City of Puyallup  
Regular City Council Meeting  
June 6, 2017

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hopkins, Deputy Mayor Palmer, Councilmember Door, Councilmember Shadko, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Farris, and Councilmember Swanson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Door, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Door, second by Councilmember Shadko, to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017 as submitted. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

20-year Service Award Presentation to Cross Connection Specialist Mike Nelson

Public Works Director Rob Andreotti introduced Mr. Nelson and expounded on his career achievements at the City of Puyallup.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Gale Robinette reported on upcoming Puyallup Historical Society and Meeker Mansion events.

Mr. Larry Carney protested the city’s failure to issue a utilities permit for the Wesley Homes Bradley Park retirement community.

Ms. Pat Carney urged the council to help the Wesley Homes community and thanked Councilmember Swanson for listening to their grievances.

Mr. Curtis Thiel shared names of Puyallup citizens recognized by the South Hill Rotary Club for excellence in various fields.

Mr. Bud Metzger thanked Mr. Mike Nelson for his service to the city, advocated for relocating the Parks Advisory Board meetings to the Puyallup Activity Center, and commented on the traffic impact of the proposed Knutson Farms warehouse project.
Mr. Robin Ordonez questioned the city’s efforts to assist residents of Elmwood Mobile Manor and to protect citizens from impacts of development in the valley.

Mr. Paul Mahoney condemned city staff for delays to the Shaw Road construction project and failure to address sewer problems at the Elmwood Mobile park.

Mr. John Knutsen elaborated on interpersonal interactions between council members in 2014.

Mr. Bill Hilton advocated for a new police station in Puyallup and urged the council to prioritize the public safety building project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Contract Award: Design of the 2017 Overlay Program

Authorization to execute the Puyallup Police Association 2016-2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Contract Award: Reservoir Roof Vent Replacement

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Shadko, second by Councilmember Door, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCES

First Reading of an ordinance making it a crime to expose children to domestic violence

City Attorney Joe Beck presented a brief background on the genesis of the ordinance. He discussed the risks and adverse psychological impacts on children exposed to violence against a family member.

Mr. Beck answered council questions regarding unintended impacts as well as a variety of benefits offered by this ordinance, to families and victims of domestic violence.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Door, second by Councilmember Swanson, to approve first reading of the ordinance. The motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS

Shaw Road improvement project (23rd Ave SE to Manorwood)

Mr. Andreotti requested the council’s authorization to postpone the Shaw Road construction project to the 2018 construction cycle. He laid out the reasons for this recommendation and discussed a variety of factors impacted by the postponement.

The council supported Mr. Andreotti’s recommendation for a short delay in the project and emphasized the importance of appropriate messaging both before and during the project.
Appointment of voting delegates for the 2017 AWC Annual Business Meeting

**Council Action**: A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Farris, to appoint Mayor Hopkins, Councilmember Door, and Councilmember Shadko as voting delegates for the 2017 AWC Annual Business Meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Zoning Options for Private Schools

Assistant Planner Rachael Brown presented an outline of discrepancies in public vs. private school permitting processes and a summary of Planning Commission deliberations about the issue.

Development Services Director Tom Utterback and Ms. Brown answered council questions regarding private school zoning.

**Council Action**: A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Door, to table the private school zoning project indefinitely. The motion passed 7-0.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Kevin Yamamoto presented the council a draft letter of support for Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier’s 2017 supplemental budget which includes allocations for mental health awareness and treatment. Council discussion revolved around the urgent need for mental health funding, treatment centers, and a social-worker position in Puyallup.

**Council Action**: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Palmer, second by Councilmember Door, to approve the letter with edits as discussed. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Yamamoto reported on the status of the 39th Avenue SW widening project and on the Elmwood Mobile Manor flooding issue.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilmember Swanson** thanked Crime Prevention Coordinator Lisa Issacs for her efforts in the Puyallup community, and wished her well on her upcoming retirement. He congratulated Puyallup High School (PHS) baseball and fast pitch teams for their successes at the state level. He asked Mr. Yamamoto for a status update on the public safety building project.

Mr. Yamamoto provided a status report and stated that the council would select a design consultant at a meeting in August.

**Councilmember Farris** reiterated the need for a new police department building. She recommended that citizens contact councilmembers with their concerns about city projects or issues rather than decry staff efforts. She invited the public to join her in her city clean-up and beautification efforts.

**Councilmember Door** asserted that the Ad-Hoc Appointments Committee valued issues related to senior citizens and their representation on the Parks, Recreation and Senior Advisory Board.
She reported on the South Sound 911 Board and Central Pierce Fire District meetings, and congratulated the Puyallup Food Bank for 45 years of serving the community.

**Councilmember Johnson** echoed Councilmember Farris’s suggestion to citizens about communicating with councilmembers before discussing their concerns in a public forum. He reminded the public about the upcoming Meeker Days festival.

**Councilmember Shadko** voiced her concern about the recent closure of small downtown businesses and encouraged people to shop locally. She invited the public to attend a breakfast event at the Activity Center to help raise funds for senior citizens’ trips.

**Deputy Mayor Palmer** invited citizens to apply to volunteer on the Parks, Recreation and Senior Advisory Board and Planning Commission, reported on Puget Sound Regional Council’s adoption of military and manufacturing center recommendations, commented on zoning code adjustments in the city, emphasized the need to monitor the city’s carbon dioxide footprint, and congratulated the PHS teams as well as the city’s Rainier to Ruston teams for their successes.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Hopkins elaborated on the significance of the various committees where councilmembers represent the city and work to secure funds for city projects. He reiterated the importance of shopping at small businesses, assured the public that staff was dealing with the flooding problems at Elmwood Mobile Park, stated his confidence in staff’s efforts to secure grants, congratulated PHS teams, notified the council to expect communication from a group of seniors at the Activity Center regarding their representation in the city, reported on homelessness related discussions at a Pierce County City and Towns Association meeting, and congratulated Puyallup officials, staff and citizens who participated in the Rainier to Ruston event.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:12 p.m.