

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

January 7, 2020

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mike Nelson, Mayor
Kristiana Johnson, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Vivian Olson, Councilmember
Susan Paine, Councilmember
Laura Johnson, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Zach Bauder, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Trevor Mitsui, Police Officer
Jim Lawless, Acting Police Chief
Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Scott James, Finance Director
Dave Turley, Assistant Finance Director
Shannon Burley, Deputy Parks & Recreation Dir.
Rich Lindsay, Park Maintenance Manager
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Jerrie Bevington, Camera Operator
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Nelson in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councilmember L. Johnson read the City Council Land Acknowledge Statement: “We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this place, the Sdohobsh (Snohomish) people and their successors the Tulalip Tribes, who since time immemorial have hunted, fished, gathered, and taken care of these lands. We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water.”

3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Erling Hesla, Edmonds, thanked Councilmembers and the Mayor for offering to serve in positions that demand much of their time and energy. He recognized these were not easy jobs and regardless of how their constituents voted, they support who was elected. This is a big change in Council membership, one not often seen, and it is a challenge and opportunity. Councilmembers and the Mayor have a steep learning curve and citizens expect them to perform their responsibility well as they swore they would and those

responsibilities start with this meeting. The Council is tasked with selecting a new Councilmember; he urged them to consider who brings the best experience and capacities to the Council as a group, has knowledge of the City and has the best performance record of support for City operations and government, and to select a Councilmember who rounds out and compliments the Council's abilities rather than duplicates them. He suggested the Council reach a consensus on the individual they select. He looked forward to the Council's decision to protect the interests of Edmonds and offered his sincere thanks for the Mayor and Councilmembers' support and commitment to the City's endeavors.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER L. JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

- 1. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2019**
- 2. APPROVAL OF CLAIM, PAYROLL AND BENEFIT CHECKS, DIRECT DEPOSIT AND WIRE PAYMENTS**
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES**

7. ACTION ITEMS

1. SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2020

City Clerk Scott Passey suggested voting be done by Councilmembers raising their hands as a raised hand is more discernable and more efficient than a voice vote. There was no objection by the Council to that method. Mr. Passey described the process; Councilmembers make nominations, nominations do not need a second. Votes are taken in the order nominations are made. As soon as a nominee receives four votes, he will declare the position elected and no further votes will be taken on the remaining nominees. In the event of a 3-3 tie, the City Attorney has advised that the Mayor is entitled to break the tie pursuant to RCW 35A.12.100. Mr. Passey opened nominations for Council President.

COUNCILMEMBER L. JOHNSON NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS.

COUNCILMEMBER K. JOHNSON NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS.

Councilmember Buckshnis thanked Councilmember K. Johnson for her vote of confidence and her belief in her. Based on the current Council and what has happened recently and the fact that the Council President should rotate, she withdrew her name.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER K. JOHNSON.

There were no further nominations and Mr. Passey closed nominations for Council President.

COUNCILMEMBERS PAINE, L. JOHNSON AND FRALEY-MONILLAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS. TO BREAK THE TIE, MAYOR NELSON VOTED IN FAVOR OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRALEY-MONILLAS.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas was selected as Council President for 2020.

2. SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2020

City Clerk Scott Passey opened nominations for Council Pro Tem for 2020.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRALEY-MONILLAS NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER PAINE.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER K. JOHNSON.

There were no further nominations and Mr. Passey closed nominations for Council President Pro Tem.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRALEY-MONILLAS AND COUNCILMEMBERS L. JOHNSON, PAINE AND OLSON VOTED IN FAVOR OF COUNCILMEMBER PAINE.

Councilmember Paine was selected Council President Pro Tem for 2020.

3. SURPLUS PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER CARDS (PLC)

Public Works Director Phil Williams explained the PLC cards are computers that run all the electrical and mechanical equipment at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). All the PLC cards were replaced between 2015-2017 at a cost of approximately \$1.5M. Their replacement resulted in about 218 surplus PLC cards. He noted computers are typically replaced on a shorter cycle than other items in a building due to technology advances. The City's code requires the Council to approve surplus of equipment. The PLC cards will be on GovDeals to see if anyone wants to purchase them and any funds will be put in the WWTP budget to benefit both the City and its partners. He acknowledged there was a good chance the City would not realize much money from the sale of these old computers.

Councilmember K. Johnson commented this usually comes through the committee process. She asked if the City was in a hurry to surplus these computers or could it go to committee next week and then to the Consent Agenda the following week. Mr. Williams said that could be done but he recalled there had been a change in the purchasing policy regarding surplus that allowed the request to come directly to Council. He offered to check and said postponing this item was fine as there was no hurry.

Councilmember K. Johnson recalled in the past when there have been new Councilmembers, everything was brought to Council in order to educate them. She asked the Council whether they wanted to use the committee process or bring everything to the Council.

Councilmember Buckshnis concurred with Councilmember K. Johnson, recalling the policy had been changed but could not remember how it specifically applied to surplus. She agreed this item should go through committee if it was not time sensitive. Councilmember Buckshnis asked the dollar amount. Mr. Williams responded he honestly did not expect anyone would bid on these but it was useful to offer them for purchase to ensure no money was left on the table. He offered to inform Council the outcome of surplus.

Councilmember Paine asked if this was just surplus the equipment and the replacements have already purchased. Mr. Williams answered the replacements as well as a few spares in inventory have been in place for two years. Councilmember Paine asked if the technology improved. Mr. Williams answered yes, the PLC card that are being surplus are 25+ years old.

Council President Fraley-Monillas advised committee meetings are not scheduled next week and will be held January 23rd. In addition, a discussion regarding items that should come to Council and items that should go to committees is on the agenda of the Council's February 7th retreat.

Mayor Nelson concluded from this discussion, this will go to committee and no action will be taken tonight. City Attorney Jeff Taraday said he believed the purchasing policy authorized the Mayor to surplus vehicles

and equipment designated for replacement or disposal. If that is the case, this may not need to come back to committee or Council.

4. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT POLYMER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Mr. Williams explained primary clarification at the wastewater treatment plan (WWTP) creates a somewhat more concentrated material that goes to screw presses to be further compacted and more water removed. That process is facilitated by polymer, an organic material added in small amounts that creates flocculation, coagulation and conglomeration of solids into larger and larger particles so they can be easily separated. This request is an RFP for vendors of these products to propose a solution which is done every few years.

Mr. Williams explained the RFQ outlines the process for vendors to follow to qualify their product for use at the WWTP. That process involves jar testing and onsite testing of their produce to prove it will provide the results outlined in the specifications. Once that process is finished, the vendors will provide price and dosage proposals so the exact economic cost can be calculated. The most cost effective proposal will be selected and a contract presented to Council for a two-year supply of chemicals with an option for a third year. The cost is approximately \$140,000-\$150,000/year, or approximately \$300,000 for 2 years. He summarized there is nothing new about the process, the intent is just to test the market again.

Councilmember Paine asked about the environmental impacts of polymer. Mr. Williams said it is used all over the country in WWTPs that are permitted by all states and the USEPA. He has never heard any concerns expressed about the use of the biodegradable product. Councilmember Paine assumed it was environmentally neutral. Mr. Williams said it was definitely at least environmentally neutral. To the extent it facilitates getting more solids out of the wastewater prior to discharge, it is actually environmental positive. Councilmember Paine assumed this was already budgeted for 2020. Mr. Williams answered it was.

COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OLSON, TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT POLYMER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. HOW COUNCIL WISHES TO PROCEED WITH COUNCIL VACANCY POSITION #2 APPOINTMENT

Council President Fraley-Monillas explained there are two options, 1) interview all 12 candidates as a group, or 2) each Councilmember present their top three candidate choices. Another decision point is when to interview the candidates. The dates she had initially scheduled for interviews will not work for two Councilmembers which leaves Tuesdays for interviews. She recommended these decisions be made soon so that interviews can be scheduled.

Councilmember Buckshnis preferred to proceed the way it has been done the past four times with the Council interviewing all applicants. People have taken the time to fill out the application and should have time in front of the Council and the camera to express why want to be a Councilmember. She recommended interviewing all 12 applicants at 2 meetings, recalling in the past interviews were conducted over 2-3 meetings. She did not agree with a stratified method as that had not been done in the past.

Councilmember Olson said regardless of how interviews have been done in the past, for the sake of transparency, the Council should interview all the candidates so the public has an opportunity to see the interviews.

Councilmember L. Johnson was in favor of interviewing all the candidates. She asked what time the meeting would need to start if all the interviews were conducted next Tuesday. Council President Fraley-Monillas

answered if all 12 interviews were conducted next Tuesday, the meeting would need to start at 5 p.m. The following Tuesday, January 21st, would be the next opportunity for interview; a possibility would be to interview half the candidates on January 14th and the other half on January 21st and start at 5 or 6 p.m. Councilmember L. Johnson asked if all the candidates could be interviewed at one meeting if the interviews began at 5 p.m. Council President Fraley-Monillas answered that was possible but it would be a very long meeting; with twelve 20 minute interviews and breaks in between, the meeting would likely be 5 to 11 p.m.

Councilmember L. Johnson found doing all the interviews in one day the most favorable so no one would have the advantage of hearing the discussion as the interviews would all happen at the same time and preferred to find a day when that could be done.

Having done this a number of times, Councilmember K. Johnson commented it was only fair to interview all the candidates for 20-30minutes each. In the past, interviews have been held over several meetings; the same questions are not asked and candidates are asked to wait outside the meeting room. She preferred to interview 6 at a time, finding interviewing 12 at one time excessive especially considering the Council has other business to conduct. The nomination process will illustrate who the top candidates are and it is not necessarily to stratify or eliminate any candidates until that nomination and voting process.

Councilmember Paine supported interviewing all the candidates. She has talked to all the candidates privately and asked her own questions. She enjoyed meeting all the candidates and learned a lot from them. She preferred to split the interviews into two groups of six and if that was not possible, then three groups of four.

Council President Fraley-Monillas summarized the Council wanted to interview all 12 candidates. If 6 candidates are interviewed on January 14th, committee meetings are scheduled for the next meeting on January 21st, and the agenda for the Parks and Public Works (PPW) Committee is very full. She asked whether the Council wanted to begin committee meetings at 4 p.m. and the Council meeting and interviews at 7 p.m.

City Clerk Scott Passey pointed out the Council shares the chambers with the Court; a 5 p.m. meeting start time may be ambitious but a 4 p.m. start would be impossible. Council President Fraley-Monillas suggested interviewing 6 candidates on January 14th which would take at least 3 hours and the remaining 6 on January 21st and having committees from 5 to 7 p.m. Council President Fraley-Monillas asked how many items were scheduled and their length. Public Works Director Phil Williams answered there were 7 items and Mayor Nelson advised the length was approximately 75 minutes.

Councilmember Buckshnis recalled one time the Council only asked 1-2 questions which did not provide sufficient time. She asked whether the intent was to allow 20 or 30 minutes for each interview, noting she preferred 30 minutes which would take at least 6 hours. Having participated in Council interviews many times, she said it would be a disservice to do all the interviews at once because it is tiring, emotional and stressful for the candidates who are waiting. She preferred to conduct the interviews at two meetings.

Council President Fraley-Monillas polled the Council and a majority favored interviewing six candidates at two meetings. She asked about scheduling committee meetings early on January 21st. Councilmember K. Johnson said she did not choose to come in early for committee meetings, noting with 20 minute interviews, 6 candidates could be interviewed in 2 hours and still have time for committee meetings. Council President Fraley-Monillas recalled Councilmember Buckshnis' preference for 30 minute interviews.

Councilmember K. Johnson questioned why committee meetings were being conducted on the third Tuesday when the code states they are conducted on the second Tuesday of the month. Mr. Passey explained the reason was the Council President needs to make appointments to outside boards and committees; those

will be done next week so committee meetings were moved to the third Tuesday. Councilmember K. Johnson was not in favor of starting the meeting at 4 or 5 p.m. Council President Fraley-Monillas said to resolve that, she will attend the committee meeting in Councilmember K. Johnson's place so the meeting could start at 5 p.m. followed by 30 minute interviews.

Councilmember Buckshnis recalled the Finance Committee has held a special meeting during the day rather than during the evening. She did not think Mr. Williams would mind meeting during the day.

Councilmember K. Johnson said she did not wish to have a substitute attend a committee meeting for her and thanked Council President Fraley-Monillas for her offer.

Councilmember Buckshnis suggested after committee appointments are made next week, the Council can determine whether to schedule a special committee meeting. Council President Fraley-Monillas pointed out the candidates needed to be informed of the date/time when they will be interviewed. It was her understanding the order of interviews was based on their submission. Mr. Passey said in the past, to avoid candidates having an unfair advantage, the interviews were recorded and although meetings are open to the public, they were not live broadcasted. If the interviews are split between two meetings, the first video will not be aired for a week.

Council President Fraley-Monillas summarized the Council would interview six candidates next week and six the following Tuesday. She asked whether Councilmembers wanted to begin the meeting early.

Councilmember L. Johnson suggested interviewing candidates on January 14th and 21st and holding committee meetings on January 28th, pointing out it was important to make a decision to allow the new Councilmember time get caught up as well as attend the February 7th retreat.

Councilmember Buckshnis said the only committee on the extended agenda with agenda items is the PPW Committee. She suggested scheduling a special meeting for the PPW Committee, holding the Council meetings at the regular time, and starting earlier if there are agenda items for the Finance or Public Safety, Planning and Personnel (PSPP) Committees. Mr. Williams agreed that would work.

Councilmember Olson suggested holding a short special PPW Committee meeting if only 1-2 items are critical short and the rest could be done at the regularly scheduled committee meeting. Mr. Williams said staff will review the agenda.

Council President Fraley-Monillas acknowledged Councilmember Buckshnis' suggestion about a special PPW Committee and summarized she and Mayor Nelson will confer and determine how to proceed.

8. PRESENTATION

1. CIVIC PARK FIELD UPDATE

Deputy Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Burley said she was excited to share Civic Park update. It has been six months since the last update and this is an opportunity to share the progress. No action is required tonight, but she welcomes Council feedback. She displayed a photograph of the former grandstands and reviewed:

- Background
 - February 9, 2016 - Civic Center Field was acquired by the City from the Edmonds School District
 - May 2016 – Council awarded master planning contract to Walker Macy
 - May 2016 – Council kicked off master planning with a special meeting
 - March 2017 – Council adopted the Civic Master Plan after a robust public process

- April 2017 – Council approved the closeout for the removal of Civic Stadium Grandstands
- April 2017 – Council authorized the full design contract for Civic to Walker Macy
- May 2018 – Council adopted resolutions to authorize grant submittals to RCO for funding Civic.
- November 2018 – Council adopted both CIP and CFP identifying Civic as a project with goal to begin construction in 2020
- April 2019 – Council received an update of the design process
- June 2019 – Council received a funding update
- July 2017 – Council approved 3.7 million bond issuance for Civic Park (issued Oct. 2019)
- December 2019 – Council adopted both CIP and CFP identifying Civic as a project with goal to begin construction in 2020
- Funding Update
 - 2020 Budget: \$2,000,000
 - \$1,137,380 REET
 - \$856,620 Park Impact Fees
 - \$3,700,000 Bonds Secured 10/30/19
 - \$3,400,000 Grants
 - \$3,100,000 Carryover Funds
 - \$250,000 in Park donations (via Rotary Club specific to enhancements for playground)
- Cost Estimate 90%
 - With the \$250,000 donation goal, the project is within \$65,000 of budget which includes a 12% management reserve.
 - \$696,200 Design
 - \$12,131,000 Construction
 - \$30,000 Permits
 - \$70,500 Yost Park (assumes in-house)
 - \$104,000 City staff support
 - \$58,000 1% Art transfer
 - Alternates (approximate expense):
 - Water feature at entrance (\$491,696)
 - Rubber walking track surface (\$268,058)
- 90% Design
 - Topographical Survey
 - Utilities
 - Storm, Drain & Grading
 - Demolition
 - Materials
 - Layout
 - Lighting & Furnishings
 - Irrigation
 - Planting
 - Electrical
- Parking
 - Parking analysis complete on ADA & loading zone quantity & location
 - Fire lane on 6th Avenue to be converted to parallel parking
 - Sufficient number of parking options identified near the park (72 on 6th & 7th including 5 ADA)
 - Significant increase in passive uses versus active use
 - Master Plan demonstrated strong community sentiment not to add parking
 - Citywide parking survey recently conducted, results presented 10/22/19
- Water
 - Water table assumed to be 2' below grade = raise grade, detention vaults

- More than 10,000 square feet of impervious surfaces = detention trade at Yost Park, bio-retention planters & tree plantings
- Raising finish grade 2' on West side, tapering to 0 on the East
- Assume 1,800 CY of fill needed (approx. 100 dump trucks)
- Boys & Girls Club
 - Stay in existing building for now
 - Lease expires Dec. 2020, must provide notice to City by May to extend lease
 - Unclear of preference (ECA or Civic)
 - Current footprint allows for 20,000 sq ft building (2-story)
 - Asphalt reduced to the north & west to allow for sidewalk
 - New fence installed
 - Storage shed removed in demo
 - Will re-open master plan, outdoor year round market high on “cut” list
- Entrance/Shade Pavilion
 - Conceptual drawings of entrance, restroom structure, and location of water feature
- Public Art Integration
 - Conceptual drawing of potential zones for art
 - Will be a request for public artists for various spaces in park
- Hazel Miller Meadows
 - Mix of flowers that attract pollinators
 - Opportunity to integrate art / interpretive panels
 - Picnic tables & shade
 - Sloped lawn
- Sprague Connection
 - 12' wide (intended to host Market), bollards to prevent cars
 - Vehicle rated cement, south side grass built to withstand vehicles
 - Lighting on the north side
 - Concrete with light exposed aggregate finish and decorative scoring pattern
- Power
 - Event power being relocated to the large light poles near the field to accommodate Taste Edmonds
 - Power being added to picnic area
- Athletic Field
 - LED downcast lighting
 - 6 poles vs. 8 (each with two fixture heads)
 - 60' high poles
 - Lights only on when field is rented
 - Remote programming capability
 - Near restrooms and water fountain with bottle filler
 - Natural grass field, youth sized
 - Photographs of Edmonds School District Stadium Lighting before and after
 - Conditional use permit for light pole height required
 - Hearing Examiner review on January 23rd
 - • Height and location of tennis court fence requires a variance
 - Also heard on January 23rd
- Inclusive playground
 - Fully inclusive playground in very accessible location
 - Includes features to allow children in wheelchairs to interact and play
 - Rotary fundraising efforts will contribute to inclusive play area
- Skate Park
 - Significantly more features for skateboards and scooters

- Will be built above grade
- Pétanque
 - Playing surface – crushed granite
 - Accommodates up to 16 courts for tournaments
 - Hose bibs and power in planting areas
 - Space for peace and quiet as well as Pétanque
- Plantings
 - Initial tree plan for community review
 - Significant concerns regarding views on East side of park and SW corner
 - Revised based on feedback
 - Revised Plan – Conceptual drawing
 - Significant reduction in qty and potential height of trees that could impact views
- Tree Planting Updates
 - 15 trees removed from 100% DD phase
 - No conifers along 7th Avenue
 - Tree placement reconsidered to preserve views
 - Conceptual drawing of views and proposed cross section of existing trees
 - Large tree species replaced with smaller specimens
 - Trees placed in low areas of the park to keep height down
- Proposed Trees & Map of Locations
 - Bald Cypress (20')
 - Western Red Cedar (35')
 - Autumn Splendor Sugar Maple (40')
 - John Pair Sugar Maple (25'-30')
 - Frontier Elm (30')
 - Loebner Magnolia (20')
 - Japanese Stewartia (20')
 - Staghorn Sumac (25')
- Examples of approximately 70,000 plants shrubs in:
 - Buffer
 - Pétanque Garden
 - Meadow
- Timeline/Target Dates
 - Master plan adopted – Spring 2017 – complete
 - 30% design review and cost estimate – August 2019 - complete
 - Submit for variances / conditional use permits – November - complete
 - 90% Design – December – complete (Yost & restroom on separate schedule)
 - Budget approved / funding secured – December - complete
 - Permit submittal – December – complete
 - Hearing Examiner review of conditional use and variances – January 23, 2020
 - Yost Park water mitigation permit submission – February 3, 2020
 - Request for proposals – February 28, 2020
 - Break ground – May 18, 2020
 - Approx. 12 months to completion

Ms. Burley advised naming the park will be a future Council responsibility.

Councilmember Buckshnis inquired about pervious surfaces for mitigation for the Sprague connection, track and tennis courts. Ms. Burley said all those surfaces are impervious; even perforated drainpipe under the field still qualifies as impervious. Councilmember Buckshnis said it was too bad there could not be grass courts but that was only in England. Ms. Burley acknowledged that would be a maintenance challenge.

As a member of the garden club, Councilmember Buckshnis said they are excited to work with the City on plantings. She asked if the City planned to utilize volunteers for planting. Ms. Burley answered yes. Councilmember Buckshnis asked about materials that would be used to build up 6th to 7th Streets. Ms. Burley answered a significant amount will be crushed rock/gravel with a topsoil layer which allows for greater water detention.

Councilmember Buckshnis asked how that would affect the peat, whether it would cause it to pop out. Ms. Burley said it was challenging to say right now; she was hopeful that answer would be no and whatever was encountered could be removed and filled. Part of the reason for building up is to avoid the peat as much as possible. There are footings for the lights that go down, but most everything else is going up. Staff and the engineers are aware the peat is there and believe the design will be fine. Councilmember Buckshnis recalled funds were added to the bond to address unknowns related to water. She was excited to have the project moving forward.

Councilmember K. Johnson recalled Ms. Burley mentioning that there would be 100 dump trucks of fill and asked the cost of that fill relative to whole cost of project. Ms. Burley answered it is not an outrageously high number. The amount of the budget dedicated to site work and site preparation such as the irrigation, stormwater, dirt, etc. is approximately 75% and the skatepark and playground are about 25%. She offered to email Councilmember K. Johnson a specific answer.

Councilmember Paine said she has used the track in the past and is awaiting the new running path. She asked how durable the paths will be, what they will be constructed of and their life cycle. Ms. Burley answered the 1/3 mile running path will be asphalt which is very durable and should last a long time. The interior paths are concrete, including brushed, decorative and stamped concrete, which has a long life cycle.

Councilmember L. Johnson reported her 14-year old son and his friends are avid scooterers. As he learned about this project, he did not understand why the park would be closed for so long. After mentioning that to Ms. Burley, she suggested he come and talk to her. Ms. Burley helped her son and his friends understand the plan and answered their questions so they had a fully understanding of the timetable as well as an appreciation for what the park will provide for them and the entire community. Her son is now more accepting of the personal inconvenience, and instead of being frustrated, he began making other plans for the summer and no longer complaining.

As a new Councilmember, Councilmember L. Johnson considered this a very successful community engagement, especially Ms. Burley's ability to interact with a demographic that may be harder to engage with. As a parent she witnessed a teenager walk away feeling empowered with information he needed to get excited about the project, both the skatepark and the inclusive playground. He also asked about the Pétanque courts and she appreciated a teenager's awareness of what other generations were interested in and vice versa.

Councilmember L. Johnson asked if anyone had expressed interest in the modular components of the current skatepark so they would not go to the landfill. Ms. Burley answered there has not been any interest yet. Staff has looked at all the other parks in the City to determine another feasible location; the challenge is the skatepark is noisy and most parks are close to houses. She encouraged anyone with ideas to contact Park Maintenance Manager Rich Lindsay or her as they would prefer someone get more life out of those components. Staff is reaching out to smaller towns to inquire about their interest.

Council President Fraley-Monillas asked about the surface material of the walking paths. Ms. Burley answered the outside path will be asphalt and the interior paths will be concrete with various types of treatment. The asphalt is key to the ability to add a rubberized track surface in the future if it does not fit

into the current bid. There is a strong preference from the community and some concern from the community that skateboards and/or scooters may use the outside track if it is asphalt versus a rubberized track material. She was hopeful a rubberized surface will be included in the bid. Council President Fraley-Monillas commented there would be no crumb rubber. Ms. Burley answered there is no crumb rubber; there is poured in place material in the playground and at the base of scramble wall and a small patch of artificial turf on the slope in the playground but it will not have any infill material. Council President Fraley-Monillas said she liked the poured surface at Seaview Park.

Councilmember Olson echoed Councilmember L. Johnson's shout out; Ms. Burley has been an extraordinary staff member in the spirit of collaboration. She thanked her for listening and explaining, commenting when people understand why things are the way they are and/or the process, often they are more agreeable. She thanked Ms. Burley for her work in balancing trees and views and for working with the homeowners who were concerned.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Nelson said he was excited to be back from winter break although he had suffered from a particular nasty strain of the flu. He urged people to get a flu shot as the flu had been quite awful without it.

Mayor Nelson was very excited to work with all his colleagues on the Council, both new and returning as well as staff and citizens; 2020 marks a new year and a new decade.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Paine said she was very excited to work with everyone on the Council and thanked the community for the reception. She looked forward to an exciting year, a year of collaboration and getting things done.

Councilmember L. Johnson looked forward to working with each Councilmember. She was excited for what the future of Edmonds holds and was eager to serve as well as learn from her fellow Councilmembers, the knowledgeable staff, the citizens who are already very engaged as well as those who the City has an opportunity to reach. She wished all a Happy 2020.

Councilmember Buckshnis congratulated everyone and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She expressed appreciation and thanks for the people who reached out to her after the last meeting and shared their stories. She agreed sometimes life was tough but her wish for 2020 was for calm, moving forward and having a wonderful year.

Council President Fraley-Monillas relayed some committees had requests from several Councilmembers; she will work on outside board and committee assignments and if she reaches a conflict, she may call Councilmembers for input. She reported Councilmember Buckshnis and she prefer a paper packet and encouraged any other Councilmembers interested in having a paper packet to contact Council Legislative/Executive Assistant Maureen Judge.

Council President Fraley-Monillas assumed the Council would deliberate regarding the Council appointment on January 28th. Interviews will be held January 14th and 21st and deliberation and selection on January 28th.

Councilmember K. Johnson pledged to Council, staff and the public to hold the Council to the highest standards and they will be respectful of each other, the public and staff in the coming year. She will call out her colleagues when that does not happen because the Council needs to move forward, be adults and work together in a productive manner to bring out the best in the community and each other.

Councilmember Olson thanked everyone who voted for her. She takes that honor very seriously and to heart. To those who did not share her perspective or find her message resonated with them, she urged them to interact and participate with her so she can learn and understand their perspective and truly represent all the citizens of Edmonds. She was grateful and ready to fulfill the promise of finding solutions together.

11. **CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

This item was not needed.

12. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. POTENTIAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This item was not needed.

13. **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

MICHAEL NELSON, MAYOR

SCOTT PASSEY, CITY CLERK