

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

University Place City Council

Date: 4/5/2021

Name of Observer: Kresha Warnock

Meeting called to order at (time)

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; Stan Flemming, Council Member.

Absent: Javier Figueroa (Moved and seconded to excuse from tonight's meeting)

Others present: Matt Kazer, City Attorney; David Swindale, Development Services Director; Steve Sugg, City Manager; Leslie Blaisdell, Finance Director; Cliff Quisenberry, Retired Chair of Planning Commission

PRELIMINARY:

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Pro Tem Worthington
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (Moved and seconded, passed unanimously)
- **PRESENTATION** • Service Recognition by Mayor Belleci to Cliff Quisenberry, recently retired chair of Planning Commission.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments had been received via email by the 5:30 deadline.

CONSENT AGENDA Motion: Approve or Amend the Consent Agenda as Proposed. The Consent Agenda consists of items considered routine or have been previously studied and discussed by Council and for which staff recommendation has been prepared. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed for the Consent Agenda so that the Council may consider the item separately. Items on the Consent Agenda are voted upon as one block and approved with one vote. (Moved, seconded and approved unanimously.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 and March 22, 2021 Council meetings as submitted. BB. . Receive and File: Payroll for periods ending 03/15/21 and 3/31/21; and Claims dated 03/15/21. C.C. Authorize the payment of \$54,962.36 for the Rainier Communications |
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Commission invoices for 2021 RCC membership dues covering January 1, Steve Sugg, City Manager presented the following items:

- A recent study shows speeds on Cirque Drive have been lowered after engineered streets
- Pierce County opened call center for Covid vaccine information for those who do not have access to computer (253-798-8900) – M/F 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- All adults over age of 16 can be vaccinated on or after April 15.

Council Comments and Reports:

Council members Keel, Lee, McCluskey, Fleming, Worthington had no reports. Mayor Belisi reports that she and staff will be meeting with Congresswoman Strickland Friday to make recommendations for Federal Transportation funding priorities in UP – Bridge to Day Island and Bridge over Chambers Bay are some topics for discussion.

Study Session

NON-PAYMENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS:

Leslie Blaisdell, Finance Director, presented information on an ordinance directive relating to overdue accounts. They are currently referred to a collection agency after 120 days. The ordinance would ask permission to write off these overdue accounts if they are under \$1000 after twenty-four months. There is very little chance of collecting them by that time and by writing them off, bookkeeping will be more accurate. Will vote on at a later meeting.

FOUR-CORNERS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL:

Proposal to prepare for Pierce County's Light Rail intersection. Three jurisdictions are involved in the future development of this corner, where Pierce County plans to build a Light Rail station. NE corner - Tacoma (and TCC); NW corner James Center (Tacoma); SW corner (University Place) new UP Regional Growth Center; SE Center Fircrest. There are also plans to develop a large metroplex sports center at 19th and Taylor.

The various jurisdictions and Sound Transit need a common goal for Transit-Oriented policy that promotes a symbiotic relationship between dense population and business and transit use. There is a plan to develop MOU among the different jurisdictions. One stakeholder from each group to develop the MOU. Council Member Kent Keel is also Board Chair for Sound Transit and presented that the goal is to have a well thought out plan on how to develop the corner, including Sound Transit and the impacted jurisdictions. One concern appears to be that Sound Transit has discussed building a large transit barn on that corner, which would utilize several acres of space. The Council expressed an interest in being involved in a collaborative committee and will vote on the proposal at a later time.

COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

City Attorney Kazer presented that UP is working under a Comcast franchise agreement enacted in 2003. No new agreement since expired in 2013. Discussion with other local jurisdictions to set up an agreement that is a baseline template. Approved by RCC (Rainier Communications Council) Board. If there is anything else, now time to mention.

General consensus to move forward. Concerns about undergrounding and future. Final franchise will be voted on in the next few months.

Adjournment at 7:41 pm.

http://www.cityofup.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/City_Clerk/CouncilMeetingPackets/2021/04-05-21%20RM.pdf (Link to Council Packet which includes all documents)