

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

March 26, 2002

Following a Special Meeting at 6:40 p.m. for an Executive Session regarding labor negotiations, the Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Haakenson in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North , Edmonds . The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Gary Haakenson, Mayor
Dave Orvis, Council President Pro Tem
Jeff Wilson, Councilmember
Michael Plunkett, Councilmember
Lora Petso, Councilmember
Richard Marin, Councilmember
Deanna Dawson, Councilmember

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Dave Earling, Council President

ALSO PRESENT

Jared Carl, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT

David Stern, Chief of Police
Duane Bowman, Development Serv. Director
Peggy Hetzler, Administrative Services Director
Noel Miller, Public Works Director
Jim Larson, Assistant Admin. Serv. Director
Stephen Koho, Treatment Plant Manager
Don Fiene, Assistant City Engineer
Lyle Chrisman, Development Services Engineer
Sandy Chase, City Clerk
Jana Spellman, Senior Executive Council Asst.
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ORVIS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ORVIS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

- (A) **ROLL CALL**

- (B) **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2002**

- (C) **APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECKS #54353 THROUGH #54482 FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2002 , IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,084.75. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS #4404 THROUGH #4499 FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2002 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2002, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$859,000.07.**

- (D) **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES FROM MIRIAM E. HAMILTON (\$1,233.84) AND PACIFIC PARK APARTMENTS (AMOUNT UNDETERMINED)**

- (E) **AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 FOR THE CITY TO MANAGE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT WOODWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WOODWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALKWAY PROJECT**

- (F) **APPROVE TERMS OF AGREED JUDGMENT AND JUST COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH PERRINVILLE SEWER PROJECT**

- (G) **APPROVAL OF LIST OF EDMONDS BUSINESSES APPLYING FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**

- (H) **AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHS ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE SANITARY SEWER METER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

- (I) **AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF EDMONDS , WASHINGTON , AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION , LOCAL 925**

Senator Darlene Fairley, 32nd District

Mayor Haakenson thanked Senator Fairley for her assistance with the Brightwater issue and invited her to address the State budget process.

Senator Fairley explained she previously represented Shoreline, Lake Forest Park , and a portion of Kenmore and Seattle . Due to the recent re-districting, she now represents 126,000 residents in Woodway, Kenmore , unincorporated King County to Kirkland , and the south portion of Edmonds . She noted she is a former Lake Forest Park Councilmember and approaches issues from a city point-of-view. She serves on the Economic Development and Telecommunications Committee, is Vice-Chair of the State and Local Government, Vice-Chair of Ways and Means, and Chair of the Capital Budget.

Senator Fairley advised she visits each city prior to the legislative session to ask what the city wants from the session and to describe what she sees as the issues. She returns to each city after the session is over to describe what was done. Governor Locke has not yet signed the Operating Budget but has signed the Transportation Budget, which will now go to a vote of the people. She noted the Transportation Budget includes approximately \$2 million for the Edmonds Crossing project. She anticipated the Capital Budget would be signed Thursday and included funds for the Edmonds waterfront park.

Senator Fairley referred to the county utility tax, commenting other cities expressed a desire that the tax not be approved unless it was collected only in unincorporated areas. The State and Local Government Committee modified the bill to apply to unincorporated areas only, however, the bill did not have a sufficient number of signatures and died. Another big issue in the legislature this year was gambling, particularly electronic games, which she did not support. She noted Lake Forest Park and Edmonds do not have gambling; and although Shoreline and Kenmore do have gambling, they want to ensure there is local control. She noted this issue would arise again in the next legislative session, particularly siting. She encouraged the City to keep abreast of this issue to ensure local control on siting is maintained.

With regard to Brightwater, Senator Fairley explained she learned other Senators believed King County's presentation that this was a NMBY (not in my backyard) issue and that King County had held meetings with Edmonds and had a complete public process. She pointed out King County lobbied heavily against the bill. She attempted to make the point that Edmonds was not in the service area of the treatment facility but King County said that was not true. She said this was seen as a deal between King County and Snohomish County Executives and since Edmonds residents could vote for the Snohomish County Executive, it was felt Edmonds' claim regarding non-representation was invalid. She noted her discussions with King County Councilmembers have indicated they will choose the Grace (Hwy. 9) site.

Mayor Haakenson commented residents could not vote for the Snohomish County Executive because he is finishing his third term and not running again.

Council President Pro Tem Orvis welcomed Senator Fairley to the City and thanked her for her efforts with regard to Brightwater. He echoed her concern regarding gambling and expressed interest in any information regarding interference with the City's ability to control siting. He would be willing to testify or help in any way to prevent cities from losing the ability to maintain local control.

Senator Fairley advised she will communicate with Mayor Haakenson often via email and invited Councilmembers to email her with any concerns.

3. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Al Rutledge, 7101 Lake Ballinger Way, Edmonds, referred to legislation that allows cities to create a metropolitan park district for the management, control, improvement, maintenance and acquisition of parks and recreation facilities. He recalled a committee 10-12 years ago that considered contracting for Parks Department services. He encouraged the City to consider this information carefully.

Mayor Haakenson responded staff and he reviewed the proposal but are happy with the current Parks Department.

Roger Hertrich, 1020 Puget Drive, Edmonds, distributed copies of the letter Councilmember Plunkett referred to last week that was addressed to Council President Earling regarding the Edmonds Alliance for Economic Development's relationship with the City. He referred to a statement in the letter regarding a special arrangement that exists between the City and the Alliance. Mr. Hertrich requested the City clarify what this special arrangement was and whether it had been voted upon. He referred to the minutes of the February 1 - 2 Council retreat and Alliance Executive Director Dave Peterson's comments that indicated the three things they want to accomplish in the city were to double the density of people living downtown by adding one floor in height and change the parking codes. He assumed Mr. Peterson spoke for all the Alliance, including Councilmember Plunkett. Since Councilmembers had not spoken out against this proposal, he assumed they did not disagree with it. He suggested by taking no action, the Council was agreeing to the Alliance's work plan and the idea of adding one story to buildings in downtown. Mr. Hertrich suggested the Council was "sitting on their hands and doing nothing," hoping things would happen as the Alliance wanted and not how the voters wanted.

Councilmember Plunkett pointed out when a person served on a committee, he/she did not automatically endorse everything the committee did. With regard to any issue the Alliance or any other entity proposed, he said no inference should be made regarding whether a Councilmember was for or against an issue until each Councilmember had an opportunity to vote on the issue.

Councilmember Petso recalled during budget deliberations, she made a motion to not approve funding for the Alliance but was not supported by a majority of the Council. She also voted against the parking study which is part of the effort to change parking codes in downtown but was outvoted by a majority of the Council. She has made it clear to the Alliance Executive Director Dave Peterson why she does not support paying the Alliance to pursue code changes in the downtown area because the Council can change the codes with or without the Alliance's assistance if that is what the Council chooses to do.

Council President Pro Tem Orvis understood Mr. Hertrich's concern because public funds were being used to fund the Alliance and the Alliance was working on a model that includes height increases. He emphasized he would not support increased heights. He acknowledged the Alliance's work provided information but understood the concern with using public funds for an agency studying increased heights.

4. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Haakenson had no report.

5. **INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES ON OUTSIDE COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETINGS**

Councilmember Dawson reported on the March 14 SnoCom meeting which included an update regarding the remodel project. Director Steve Perry met with the project manager to review outstanding construction costs and unfinished punch list items. Most of the punch list items have been resolved and Mr. Perry was hopeful all issues would have been resolved by the next meeting. The committee continued their discussion regarding establishing a pre-alert for fire calls to reduce the amount of time for the Fire Department to reach a call. The Fire TAC supported the proposal and the SnoCom Board authorized Mr. Perry to proceed with the necessary CAD enhancements.

Councilmember Marin recalled the Council retreat included discussion regarding economic development and presentations were made by the Chamber of Commerce, Alliance, and Team Edmonds. He noted economic development would increase tax revenue and reduce the City's reliance on property tax revenue. At the Council retreat, the Alliance committed to taking a lead role in assembling information and possibly a website that would contain materials that could be used to market Edmonds. A follow-up meeting was held with the Alliance today and responsibilities for developing the materials were assigned.

Councilmember Petso reported a new member was appointed to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and the new member will be presented to the Council for approval on a future consent agenda. The committee continues its search for a member from the hospitality industry. A press release would be issued to announce the acceptance of applications for Lodging Tax funds for 2003. She noted the funds were collected via hotel/motel tax and expenditures were restricted to projects promoting tourism.

Councilmember Wilson reported on a recent SeaShore Transportation Forum meeting. He explained this was primarily a collaboration of organizations in King County that consider transportation issues. The forum was recently expanded to include some jurisdictions in Snohomish County, recognizing transportation issues did not stop at the county line. Their work plan has focused on routes in King County but they have also been considering cross-county routes such as Hwy. 99. Shoreline made a presentation regarding their plans for Hwy. 99. Shoreline also indicated their interest in working with Edmonds on gateways and other improvements that could be beneficial to both communities. One project being considered is at 205th/Ballinger Way and he indicated he would pass this information on to the Engineering Department.

Councilmember Wilson also reported on the Port of Edmonds meeting, noting they are conducting a search for a new Executive Director. He noted a joint meeting with the Council and Port Commissioners was scheduled for late April.

Mayor Haakenson pointed out the April 2 Council meeting included a public hearing on the Edmonds Crossing – Pine Street Ferry Traffic Study.

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.