



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

January 15, 2019 – 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 led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Eidinger announced he is adding two items to the agenda to be discussed after item E. One is public nuisance and the other addresses junk vehicles.

A. Interviews – Economic Development Advisory Board Interviews

Community Development Director Darren Groth discussed the process and noted in an effort to reestablish the EDAB, the City has accepted applications for membership for approximately the past 12 months. The applications resulted in six successful candidates receiving mayoral appointment and City Council confirmation. Those six candidates, named on the attached EDAB roster, were convened for their first meeting on December 17, 2018. A second EDAB meeting was held on January 7, 2019 with only six of the seven members appointed to the board. Two candidates applied for the remaining positions and are scheduled to be interviewed. City Clerk Pitzel was notified that afternoon that one of the applicants withdrew his application due to the meetings now being held on a Monday and it conflicts with his schedule. He noted it is his hope to fill the last remaining vacancy. He noted the successful candidate would be filling a currently vacant term that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019. The board member confirmed to Position 1 would have the option to seek reappointment in June to serve a full two-year term.

He introduced Mr. Kilmer, 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 mixed-use residential business on top with retail below, what is your vision for our cities town center”
5. CM Tomin 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. Presentation – Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Police Chief Micah Lundborg introduced Debbie Bailey from the Department of Emergency Management who discussed they are updating the Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan and this is a notification process that must be done advising fold that the review process has begun and an approval to go through with the update process is needed. She noted that in the following year, once the mitigation plan is completed, the city would have to adopt a resolution approving the plan.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

C. Discussion – Development Review

Community Development Director Darren Groth discussed the materials have again been updated to reflect improvements in the reporting and database use. The focus in the past month was cleaning up and closing older records to improve the accuracy of the pending projects list and mapping. He discussed the fees in SmartGov and showed the construction valuation report and the Revenues totals by department.

Discussion Followed between staff and the Council.

D. Discussion – Repurchasing Government Securities

Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray briefed Council on this agenda item. He noted Council approved the 2019 Budget with an appropriation to transfer \$333,333.00 to the Strategic Reserve Fund from the General Fund Free Cash Balance with the intent to earn a higher return on free cash through the continuation of the City’s Government Securities Bond Purchase Plan. The additional \$500,000 has been held in the Strategic Reserve Fund and would be a reinvestment of previously invested funds.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council recommended staff to bring this forward to the next regular council meeting under the consent agenda.

E. Discussion – Bob’s Property Solution Contract

Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray briefed Council on this agenda item. He noted the annual maintenance budget assumes a number of contingencies for unplanned events as well as regular maintenance. It is assumed Bob’s Property Solutions costs in a given year for tree removal and mitigation would not exceed \$25,000 as part of the overall maintenance line items for roads, surface water & parks. Should that occur and other costs could not be abated or deferred, a budget amendment may be required. A public works contract let, that included tree removal or mitigation would be part of that public works project and would be bid as part of the project. Public Works activity would not fall under this tree removal and mitigation contract.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council recommended staff to bring this forward to the next regular council meeting under the consent agenda.

F. Discussion – Junk Vehicles Ordinance

City Attorney Carol Morris briefed Council on this agenda item. She noted the city adopted Chapter 8 of the Pierce County code, and she noted PC does not comply with statute and this is why these ordinances are moving forward to council.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council recommended staff to bring this forward to the next regular council meeting for action.

G. Discussion – Public Nuisance Ordinance

City Attorney Carol Morris briefed Council on this agenda item.

Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council recommended staff to bring this forward to the next regular council meeting for action.

H. OTHER COUNCIL ISSUES

Mayor Eidingen noted the joint meeting with the PRAB, EDAB and PC – training will start at 6pm for those of you who need to be up on the OPMA and Land Use training.

Councilmember Tomyen noted movie night was a great success.

Councilmember Hunter noted she received a call from Pam Roach office regarding jail space for homeless. She asked that each councilmember due their due diligence on this issue.

Councilmember Hunter noted they would be moving to Minnesota, she is not sure of the timeline of when she will be moving, but wanted to notify everyone when that time comes.

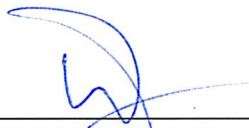
Councilmember Tomyen reminded folks that Connect over Coffee is at Starbucks this Saturday from 8:30-10am.

I. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidingen adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.



Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk



Daryl Eidingen, Mayor