

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – March 14, 2024

Mayor Pro-Tem Hund called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Pro Tem Hund called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Dearborn, Dawson, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Absent: Mayor Wiita, Councilmember Aldrich

Staff: City Administrator Christian, Public Works Director Morgan, Community Development Director Hart, and City Clerk Pevey.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the following changes were made to the agenda with motion passing 5-0.

- 1) Add a new Consent Item #4 to excuse the absence of Councilmember Aldrich.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(Written comments noted are on file with the City Clerk's Office and available upon request)

Genny Smith, Sultan, provided written comments expressing concerns with the Mountain View Park updates memo she received.

Ron Kraut, Sultan, provided written comments expressing concerns with the Mountain View Park updates memo he received. Also provided verbal comments with handout expressing additional concerns regarding the Mountain View Park Property purchase.

James Harrigan, Sultan, expressed neighborhood conversations he has been involved in regarding concerns expressed by Citizen Kraut regarding the Mountain View Park property. Requested city address the mistakes made in the past that can be corrected and clarifications that can be made and encouraged transparency to citizens to share with the community to dispel the rumors about development.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Morgan requested a status on the ordinances discussed related to code changes regarding development.

Councilmember Sivewright thanked the public for their attendance and comments.

Councilmember Beeler addressed his research regarding warranty of deed versus purchase of property and expressed his understanding of the history and what occurred in bankruptcy court with the Hammer Property, now known as the Mountainview Park property. Expressed his focus on resolving the issues to improve the parks within the city for the residents.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hund welcomed the birth of a baby boy recently. Expressed his thoughts that he feels the park can be a good asset for the city.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

City Administrator Christian acknowledged to council and citizens in attendance that he is new to the city but will take full responsibility for city actions moving forward. Acknowledged that ordinances that are being moved through the proper process include updates to the development code regarding major and minor modifications. He acknowledged the Mountain View Park Memo recently released was an attempt to respond to frequently asked questions and was reviewed by the staff, Mayor, and legal team for the city before being released. He acknowledged the recent legislative

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session closed and that the city lobbyist will be onsite to provide input at a future council meeting. Also, the yearly audit is wrapping up and anticipated to have results at a future council meeting in April. Safe Stop teen nights restarted last week, and 83 teens were in attendance. Encouraged citizens interested in volunteering to reach out to the VOA.

STAFF REPORTS

Written Reports on file as presented for the following departments: Police.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, the council approved the consent agenda as amended. Motion passed 5-0. The following items were approved:

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval
- 2) 2/22/2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- 3) Scribner Error Amendment to the Minutes of Public Hearing_AB23-60_2024 Budget to include 6 Year CIP
- 4) Excused absence of Councilmember Aldrich

ACTION ITEMS

AB24-21_Water Treatment Plant Filter Purchase

Public Works Director Morgan informed the council that the water treatment plant filters are the main component of the plant and are being purchased outside of the construction bid to save on construction costs. Morgan confirmed this was a budgeted expense and no budget modification was needed. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Dawson, council approved staff to purchase new filters for the Water Treatment Plant from Goble Sampson Associates for an amount not to exceed \$1,230,000.00 which includes a 10% contingency without prior authorization from council. Motion passed 5-0.

AB24-03_Sole Source Water Meter Register Purchase

Public Works Director Morgan stated the purchase was for replacement of meters that are old and required to be replaced due to age. Discussion continued regarding supply chain issues, and an audit of meters to create a proper replacement schedule. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, council approved staff to purchase new registers from General Pacific for an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00, (which includes a 10% contingency) without prior authorization from council. Motion passed 5-0.

AB24-22_Resolution 24-02_Fee Schedule Update

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, the council adopted Resolution 24-02 implementing the updated Fee Schedule. Motion passed 5-0.

A4_AB 24-23_Ordinance 1400-24_2021 International Building Code Adoption

Community Development Director Hart and Building Official Marshall discussed with council the significant building code changes that were being implemented by the state and required by cities to adopt. Discussion amongst council about the pros and cons of the changes. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Dawson, council adopt Ordinance 1400-24 amending SMC 15.01.030 to adopt the new International Building Codes. Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

AB22-26_ARPA Fund Allocation Discussion

City Administrator Christian started a discussion with council regarding ARPA fund projects already in progress and/or completed to include emergency siren repairs; torch down cross walk markings, Economic Development and Tourism Manager extension; security camera installation; road striping buggy and road paint continuing; asbestos abatement at the Alder Avenue property in progress; road striping on Sultan Basin in progress; bucket truck purchase in progress, and mobile digital reader boards purchased and in use.

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Discussion then shifted to the storefront studio beautification aspects and ideas previously discussed. Economic Development Director Dazey discussed the options available for benches up to the original spending suggestion of \$150,000. Discussion then shifted to the lighting grant and process implementation struggles. Staff presented the option of lighting the city could purchase for the downtown area. Staff confirmed the city didn't have the funds to do both seating and lighting and requested input from the council for direction on what their preference was.

Discussion of the main street studio feedback and pros/cons to bench project versus lighting project and discussion where the items might go, as well as discussion on breaking projects into blocks to provide a possible combination, possible solicitation for donations, etc.

Finally, City Administrator Christian confirmed that council was in mutual agreement for staff to move forward focusing on the lighting project and to provide council with the actual cost feasibility studies to confirm the lighting project was possible; all councilmembers agreed.

Late in the meeting final questions were discussed regarding the next steps in the Alder Avenue property to include asbestos abatement wrapping up this week, and demolition will be occurring soon.

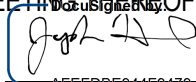
STORMWATER

Councilmember Beeler expressed interest in having a deeper council discussion about taking over stormwater ponds within the city. He sought agreement from the council about bringing this topic to a future meeting. The council members gave their nods of support for a future discussion on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, the meeting was closed at approximately 8:16 pm; The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Joseph Hund, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Tami Pevey, City Clerk