



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

Tues., January 23, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Puyallup High School student Malcolm Omri led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember John C. West, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, Councilmember Nate Lowry. **Excused:** Councilmember Roseanne Tomy.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, Community Development Director Darren Groth, Police Chief Micah Lundborg, Carol Morris, City Attorney.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mayor Eidinger asked for the students of Puyallup High School who were attending for their Government class to stand and introduce themselves, and welcomed them to the meeting. (Those students attending were: Noa Kraus, Amanda Cohen, Nick Henrich, Tyler Cairney, Paulo Barrera and Malcolm Omri.)

Chief Lundborg introduced the new swing shift Officer Tyson Vea. Mayor, Council, staff and citizens welcomed him to the City.

2. PRESENTATION

FCS Group- John Ghilarducci, Matthew Hobson

Mr. Ghilarducci discussed the following:

- Benefits of Stable Revenue Source
- Utility Tax as a Stable Revenue Source
- Infrastructure Funding Gap
- Transportation Capital Projects
- Parks Capital Projects
- Background on Utility Tax
- Study Tasks

Mr. Hobson discussed the following:

- 2016 AWC Municipal Tax Survey
- Comparative Tax Rates Range from 2% to 12%
- Profile of Neighboring Cities
- City Financial Review
- Historical Property & Sales Tax Revenue
- Historical REET & Impact Fee Revenue
- 2018 Budget- Revenue Sources (Stable vs. Volatile Revenues)
- Case Study: City Hall Debt Service

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Mr. Ghilarducci discussed:

- Utility Tax Would Improve Revenue Stability and Structural Balance
- Scenario: No Utility Tax and Reduction of Volatile Revenue Sources to 2010 Levels
- Other Financial Options (Identify other revenue sources and cost reduction measures)

Councilmember West asked about low-income rates for utility taxes.

Lucy Lowry- asked about the 6% rate and if that rate was set by a public vote.

Malcolm Omri – asked about the revenue and the expenses the utility was linked to.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENT

Rose Hill – discussed the utility tax and noted the city should not tax the citizens without the vote of the people, she noted a strong talking point would be hiring two additional police officers.

Malcolm Omri – noted the most beneficial thing is educating the citizen, explain what will happen if there is a tax increase.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eidinger spoke about the following:

- Thanked Council for their time and energy at the Strategic Retreat that was held on January 14th;
- Gave an update on Decheaux Road modification;
- Update on the Nelson Nature Park tree removal that was done;
- Safety equipment that was purchased- a mobile arrow board trailer, used to advise citizens of road hazards and increase the safety for our crews working in and alongside the roadways;
- Meeting was held with Milton's Mayor, Shanna Styron-Sherrell - to discuss future opportunities on working together. He also noted along with Fife and Milton a Council meet and greet will be scheduled in the near future as a tri-city meeting;
- Discussed a good showing of folks at the Connect over Coffee on the 20th - he thanked Councilmember Lowry and Deputy Mayor Christopherson for attending;
- Reminded folks to attend the next Movie Night on February 9, featuring the movie "Sing."

Community Development Director Groth briefed on the following:

- Joint Meeting with Planning Commission after Study Session on January 30

Chief Lundborg briefed on the following:

- Expressed his thanks to the community, staff and mayor for all the kind words and support during a very difficult time these last few weeks.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion.

Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.

The following items are presented for Council approval:

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018,
- B. Council Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes of January 14, 2018,
- C. Study Session Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018.

- D. AB 18-003**, a motion approving January 2018 Budgeted Expenditures as follows: Deferred Compensations Program; Payroll Direct Deposit; Dept. of Retirement Systems; Employment Security Dept.; IRS 941 ACHs and Dept. of Labor & Industry in the amount of \$56,431.08; with Vendor Check Numbers 23106-23136 with EFT Payments in the amount of \$184,894.47. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of \$241,325.55

Motion: As Read, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, **Seconded by** Councilmember Stephanie Hunter. **Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. AB18-0397**, a motion adopting Resolution No. 18-0397, approving Northwood Estates West Phase One Final Plat, located at 2108 97th Avenue East, Edgewood, Washington.

Community Development Director Groth briefed on the agenda item.

Motion: As Read, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, **Seconded by** Councilmember Nate Lowry. **Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hunter noted she received an email from Pierce County and signed up for the opioid class and will bring back information to Council on addressing housing shortages and affordability, helping individuals with mental health and drug addiction issues to help with the direction we are moving not only as a city but the state.

Mayor Eidinger noted the Pierce County Regional Council Annual General Assembly is scheduled for February 15, at the Bates Technical College-Mahler Campus, those Councilmembers wanting to attend, let the City Clerk know and she will get your registered.

Councilmember West asked about the use of smart sensors and if we are bringing anything in to shed light on that.

Councilmember Meyers noted heavy rain is expected over the upcoming weekend, and noted he would like staff to report on any landslides occurring over the weekend.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

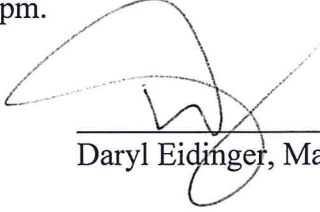
There was no executive session.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.



Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk



Daryl Eidinger, Mayor