernandez stated they meant the same thing but will make sure they are consistent in the future. When a vote is not unanimous, the vote shows who voted and how they voted.

Councilmember Lord commended City Clerk Fernandez on the accuracy of her minutes and how she captures the essence of the meetings.

Councilmember McVey asked about consent agenda item b, and what the switches were for. Mayor Erickson said they were IT network switches, and they are making the budget recommendation based on the Auditor's recommendation that the total cost must be shown the year they were purchased and could not be booked out each year.

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The items listed are:

- b. Approval of February 3, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Budget Amendment for Capital Lease

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

6. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. Astound Master Telecommunications Permit Extension

Engineer 1 Burgess presented the agenda summary, noting the Astound Master Telecommunication Permit was brought to Council in spring of 2019 for a 5-year extension. Public Works Committee had concerns over inability for the public to attend due to a conflict between public attendance and COVID restrictions and recommended a one-year extension to maintain Astounds operation within the City. Now that the City has adjusted public meeting to allow for public attendance, the remaining four years is proposed for extension. The proposed four-year extension will also extend and maintain the side agreement with Fjord Drive property owners in full without any changes to the original agreement. This extension has been prepared by the City Attorney.

Motion: Move to approve the Astound Master Telecommunication Permit extension for an additional four years and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

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

b. MOU with Kitsap County for Buildable Lands Analysis

Planning Director Boughton presented the agenda summary, noting the GMA Buildable Lands Program (BLP) (RCW 36.70A.215) requires counties and cities to conduct a review and evaluation of land use permits and development capacity, and that this evaluation must occur no later than three years prior to the required 2024 comprehensive plan update. A BLP evaluation is currently underway with Kitsap County and is due June 2021. A component of the BLP is to conduct a Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) for residential and employment lands. The LCA analysis is based within GIS mapping and technical evaluation. While Kitsap County is the lead on the BLP tasks, cities are responsible for the LCA within their jurisdiction. Currently the PED Department does not have the resources to commit to its LCA evaluation within the project deadline. PED Director inquired if Kitsap County could complete the GIS component of the LCA. Kitsap County DCD agreed they have capacity to run the GIS analysis for Poulsbo's LCA, and that a MOU is necessary. The budget identified in the MOU is within the PED Department's Professional Services budget, and therefore a budget amendment is not necessary.

Councilmember Stern supports this and said the Council has known they were coming upon a great deal of work to accommodate population and growth, and appreciates the cost effectiveness of this package. He noted the Economic Development Committee report last week and that an additional budget amendment may be needed to complete this work.

Councilmember Lord said it is important they stay flexible for this critical work (population allocation). She is always pleased with the cooperation we have with Kitsap County to accomplish this task.

Motion: Move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Poulsbo and Kitsap County in order to assist Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development Department's Land Capacity Analysis requirements under the GMA Buildable Lands Program in support of the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

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

c. Johnson Parkway/SR-305 Roundabout Centerpiece Art Recommendations

Director of Engineering Lenius presented the art centerpiece recommendations. Presentation highlights included:

1. Background and Current Art Status
 - Retaining Wall
 - Centerpiece
 - Welcome Sign
2. Artist Selection Committee – 3 Recommendations:
 - Reserve location on retaining wall for Authentic Salish Art
 - “Land of the Maples” by Elijah Burnett - Centerpiece Artwork
 - Recommendation for Inclusive Welcoming Sign
 - Welcome to Poulsbo
 - Welcome to the Land of the Maples with “Lushootseed Translation”
3. Reviews views of the artwork from various angles/approaches
4. Retaining Wall
 - Viking family (previously selected in 2019) deleted from retaining wall
 - Public Input on Roundabout Centerpiece received through Jan 31, 2021
 - Recommendations from Artists and Emissary thoughtfully considered
 - Vacant space on the wall is available for Authentic Native Art
 - Interpretive Signing to be provided near sidewalk at retaining wall
5. Roundabout Centerpiece
 - The Artist Selection Committee Recommends
 - Art Centerpiece by Elijah Burnett “Land of the Maples”
 - Current estimate for installed artwork is \$120K (includes 10K contingency)
 - Johnson Parkway/SR305 roundabout art approved total budget \$150K
 - Forged Steel with Glass Leaves Approximately 14 feet high
 - Sculpture includes 3-dimensional heron, canoe, water, and branches
 - Mounted on a concrete foundation - the base will be 6 feet above the roadway surface
 - Weighs approx. 2000 lb
 - Apply boiled linseed oil to finish.
 - Any rust that may occur can be wiped away
 - Boiled linseed oil (available at most hardware stores) can be reapplied to maintain beauty and finish.
 - Welcome Sign Recommendations:
 - Adorned with vine maple branches
 - Welcome sign message
 - Welcome to Poulsbo
 - Welcome to the Land of the Maples with “Lushootseed translation”
 - No paddles on the sign

6. Next Steps

- Adopt recommendations
- Coordinate Salish artwork
 - Finalize Lushootseed translation for welcoming sign
 - Begin Salish artwork agreement
- Finalize contract with Elijah
- Approximately 4 months to fabricate centerpiece artwork
- Johnson Parkway & Roundabout completion Winter 2021/2022
- Artwork installation TBD

Councilmember Lord thanked Elijah Burnett for rising to the occasion and accommodating the City's need to shift the artwork. He has been very flexible and it speaks well of him as a person, and as an artist his concept is fabulous. She trusts he will continue to be flexible in making the change noted by Judge Hunt.

Councilmember Musgrove appreciates staff is looking at the translations for accuracy. He asked if the mountains on the wall were random mountains or if they were of the Olympics. Director of Engineering Lenius said they are the Brother's Mountains.

Councilmember Phillips thanked everyone. This was a lot of work. This is probably the most work he has put in on City Council. He thanked Elijah for being amenable, and Kate and Judge Hunt for helping.

Councilmember Livdahl said this has been one of the most intense meetings she has had while on City Council (the artwork committee). She said they had vulnerable and intense conversations that were not easy, but very worthwhile.

Councilmember McVey feels the art is representative of the City of Poulsbo, the Suquamish Tribe, and the beauty of our natural environment. He is glad we can accommodate the changes to the paddlers in the canoe and any additional nuances. He is supportive of including additional Salish artwork on the retaining wall.

Councilmember Stern referenced a letter from Judge Hunt (showing a small, requested change), and thinks everyone is on board and we can move forward with a lot of confidence and optimism.

Councilmember Lord said the sketch circulated to the public was a generic canoe. The latest sketch has the bow end extended into the deer head, which is an iconic Salish/Suquamish canoe. She wants to make sure the right sketch gets in front of the public. She said this is only a sketch, and the final product will be interpreted by the artist as he works to create it in steel, which is a difficult medium to work with. As long as our trusted artist understands the concept, she expects it will go the way they are anticipating. On the retaining wall, they have a \$25,000 maximum stipend to

install authentic tribal art. The process has not been determined yet on how they will obtain that artwork. She is delighted with how all of this has evolved.

Motion: Move to invite Salish art on the retaining wall location as shown and authorize up to a \$25,000 stipend to support the Salish art and interpretive signing for the roundabout.

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

Motion carried.

Motion: Move to approve proposed centerpiece artwork "Land of the Maples" and "welcome sign maple branches" by Elijah Burnett and authorize the Mayor to sign contract up to \$120,000.

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

Discussion: Councilmember McVey asked where the funding was coming for the roundabout art. Mayor Erickson said it is City of Poulsbo funds. Director of Engineering Lenius further clarified the project is 1/3 funded by State funds, 1/3 funded by Federal funds, and 1/3 funded by City funds. The artwork is paid for by the City of Poulsbo.

Motion carried.

d. Proclamation

Mayor Erickson said the City of Poulsbo and the Suquamish Tribe have had rough times since July 3, 2019. The art process highlighted to her the divide between the two communities and the absolute necessity that they work together. The City received communication from the Suquamish Tribe in August that they were reassessing the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding. The City started the art process and did not receive a bid from the Suquamish Tribe, but then there became an awareness that they should reach out to the Tribe, and they did that in January to make sure their voices were heard. It showed to her how important it is to continue communication with one another. They must overcome their differences and start working cooperatively together again. Both communities must have the courage to come together and work constructively and collaboratively. That is not to say that we forget about what has happened. She says we learn, grow, forgive, and move forward.

She read the proclamation and sought the Council's support and asked that they sign the proclamation as well.

Councilmember Stern endorses the Mayor's words, sentiment, and intent.

Councilmember McGinty said controversy between tribes and cities/counties are non-productive. Poulsbo was a model on how to work together and work out solutions that are great for both communities. He supports the proclamation.

Councilmember McVey supports this whole-heartedly and thanked the Mayor for drafting this. He said they have three recognized liaisons between the City Council and the Suquamish Tribal Council (Stern, McGinty, Livdahl). He looks forward to having a more productive relationship moving forward.

Councilmember Lord appreciates Mayor Erickson's sensitivity and careful wordsmithing on the proclamation. She knows the Mayor's heart was completely in it.

Motion: Move to approve the proclamation as presented.

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

Motion carried.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee: Councilmember Livdahl reported they discussed an article regarding a new affordable housing trend (3D printing); Gateway's cold weather shelter went above and beyond keeping it open Friday night through Monday morning during the storm; COVID testing was on hold at the City Hall location due to the weather (last clinic had 85 people); completed first pop-up vaccination event at the Hostmark Apartments for their most vulnerable (the challenge has been getting vaccines); COVID infection rate is going down (111 per 100K people); discussed renewed contract with Kitsap Homes of Compassion and how we can get metrics and reports of the success of the program; Oslo Bay should break ground late summer/early fall (middle range housing prices); Nordic Cottage has a land survey being performed (waiting for the results).

Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Stern reported the Council workshop on Racial Justice and Policing will be February 24 at 6:00 p.m. and he shared details on the facilitator and panelists; he shared that feedback from the Tribe on Police Chief Harding's outreach has been above and beyond; Chief Harding shared how they are reconfiguring the office space and management changes (total budget \$29,000); met the new Navigator; heard from the Judge on procedural changes for municipal and district courts; City Prosecutor brought up coverage support she needs when she is out of town (Sumner is a good option); the new Fire CARES program and metrics were presented.

8. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Livdahl reported the Chamber of Commerce will be moving out of their office at the end of the February and will remain virtual in this current climate; they are organizing an easter egg hunt on April 3 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; planning a summer golf tournament fundraiser Friday July 16 at White Horse; working on a potential cornhole tournament collaboration with the South Kitsap Chamber; and Poulsbrew is also being planned for September.

Councilmember Lord reported the HDPa is thriving and doing their best and appreciate the accommodation the City has given them. The board is looking at their bylaws with the idea of understanding the assessment levels they have for their dues and changing their parameters and expanding their borders.

Mayor Erickson reported Housing Kitsap is recruiting for a new Executive Director (Stuart Grogan is retiring); TransPol met and they are starting a conversation about the transportation elements of the county-wide planning policies (first to Planning Commission and then to City Council for approval);

9. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

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

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl thanked everyone for a good meeting. She thanked the Public Works for their work during the storm.

Councilmember Lord is grateful for a fantastic Public Works department that got us through a nasty storm. She thanked her council-mates for their integrity and hard work. It is not easy as a group of seven, and when they get into the weeds at committee level it is intense and worthwhile. She thanked staff for guiding them through those conversations as well.

Councilmember McGinty thanked Public Works for the outstanding job they did last week and the three councilmembers who worked on the art roundabout project.

Councilmember McVey said they have been receiving comments and advice for the past year and a half to make Poulsbo more welcoming community for all. He hopes the community is seeing the progress they are making, and to know their voices have been heard.

Councilmember Musgrove said Poulsbo has a whole bunch of different kinds of storms the last two years. He likes the direction they are going and appreciates everyone's

efforts. That is the spirit of Poulsbo. He also shared Hanlon's razor as a tool when people say things that are out of hand.

Councilmember Phillips encouraged everyone to eat local and shop local.

Mayor Erickson thanked Director of Engineering Lenius, Civil Engineer Ranes, and Contract Administrator Zieman for all of their hard work with the artwork project.

Councilmember Stern said he looks forward to seeing everyone at next week's Council workshop.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.,

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

Motion carried.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk