



CITY OF EDGEWOOD

SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY- TOWN HALL MEETING RE: TRANSPORTATION

September 24, 2019 – 6:00pm ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the special meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Lowry led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger (Not voting), Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember John C. West, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Ryan Day (**Late**), Councilmember Colleen Wise, Councilmember Rosanne Tomin. **Excused:** Councilmember Nate Lowry.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, Community Development Director Darren Groth, Jeremy Metzler Public Works Director, Police Sergeant Pat Burke, Kristin Moerler, Senior Planner and Evan Hietpas, Planning Technician.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

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. AB19-036, a motion approving September 2019 Budgeted Expenditures as follows: Payroll Direct Deposit; Dept. of Retirement Systems; Dept. of Child Support; and IRS 941 ACHs in the amount of \$92,322.27; and Vendor Check Numbers 23994 through 24016 with EFT and Direct Pay Payments in the amount of \$296,648.08. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of \$388,970.35

Motion: As Presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilmember Colleen Wise, **Seconded by** Councilmember John C. West. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0).**

Jeremy Metzler briefed folks on the purpose of the meeting

Councilmember Day entered the meeting at 6:09pm.

3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION

4. Citizen-Sherril-

- a. More building leads to more traffic. City should plan for traffic impacts before building new homes/ apartments.
- b. 122nd is about to get worse with additional homes.
- c. I do not use the bus system, but what bus transportation is available in the City?
- d. There are not many ways out of Edgewood. City did not plan well for Chrisella or Sumner Heights. “No left turn” signs on Chrisella have somewhat helped.

Staff- More Building= More traffic. Congestion on roads leaving City on South side

5. Citizen- Teresa-

- a. Traffic is a problem everywhere in Edgewood, at any time of day. Getting off the hill (going South) in prime hours (after 2:00) doubles commute time compared to past. To get back up on the hill is not as bad.
- b. More apartments and homes are creating more traffic. Do we have plans for traffic?
- c. A church being built in Milton will influence traffic as well. Traffic on Taylor St is horrible. City of Edgewood residents should be notified for large projects in neighboring cities.

Staff- City of Edgewood staff is invited to provide review comments for the Church.

Clarification was made that the citizen's concern is that traffic in Edgewood has gotten worse over time, not compared to surrounding cities.

6. Citizen- David-

- a. Lives off of 8th St Ct. Property owner to south has started trucking operation. Refrigerator trucks going off every half hour.
- b. We do not have bike paths, sidewalks are limited. It would be nice to have some wider lanes for bikes and shoulders to walk on. Shared connections to trail to the North. Getting to interurban trail is not easy.

Staff- Non-motorized transportation plan is being worked on.

7. Citizen- Jean-

- a. Concerned about lack of businesses (would like retail/ commercial uses). Why are there so many apartments?

Staff- City staff has made efforts to attract new businesses to Edgewood.

Ryan Day- What would be the most effective way to communicate what the City is doing? – Receives magazine, emails Mayor, Marquee, Facebook, Twitter, City Clerk distribution list

8. Citizen (Milton)- Bob-

- a. Works for City of Milton. Announced there will be no more thru truck traffic allowed in Milton. This may help with Jovita and may change traffic patterns.
- b. Questions: There was a vision for businesses, apartments set back further, parallel road network?
- c. Church: open to Hearing Examiner's hearing. Milton gets a lot of Edgewood traffic (Taylor and Yuma takes on more traffic).
- d. As Edgewood builds out, it becomes harder to plan for traffic, but Edgewood still has an opportunity to plan for traffic. Another apartment= More congestion. See how you can accommodate community needs within our own community.

Staff- Parallel road ordinance passed in 2007 and Edgewood is looking to update. Some segments of the network have been implemented on East side.

9. Citizen- Unannounced-

- a. Concerns on mail service. Edgewood does not have reception box. Where is our post office? (Milton or Fred Meyer). Longer trip makes him drive more often. He makes my choice of when to run errands based on the time of day due to traffic.
- b. Heavy traffic on Chrisella/ 46th St.

Staff- Increased mail services would be appreciated by citizens. Traffic on Chrisella becomes congested very often.

10. Citizen-Dale-

- a. There is a need for a regional answer to this problem.
- b. Edgewood does a pretty good job of handling truck traffic, however, Sumner and Puyallup continue to build warehouses that impact Edgewood roads. Warehouses provide employment and tax revenue, but create traffic problems.
- c. W Valley Hwy is trashed from large trucks. Overpass on 167 does not get used, so they divert to W Valley Hwy. 167 intersection is a major mess. Rules and regulations on truck routes could help.
- d. We are a bedroom community (cost of living effect) which also contributes.

Staff- Recognized citizen concerns. Further research on freight traffic restrictions and coordination with regional partners, in peak hours.

11. Citizen- Jason-

- a. Lives off of 110th – takes 36th to commute. 36th backs up in afternoon.
- b. Dangerous right –hand turn onto Meridian from 36th. (Possible solution- “No right-hand turn sign for safety”). Talked about traffic control project on 32nd (raised similar concerns to 36th).
- c. Concerned about the impact of the new park project and traffic calming project.

Staff- 32nd- City staff has been working with consultants on solutions. Traffic impacts of new park project will be considered during the review process. Access management meetings with Edgewood property owners have also been under way.

Councilmember Comments:

Deputy Mayor Christopherson- Discussed the growth in Edgewood and surrounding cities over the last 20 years, and how it contributes to the traffic problem. Offered up alternative grocery stores for shopping destinations. Stressed the importance of technological advancements such as on-line grocery shopping, to allow for less cars on the roadway during peak hours.

Councilmember Tomin- Stated that the City of Edgewood continually works with neighboring cities (Milton, Puyallup, Fife, Sumner, etc.) to find solutions to regional problems.

Councilmember Wise- Announced that the Mayor and City staff attended a conference earlier this year that focused on economic development opportunities for cities. Re-iterated that the City has adopted a parallel road system ordinance. Provide clarification on citizen comment #1- The new development on 122nd was required to pass traffic concurrency as a condition of approval.

Councilmember Day- Stressed the importance of communication, and the difference between things in our control and out of our control.

Councilmember Creley- Traffic is a regional issue. The main question that needs to be answered is: Where is the traffic stemming from? The City of Edgewood will continue to collaborate with other jurisdictions on transportation planning.

Councilmember West- Councilmember West is currently reaching out to consultants and other jurisdictions to try and find possible solutions. Direction to staff- Please pursue state funding for City roads with urgent needs. Suggestion was made to charge tolls for trucks that do not follow rules. Traffic is a complex problem that fosters a lot of ideas that to be ironed out over time.

Mayor Eidinger- Thanked all citizens for participating and being present for the Town Hall meeting.

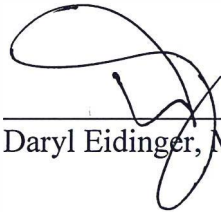
12. CURRENT PLANS AND NEXT STEPS

13. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm



Jill S. Herrera, Deputy City Clerk/
Communications Coordinator



Daryl Eidinger, Mayor