

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

University Place City Council

Date: July 19, 2021

Name of Observer: Kresha Warnock

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

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

Not present: Stan Flemming, Council Member

Others present: City Manager, Steve Sugg; Jack Ecklund, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects; Greg Premo, Chief of Police; Matt Kaser, City Attorney; Jennifer Hales, Public Safety Manager

Agenda approved and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments: none received prior to 5:30 deadline

Consent Agenda: Approved.

Public Hearing (Jack Ecklund)

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Ecklund gave staff report which is a mandatory annual update.

City required annually to update 6 year plan. (2022-2027). Motion to adopt, approved unanimously.

Primary changes to this year's TIP:

- Four projects completed and removed
- Project 8 – 38th Street West improvement added to Homestead Park plan
- Funding statuses have been updated to reflect grant awards, project schedules and costs

Each project reviewed by City Council, but approval of projects and plan necessary for many grant applications and coordination with other city departments.

Councilmember Keel: Lot of talk of infrastructure money at state and federal level. Has the committee thought how that potential funding may impact planning? Ecklund – have ability to amend the TIP quickly; probably most of these ideas have already been considered.

Keel suggested getting leverage on down-the-road projects. Ecklund – not a lot of information yet. Feels our TIP is well-positioned to look for future funding.

Alameda Drive Designation: Jack Ecklund: Ordinance proposed to rename segments of Alameda Drive. Section of Alameda Extension will be called “Alameda Drive” between 62nd and 67th Avenue.

City Manager Report - Steve Sugg, City Manager:

- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3 – 27 neighborhoods registered. Jennifer Hales coordinator.
- 2021 Chip Seal Program—7.7 miles of neighborhood streets to be sealed. July 29-31
- Burn Ban in effect statewide through September.

Council Member Comments and Report Outs:

Council Member Keel: Sound Transit will roll out plan for realignment this week on Thursday—how to make up \$8 billion gap. Has been discussing with King County. Feels proposal contains good news for Pierce County.

Council Member Lee: Remember to vote, even though there are very few actual candidates on which we vote.

Council Member McCluskey: Attended PCRC meeting. She has concerns UP will be constrained to follow policies/spend money. She has concerns about “climate change” section, definition of “underserved communities”. Once get updates, will need to look at with discernment. Also concerned that the growth of electric vehicles will lead to revenue drops.

Mayor Pro Tem Worthington: Wanted to make it clear that those who drive electric cars have an additional annual fee that roughly equals the gas tax.

Mayor Belleci:

- This Wednesday – jazz in the atrium series begins through 12:30 to 1:30
- Music on the Square – August 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- New business in Green Firs Complex – Wild Birds Unlimited store
- August 7 – Movie in the Park at Cirque Park
- August 2 Council Meeting cancelled. Next meeting August 16.

Study Session:

Fireworks Review: Mark Kaser, Greg Premo, Jennifer Hales

Kaser: In 2018 set up fireworks sales limited and types of fireworks. Enforcement piece – how could we enforce it smart. Held property owners responsible.

Community Outreach: Chief Greg Primo. Overview of calls for service. Fewer complaints and no fire reports in UP. Jennifer Hales ... start early pushing out messaging on the ordinance.

Need to look at option for dry weather situation for future. Belleci feels that the Code Red call had a big effect on quiet night we had this year.

There was agreement that the ordinance was effective in limiting the noise and some types of fireworks. Some noted that there may be confusion due to varying restrictions in adjacent municipalities.

Adjournment at 8:12 pm.