



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

February 1, 2021

7:00 PM

**Held Remotely per Governor Inslee's Proclamation
20-28.14, extended by Senate Concurrent
Resolution 8402**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Stacey Engel, Nancy Goodloe, Tristen Lamb, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Mary Morgan, Bruce Tabb

Also Present: City Manager Akers; City Attorney Weiner; City Clerk Leader; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Finance Director Pascoe; Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski; Planning Manager Ayling; Stormwater Manager Morrow; Kittitas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Mark Larson; A.J. Cooper, Alice Ostdiek and Thomas Toepfer with Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth and approximately 25 members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A. African American History Month Proclamation

A.J. Cooper read the African American History Month Proclamation.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve the Mayor to sign the Proclamation.

Motion Approved 7-0.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Nancy Goodloe moved to Approve Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A. Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

5.B. Acknowledge Minutes of the Arts Commission - December 10, 2020

5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board - December 9, 2020

5.D. Acknowledge Minutes of the Library Board - December 8, 2020

5.E. Acknowledge Minutes of the Utility Advisory Committee - December 17, 2020

5.F. Amendment # 2 to the Reecer Levee Certification Contract with Aspect Consulting

5.G. Interlocal Jail Agreement with Kittitas County

5.H. Resolution 2021-03 - 401 N Sampson St - Cowdery street tree removal

5.I. Approval of Voucher Listing for February 1, 2021

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Mark Larson presented an update and spoke regarding the current metrics for our region. He praised the Incident Management Team and volunteers for their work at the vaccination clinics. He reported the vaccination rate for Kittitas County is currently 9.4%.

6.B. Board and Commission Applications

Lacie Dawson, Marie Smith and James Nale were present to introduce themselves and speak regarding their interest in serving on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Fiona Corner and Rob Rapose were present to introduce themselves and speak regarding their interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Nancy Goodloe moved to Approve appointment of Lacie Dawson as a collector, Marie Smith as a receiver and James Nale as a receiver to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Christopher Hobbs, 302 N Water St, representing himself, commented regarding rules and procedures of Council.

Landis Hanson, 1015 E 18th Ave., commented regarding the Proclamation language.

Theresa Plue, 140 Woodhouse Loop, speaking for herself, commented regarding the virtual meetings.

Cory Kenoyer, 316 E 4th Ave., commented regarding posting of flyers or handbills and process for approval.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A. Second reading of Ordinance 4867 approving petition for annexation P20-083 for parcels 258133, 018133, 038133 and 058133 located on Cascade Street

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Planning Manager, Jamey Ayling, presented information in the staff report.

There were no questions, comments or testimony from the public, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve conducting second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4867 approving petition for annexation P20-083 for parcels 258133, 018133, 038133 and 058133 located on Cascade Street. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

8.B. Second reading of Ordinance 4868 approving petition for annexation P20-088 for parcel number 10876 located at 1215 Sanders Road
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Planning Manager, Jamey Ayling, presented information in the staff report.

There were no questions, comments or testimony from the public, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve conducting second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4868 approving petition for annexation P20-088 for parcel number 10876 located at 1215 Sanders Road. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. First reading of proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance of 2021 Waterworks Utility System Bonds.
Finance Director, Jerica Pascoe, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Stacey Engel moved to Approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4870 authorizing the issuance of 2021 Waterworks Utility System Revenue Bonds.
Motion Approved 7-0.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. 404 N Sampson St - Snedeker street tree removal request
Stormwater Manager, Jon Morrow, presented information in the staff report. Jeff Snedecker, 404 N Sampson St, reviewed information concerning his request to remove a street tree.

Councilmembers Morgan and Goodloe suggested a review be done of the list of approved street trees.

Councilmember Stacey Engel moved to Approve directing staff to return with a resolution for review supporting the request by Jeff Snedecker to remove a street tree at 404 N Sampson St. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

11.B. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission - Draft Ordinance
The City Manager presented information in the staff report. The intention was for Council to review and discuss the proposed ordinance language and provide staff direction.

Christopher Hobbs, 302 N Water St., commented he was not in favor of the ordinance, but was in favor of equality and treating others with respect. He suggested a change in Section 1.88.020(A) Appointment; that language be included requiring residency of three years.

Landis Hanson, 1015 E 18th Ave., commented regarding duties and responsibilities of the proposed commission.

Theresa Plue, 140 Woodhouse Loop, commented regarding references in the document and requested further review by staff.

Shana Kessler, 1508 N B Street, commented regarding representation of those currently not represented.

Sara Omrani, 7790 Cook Canyon Rd, commented in favor of creation of the commission.

Yngrid Winter, 1202 N Water St, commented in favor of creation of the commission.

Atalaya Strom, 1015 E 18th Ave., commented in favor of creation of the commission.

The City Clerk also received written comments from Julie Rachor and Keith R. McGowan that were distributed to Councilmembers before the meeting.

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve directing staff to return with the ordinance to conduct first reading for creation of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission as presented in the Agenda. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

No information to report. The City Manager explained an executive session was required for two items per RCW 42.30.140 to consider collective bargaining sessions and RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider a real estate transaction. It was anticipated discussion would take fifteen minutes and no action would be taken.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Lillquist attended a Utility Advisory Committee meeting and reported on the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting;
- Councilmember Goodloe attended a Utility Advisory Committee meeting;
- Councilmember Miller attended a KCCOG meeting;
- Councilmember Engel attended a Planning Commission meeting, and mentioned the Parks and Recreation survey is still open for naming of the downtown park;
- Mayor Tabb attended meetings for the Public Health regional group

13. Executive Session

Council recessed into executive session at 9:11 pm which was anticipated to take fifteen minutes.

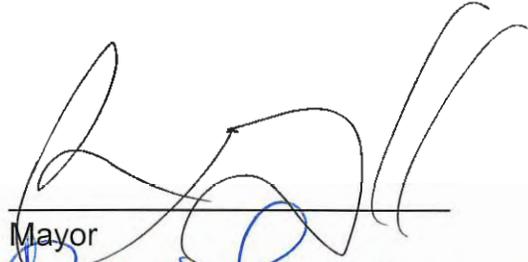
13.A. Per RCW 42.30.140, to consider collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement

13.B. Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Council reconvened at 9:26 pm

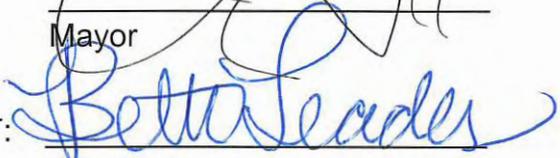
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk