

Name of Agency	Puyallup City Council	Date of Meeting	Sept. 1, 2020
Observer Reporting	Liz Knox	Length of Meeting	2 hrs. and 6 minutes.
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 Clerk Mary Winter, City Manager Steve Kerkelie, City Engineer Hans Hunger, Meredith Neal, Economic Development Manager and Katie Baker, Planning Manager, Barbara Lopez, Finance Director		

Meeting began at 6:30pm

Content: What issue was discussed? Was some action approved? What discussion related to League positions or priorities?

There were several citizens’ comments regarding a request for the city council to issue a statement in support of racial justice and to create a commission to study racial justice in Puyallup.

Agenda Item 2.a Minutes of August 18, 2020

August 18, 2020 Draft Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

3.a Recognition of employees with 25 years of Service to the City

The following were recognized by Steve Kerkelie:

Ken Davis, Public Works Director

Tamera Ferin, Police Support Specialist

Jill McNally, IT System Administrator

Ellen Palmer, Pavilion Supervisor

Agenda Item 3. Citizen Comments

Mary Winter, City Clerk, read the names of citizens who had submitted written comments.

Joe Columbo, Amber Nelson, Carissa Thompson, Kristen Poole, Davita Haygood, Amanda Cuthbert, and Chris Chisolm each spoke individually to ask the City Council to take action by making a strong unified public statement regarding racial justice by the end of September. They also asked that a commission be established this fall to study racial justice in Puyallup.

Tiffany Young spoke in favor of the council establishing programs and places for minority, LGBTQ, and military families to find resources to feel more welcome in Puyallup.

Kenneth Michael Warren spoke in favor of social service investments but not in exchange for defunding the police.

Agenda Item 4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Both items were approved unanimously.

4.a Accept the 2020 Clark's Creek Elodea project with Seattle Diving Services, in the final contract amount of \$203,313.90 as complete. This was a project to remove approximately 16,175 linear feet of aquatic weed growth in Clark’s Creek.

4.b Accept the 23rd Avenue SE Reservoir Recoating and 15th Avenue SE Reservoir 2 Vent Replacement with T. Bailey Construction, in the final contract amount of \$1,441,387.98 as complete

Agenda Item 5. Ordinances

5.a Second reading of an ordinance amending Puyallup Municipal Code Chapters 5.08 Business and Occupation Taxes and 5.10 Business and Occupation Taxes pertaining to processing of utility tax payments

This item was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Resolutions

6.a Adopt a resolution confirming an appointment to the Pierce County Conservation Futures and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Board

Deputy Mayor Palmer moved that Heather Shadko be appointed to this Board. This was approved unanimously.

6.b Adopt a resolution confirming the City of Puyallup's representation on the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners

This item was removed.

Agenda Item 7. Considerations and Requests

7.a Update on the Food Truck and Outdoor Dining and Retail Pilot Programs

Meredith Neal, Economic Development Manager and Katie Baker, Planning Manager presented this program which provided for 10 permitted food trucks in addition to the 4 already permitted to serve the public due to the COVID closure of so many restaurants. This program is set to expire on Oct. 31, 2020. No complaints have been received about these food trucks and pop-up events. New Sidewalk Dining and Retail have not had new permits issued because the restaurants who are using outdoor dining are using areas already allowed for them. Parking Lot Dining has received one new permit for Daffodil Bowl. There has been a 25% increase in their restaurant business since this patio opened. One permit has been approved for Parklets but the details are being worked out before it is issued. A lot of small businesses seem overwhelmed and have not applied for this, so the city is building two of these to lease out to businesses and there have been ten applicants for this. Sumner has reported a lot of success with Parklets. One permit has been issued for Temporary Street and Alley Closures for the Friday nights downtown. This is discontinued now as the Farmer's Market is moving downtown on Saturdays. Since this needs a lot of set-up, there has been less interest in this option. Free Sign permits have been issued and have been extended for 90 days until Nov. 30, 2020. COVID has negatively impacted many of the local Puyallup businesses. They are requesting to extend these allowances to Oct. 31 of 2021 and perhaps extended permanently. Jim Kastama asked about the cost of leasing a Parklet and it was shared that this is at no cost at this time. John Palmer spoke in favor of continuing these efforts. Greg Johnson also spoke in favor of these projects and suggested that the Parklets be increased and that more be built throughout the winter. The permitting process required for serving alcohol in the Parklet was clarified. Cyndy Johnson and Ned Witting also spoke in favor of these innovations. Julie Door asked how much it cost to build the Parklets. They cost \$6000 and came from CARE small business loans. The ten applicants will be prioritized according to how much impact and if they have access to other outdoor seating. They would stay in place through October and then be stored for the winter. It would be possible to rotate them to different businesses. Mayor Door also asked about outreach and there will be additional outreach with suggestions for businesses. She expressed support for these programs.

All councilmembers approved continuing with these programs.

7.b LTAC discussion regarding annual allocation amount and use of unused funds

Steve Kirkelie introduced Barbara Lopez who shared the Hotel/Motel 5 year revenue amounts which determine what the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee should consider available to them for the 2021-22 biennium budget. Ned Witting proposed that the revenue for this and next year be combined and then averaged to provide stability. Cyndy Jacobsen spoke in favor of continuing with the 5 year average. Greg Johnson spoke in favor of 45% of the 5 year average and John Palmer, Jim Kastama, Cyndy Jacobsen and Julie Door agreed. Further discussion included the use of carryover but the amount of carryover is uncertain. Discussion also included if the Fall Arts Celebration and the Daffodial Festival can have their 2020 budget allocation carried over. They have missed the deadline to apply for the 2021-22 budget. Greg Johnson spoke in favor of allowing them to do this given the COVID crisis. Ned Witting seconded this with a caveat that the amount come out of the 45% for 2021. Barbara Lopez shared that it may be that it needs to come from the 2020 budget. Ned Witting suggested that it be deducted from 2021-22 budget and Barbara Lopez requested that she would like to research further the impact of this. Mayor Door asked her to let the Council know if her research determines there are any problems with this proposal.

Agenda Item 8. Other Business – City Manager’s Report

Steve Kirkelie indicated that he would be giving an overview of the use of CARES funding to date and that the city will likely receive more CARES funding. Close to 60 businesses have received close to \$2000 each so far. He introduced Jeff Wilson, a new Director of Planning and Engineering and recognized and Thanked. Ken Cook, Interim Director.

Agenda Item 9. Council Reports

*Councilmember Jim Kastama-no comment.

* Councilmember Cyndy Jacobsen expressed appreciation for the 25 year employees and for the public comments. She thanked staff who presented at this meeting.

* Councilmember Ned Witting expressed appreciation for the community input.

* Councilmember Greg Johnson shared that in the context of the upcoming election to remain calm under pressure and avoid stirring up divisiveness.

*Councilmember Robin Faris shared that the CDC has extended the moratorium on eviction until the end of the year. She expressed appreciation for those who wrote in comments and attended the meeting tonight. She said that she fully supports Black Lives Matter and agreed that the council should issue a statement in support of racial justice.

*Deputy Mayor Palmer thanked the citizens who came out tonight. He shared that we have a flawed past regarding racism and supported standing up for racial justice in clear terms and for a Puyallup that does not tolerate racism in our community.

Agenda Item 10. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Julie Door wished the Puyallup School Distric the best as they begin the school year. She noted that the council will be continuing to meet virtually. She also expressed appreciation for the citizens who spoke at the meeting and agreed that the council needs to speak up in support of racial justice. She stated that black and indigenous people need the council to stand up for them at this time and she is in favor of a proclamation and in learning what an equity board would look like. She expressed appreciation for the 25 year employees. She wished Meredith Baker a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION At 8:36pm

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:			