



OBSERVER REPORT FORM

Name of Agency	Puyallup City Council	Date of Meeting	10/27/2020
Observer Reporting	Liz Knox	Length of Meeting	1 hr. 20 min.
Members Present	Mayor Julie Door, Deputy Mayor John Palmer, Council Members Robin Farris, Dean Johnson, Cyndy Jacobsen, Jim Kastama, and Ned Witting		
Others Present	City Manager Steve Kerkelie, Director Jeff Wilson, City Engineer Hans Hunger		

Content:

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

2.a Minutes of September 1 and September 15, 2020

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3.a Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2020)

A Proclamation regarding supporting victims of domestic violence was read and approved. The month of October was proclaimed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizens comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

One citizen (Chris Chisholm) thanked the committee for all the work done on diversity issues and comments included in the city’s draft strategic plan. He listed several areas that he appreciated including access to affordable housing and training for city employees regarding diversity. He recommended changing some of the wording. Some recommendations included changing the wording in the Vision Statement on pg. 9 from a ‘safe’ community to a ‘safe and welcoming’ community.

Here is the link to the strategic plan that he references:

[https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/DocumentCenter/View/12832/Draft-Puyallup-Strategic-Plan?bidId=.](https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/DocumentCenter/View/12832/Draft-Puyallup-Strategic-Plan?bidId=)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a Accept the Horsley House Demolition project with SkyCorp as substantially complete and begin the one year warranty period

4.b Approve an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Traffic Safety

Commission for traffic safety emphasis patrols

4.c Approve the annual renewal of a service agreement with Motorola Solutions, for public safety radio system infrastructure support

4. 4.d Award a contract to Gray and Osborne, Inc., for design services of the City's Toscano Sinkhole Repair Project
5. 4.e Accept CARES Act Reimbursement funds through the Administrative Office of the Courts in the amount of \$18,545.00 for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic
6. 4.f Accept a grant from Pierce County Human Services in the amount of \$18,000 for emergency response efforts due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
7. 4.g Accept a grant from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Pierce County Connected in the amount of \$27,500 as an offset to a scholarship program offered through the Parks & Recreation Puyallup Education and Activities Kamp (PEAK).
8. 4.h Approve an Intergovernmental Purchasing/Procurement Agreement with The Texas Department of Information Resources (TDIR) for the purchase of software and services from Cities Digital Inc.
9. 4.i Approve accounts payable, payroll, and electronic fund transfers of \$7,401,346.06.

The Consent Agenda was read and approved unanimously.

[Warrant Register](#)

5. ORDINANCES

1. 5.a First reading of an ordinance extending the temporary Permit Fee Deferral Program adopted by Ordinance 3207 to June 30, 2021.
[Draft Ordinance](#)

Director Jeff Wilson spoke regarding this ordinance extending this Permit Deferral. There was some discussion about making sure that this deferral is available and that it should be included automatically rather than have applicants request it. This first reading was approved unanimously.

2. 5.b First reading of an ordinance updating Puyallup Municipal Code (PMC) Chapter 21.07, Flood Damage Protection.
[Draft - Ordinance](#)
[Code Section 21.07](#)

City Engineer Hans Hunger presented this ordinance related to flood insurance within Puyallup and FEMA requirements and modifications to update the ordinance to ensure that it is up to recent codes. Councilmember Farris stated that citizens need to be aware that flood insurance is not included in most policies and it is important to find out how to get it. Hans Hunger shared that FEMA is a good source of information if a residence is in a flood zone and that anyone can purchase flood insurance.

Councilmember Jacobsen asked if some residents are required to carry flood insurance. It was clarified that this would be determined by the type of mortgage they have. FEMA updated Puyallup's flood maps in 2017 but there remain areas of uncertainty, including the areas behind the levees. There are further studies regarding how to accurately map the areas behind levees. AE coding indicates that there is a study related to the flooding risks for that area. Areas coded A only, don't have this type of study. An AO coding indicates that there will be sitting water during flooding. The goal is to get the AO zones to the AE coding. Any zones with the A codings require flood insurance. There was discussion about requiring construction not to increase the potential for flooding of neighboring properties. Puyallup does not currently have a requirement regarding this type of requirement. Hans Hunger suggested a program the city might want to consider related to this.

Council member Johnson asked if it was possible that this would add to residents' insurance and Engineer Hunger indicated it would not. He indicated that he would want to ensure that the ratings for flood risk would not increase if a the city joined the program Engineer Hunger described. The first reading was approved unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS

6.a Consideration of South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) 2021 State Legislative Priorities Letter

[SSHAP Legislative Agenda letter](#)

Deputy Mayor Palmer reviewed that the a working group will soon be presenting information and recommendations to the council. The SSHAP letter is related to State Legislative action. He summarized the four priorities recommended. The Partner group was unanimous in the priorities listed:

- Provide the option to offer the Multi-family Tax Exemption in all cities and towns and appropriate county urban growth areas
- Provide robust resources for rent, foreclosure-prevention, and utility assistance.
- Preserve and Fund the Housing Trust Fund.
- Authorize a local option for graduated Real Estate Excise Tax.

Councilmember Jacobsen agreed with the first three but had concerns related to the fourth item. She indicated that the 'devil would be in the details.' Councilmember Farris aksed if there is an attorney on the Partner Group that would know about the legality of the REET Tax. She indicated that she supported the four priorities. She agreed that the details would be important. She indicated that the quality of construction of the Mult-Family units would be important. Councilmember Witting also indicated support for the letter but asked what the level of graduation for the REET would be. Deputy Mayor Palmer indicated that some cities such as Tacoma might be interested in the REET and that other cities might choose to wait. The details would come into play if the City decided to move ahead.

Council member Johnson asked City Manager Kirkelie if he was familiar with the letter and asked if industries might be concerned about any of the priorities listed. The City Manager indicated the Partner group Committee was very bipartisan and that he didn't know of any concerns. Councilmember Johnson tentatively approved the letter as long as there are not unintended consequences for industry. Mayor Door indicated that industry had been consulted in the development of these prioirites. Councilmember Kasatama indicated that the State Consitution state that properties that are alike need to be taxed alike and that he wondered if the REET would be a concern related to that. The approval of the letter was passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Kirkelie gave a preview of items for the next Council meeting agenda. He indicated that the marks on the sidewalks downtown are froma gas leak a few weeks ago. He thanked the city workers who have been painting daffodils on the sidewalks.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Jim Kastama: no comment.

Cindy Jacobsen invited the council to a meeting related to adopting Vision 2050.

Ned Witting invited members to an upcoming meeting and indicated that he has been chosen to serve on the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Dean Johnson asked the council to pray for the city and country. He expressed appreciation for freedom of religion. He thanked the houses of worship in the city.

Robin Farris apologized about previous comments related to some erroneous literature regarding tax rates in the city and she had thought she was appropriate to make these comments but she found that she was wrong. She indicated that she would work hard not to make the same mistake again. She urged people to call her if they have any questions. She also commented about masks. She appreciated peoples' rights. She shared that she has the health of an eighty-year-old even though she is much younger. She has asthma and COPD and has had cancer. She expressed her concern regarding COVID and shared that she and her mom feel at times that she is a prisoner in her own home. She shared that masks are easy and cheap and a way to be 'All for One and One for All.' She gave a shout out to community members who have helped her and her mom. She mentioned the possibility of hosting a joke-a-thon for seniors.

Deputy Mayor Palmer shared about watching the Fife City Council and a Pierce County presentation of the Canyon Road Extension. He indicated that it would be helpful to have that presentation for the Puyallup City Council. He indicated that the Homeless Zoning has been upheld by the courts recently. He shared that there would be a survey of citizens to learn what they want. He shared a case study about COVID in Pullman and the significant increase in cases since students returned from very few cases in August to over 1700 recently.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor passed on making comments due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:49: EXECUTIVE SESSION - Collective Bargaining ADJOURNMENT

Process and Protocol:

Characteristic	Yes	No	Comments/Explanations
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Was material for the meeting made available to the public in advance?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
How did the group respond to your presence?	No Response		
Other factors worth noting:	None		