



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

November 20, 2018 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and Councilmember Tomin led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Ryan Day, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, Councilmember Roseanne Tomin, Councilmember Nate Lowry. **Excused:** Councilmember John C. West.

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

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Interviews – Economic Development Board Interviews

Community Development Director Darren Groth briefed Council on this agenda item. He noted, in 2012, City Council adopted Ordinance Number 12-0381, which established an Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). The EDAB was created to assist and advise City Council in connection with issues and programs involving economic policy, commercial business, land development policy, and business retention. The board is an advisory body with power to recommend policy to City Council.

In an effort to reestablish the EDAB, the City has accepted applications for membership for approximately the past eight months. While 11 total applications were received by the City Clerk, two of the applications were from duplicative applicants. As a result, only nine individuals expressed interest in EDAB membership. Of the nine applicants, three withdrew as candidates. The five remaining candidates were scheduled to be interviewed during the October 2, 2018 City Council meeting and four were present for the interviews. Those four (Colleen Wise, Kim Larson, Jeff Southard, and Jason Neil) were appointed to the EDAB on October 9, 2018 with terms ending on June 30, 2020.

The fifth applicant, Andrew Wiesenfeld, is seeking appointment to EDAB positions 2 or 3. Staff did receive a notice that Joseph Blackner has pulled his application for review. Per Edgewood Municipal Code (EMC) Section 2.23.010, Positions 2 and 3 expire on June 30 every odd year. As a result, the City Council could decide to recommend Andrew Wiesenfeld to serve a one-year term until June 30, 2019 or a three-year term until June 30, 2021. Position 1 is not scheduled to interview; however, the Mayor recruited another EDAB member from the FME Chamber of Commerce to fill Position 1. On November 27, 2018, Positions 1-3 can be confirmed.

He introduced Mr. Wiesenfeld, and Council asked the following questions:

1. CM Creley question – “Please give an example of what type of business Edgewood should have, or what is needed here”
2. CM Day question – “What do we as a community need that we don’t already have that prevents businesses from locating here so far”

3. DM Christopherson question – “How would you reach out to a business to encourage them to come to Edgewood and be relevant to the changes of today”
4. CM Hunter question – “Council has discussed previously multi-use residential business on top with retail below, what is your vision for our cities town center”
5. CM Tomyn question – “How would you describe our city to a stranger on a plane”
6. CM Lowry question – “Currently online sales continue to soar including even groceries now, while brick and mortar business continues to decline with some even closing their doors. Given Edgewood residents desire to see more retail offerings how would you propose to bridge this gap”

B. Discussion – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Community Development Director Darren Groth briefed Council on this agenda item, and introduced Brittany Port from AHBL, who provided a presented to Council on the Comprehensive Plan.

C. Discussion/Review – Perceived Density Code Amendment

Community Development Director Darren Groth briefed Council on this agenda item and noted it will be on the agenda for action at the next regular council meeting.

D. Discussion/Review – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Amendment

Community Development Director Darren Groth briefed Council on this agenda item and noted it will be on the agenda for action at the next regular council meeting.

E. Discussion/Review – Hall Street Vacation

Public Works Director Jeremy Metzler briefed Council on this agenda item and discussed he needed direction from Council on what amount they would like to see provided for the land based on the appraisal amount.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council recommended staff to put in the full appraisal price of the land; and noted they are sticking with the one year recommended timeframe.

F. Discussion/Review – 36th and Meridian Park

Public Works Director Jeremy Metzler briefed Council on this agenda item and discussed the RFQ and submittal process.

G. Review – Council reviewed Councilmember Lowry’s article for Winter Edition of Edgewood Magazine and noted it was a great article for the magazine.

3. OTHER COUNCIL ISSUES

Mayor Eidinger discussed the VFW 911 Memorial, asked council if they would like to contribute, he noted he would add it as a discussion item at a future study session meeting.

Mayor Eidinger discussed the Boy Scouts looking for space; he asked if Council or folks know anyone that can donate a big enough area, to please let the Mayor know.

Mayor Eidinger also discussed the Skip Craig issue, and noted staff has been working on this with him and wanted Council to know the status.

Councilmember Tomin about the gentleman with the sign and they have been ordered.

Mayor reminded folks of the annual Tree Lighting at 5:30pm on Friday.

Public Works Director Jeremy Metzler discussed receiving a TIB grant for the sidewalk program.

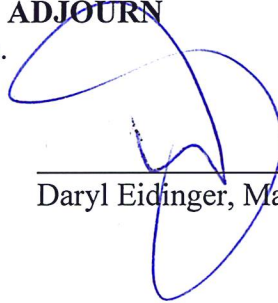
Asst. City Administrator Dave Gray noted the city went through a very clean audit with the SAO, who had high accolades for city staff and getting material to the auditors promptly and efficiently.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.



Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk



Daryl Eidinger, Mayor