

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

University Place City Council

Date: September 20, 2021

Name of Observer: Kresha Warnock

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

All Council Attachments can be found at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vxrpPPQqTMnRpd1jh5hLZQKUg0cdEdXXvEbkDosojms/edit?usp=sharing> [Appropriate page numbers will be listed within the minutes]

Present: Mayor Belleci; Steve Worthington, Mayor Pro Tem; Javier Figueroa, Council Member; Kent Keel, Council Member; Howard Lee, Council Member, Pro Tem; Denise McCluskey, Council Member; Flemming, Council Member.

Others present: Steve Sugg, City Manager, Leslie Blaisdell, Finance Director; Matt Kaiser, City Attorney.

Public Comments:

Karen Calley- Wanted to comment on Community Center Place and that Senior Center Activities are very important. Feeling that seniors may not be wanted there.

Email—Group of citizens wrote supporting Senior Center.

The Veterans' Plaza (http://www.upveteransmemorial.org/contact_us.html) was moved and seconded and approved unanimously

Public Hearing: Leslie Blaisdell, Finance Director, **Carryforward Changes**. See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vxrpPPQqTMnRpd1jh5hLZQKUg0cdEdXXvEbkDosojms/edit?usp=sharing> p.41 ff for details.

Estimate for storage shed and other projects. Most of funding from either Federal or state funds.

This was the final reading of this budget. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

City Manager Report:

Steve Sugg, 4201 Bridgeport Project. Will supply 140 units of market rate housing. Under construction. Buildings complete by fall of 2022.

South Sound Affordability Partnership: Matt Kaiser, City Attorney. Deciding if University Place should be a partner. Auburn, Fife, Milton, Lakewood, Steilacoom, Tacoma, Gig Harbor, Puyallup Tribe have signed on. Fircrest studying tonight. Orting decided not to.

Keel: strongly supports; Good to work with other cities, but also homelessness is endemic and UP can't address it alone.

Worthington: Need holistic approach to look at issues of affordable housing; Also gives us a unified voice in Olympia.

McCluskey and Flemming: On board, at least for pilot project.

Belleci—sees importance of finding ways for creative affordable housing in Pierce County and UP.

Motion: Adopt a resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for the City's participation in South Sound Housing Affordability Partners.

Moved by Worthington; Seconded by Keel. Passed unanimously.

http://cityofup.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/City_Clerk/CouncilMeetingPackets/2021/09-20-21%20RM2.pdf (Full motion in this document, beginning on p. 53)

Council Comments and Report Outs:

Keel - Re Sound Transit - October 2 opening new Light Rail stations in King County. Starting work in Federal Way soon. After that, will start in Pierce County.

Re: AWC – Legislative meeting and a number of items passed and moved forward. Big item on clarifying what was meant by police reforms. Feels that misinterpretation on what was meant. AWC will

Lee – Attended PCRC meeting. Reviewed update of Regional Planning Document.

Veteran's Plaza continues to fundraise. If interested in purchasing a paver, go to website http://www.upveteransmemorial.org/contact_us.html.

Study Session:

Discussion of Senior Center - Sheila Phillips, Matt Kaiser, Nancy Plant. Technological problems lead to rescheduling for next meeting in person.

Debrief on 2021 Legislative Priorities – Steve Sugg, City Manager. In October, will be setting priorities for 2022.

Police Reform – Large number of policing and accountability bills were passed. Working with AWC to clarify some of the confusion.

Infrastructure investment: Requested \$150 thousand to study sewers; Got \$2.1 million grant to construct new sewer line along 67th. Distinct from AARPA funds. State Capital budget for University Place Museum and University Place Arts.

Financial Flexibility: Asked for flexibility in maintenance

Initiative 976: Additional transportation revenue tools. Hopeful for progress in 2022 on this.

City State Partnership – Cities need revenue sharing to provide services.

Comments:

Worthington – good, productive year. Staff and Council members worked hard.

Representatives in the 28th Legislative District worked hard for us.

Also, pending partnership with Federal funds, \$500,000 for Homestead Park improvements.

Congresswoman Strickland put this project forward. Passed in House Budget; awaiting Senate approval.

Keel – This is first phase of discussion of 2022.

Figueroa – Council should be asked which priorities they would recommend for the 2022 session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.