

Observer Corps Report:Puyallup City Council Meeting, April 18, 2017

Observer: Holly Billiu

Five members of the Council were present. Heather Shadko had an excused absence and Tom Swanson arrived late due to illness. The meeting started promptly at 6:30 p.m. and was well attended by many members of the public due to the high interest in the resolution to approve the final plat of Phase 3 and 4 of the Stewart Crossing Subdivision. The agenda was available prior to the meeting for review; however, it was determined at the beginning of the meeting to hold the public comments regarding Stewart Crossing until that agenda item was reached. The majority of the meeting was held without interruption. The Council seemed prepared and they moved through the agenda quickly with limited discussion. Public comments were heard for all issues except Stewart Crossing and everyone was given an opportunity to speak that requested it. Upon reaching the agenda item for Stewart Crossing, significant discussion commenced with a presentation from the City Manager and questions fielded by the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Engineer. Multiple public comments were heard followed by the developer of Stewart Crossing addressing the Council. Although the Stewart Crossing discussion resulted in many strong comments, the council was courteous to the public and with each other throughout the process. The meeting was extended twice, ultimately adjourning at 10:10 p.m. with the resolution to approve the plat passing and a motion to move the remaining agenda items to the next appropriate meeting.