

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

November 27, 2007

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
Peggy Pritchard Olson, Council President
Michael Plunkett, Councilmember
Richard Marin, Councilmember
Mauri Moore, Councilmember (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
Deanna Dawson, Councilmember
Dave Orvis, Councilmember
Ron Wambolt, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

Gerry Gannon, Assistant Police Chief
Stephen Clifton, Community Services & Acting
Economic Development Director
Sandy Chase, City Clerk
Jana Spellman, Senior Executive Council Asst.
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve
Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAMBOLT, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (The vote was 6-0; Councilmember Moore was not present for the vote.)

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAMBOLT, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (The vote was 6-0; Councilmember Moore was not present for the vote.) The agenda items approved are as follows:

Roll Call

A. ROLL CALL

Claim Checks

B. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS #45788 THROUGH #45832 FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$792,325.07.

2008
Legislative
Agenda

3. CITY OF EDMONDS 2008 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

Community Services/Acting Economic Development Director Stephen Clifton explained over the past few months the Mayor's office and Directors have been working with the City's contracted lobbyist, Mike Doubleday, to develop a Legislative Agenda.

Mike Doubleday advised of the special legislative session scheduled for November 29 during which the Legislature was anticipated to reenact the 1% limit on property taxes. He noted the legislation would not have an impact on cities' banked capacity but would limit the annual property tax increase to 1%.

Mr. Doubleday explained the 2008 Legislative session would be a short 60 day session beginning on January 14 and extending until mid-March. He reviewed the top priorities on the proposed City of Edmonds 2008 State Legislative Agenda:

1. Transportation Funding - seek additional funding for the Edmonds Crossing Multimodal Terminal. He noted \$125 million in the RTID and \$30 million in the Sound Transit packet for the Edmonds Crossing project was not approved in the recent election. He did not anticipate any new funding in the 2008 legislative session; the Legislature may allocate funding to the 520 bridge. He commented the region would be seeking over \$100 million in the next few years, possibly via “mini-RTIDs.”
2. Cable Franchising - oppose legislation that promotes or allows state takeovers of local franchising authority. Support maintaining the current requirement for providers to secure local franchise agreements. He recalled a proposal by the industry last year to make cable a state versus a local franchise. He anticipated this issue would return in 2008 and may result in a request for further study.
3. Shell Valley Community Emergency Access Road Funding - seek funding for the Shell Valley community emergency access road. He commented the State had \$15 million in capital funding to spend without selling new bonds in 2008. The Shell Valley access road was sized appropriately for State funding. The City may be able to obtain half of the \$400,000 cost of the project.

Councilmember Plunkett inquired about an issue on the list of support issues, taping of local government executive sessions. He asked whether the indication that Mr. Doubleday would be monitoring the issue meant he would not take a position until legislation was proposed. Mr. Doubleday answered there was a proposal by the Attorney General that would require local government to tape all executive sessions, maintain the recordings for two years and allow release via court order. He anticipated the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) would oppose a requirement to tape executive sessions. He agreed he would be monitoring that issue until legislation was proposed and then take a position. He anticipated once legislation was proposed, the issue would move quickly.

Councilmember Plunkett commented his understanding was that once an executive session issue was resolved, the City made the minutes of the executive session public. He asked whether the proposed legislation would prevent the publication of the minutes for two years. City Clerk Sandy Chase answered Edmonds was unusual as they maintained minutes of executive sessions; the majority of cities did not. Currently, once an issue was resolved, the minutes become public record upon receipt of a public records request.

Councilmember Plunkett commented there may be disagreement on the Council with regard to this issue. If legislation were proposed, he hoped Mr. Doubleday would not take a position until he discussed it with the Council. Mr. Doubleday agreed he would not take a position without direction from the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Doubleday reviewed a list of support issues:

1. Transportation Ferry Study - monitor the work of the Ferry System Review Phase II Task Force to follow the ferry terminal discussions. He noted the study, due in 2009, looked at the entire ferry system. Because ferry ridership had decreased in recent years, there was some feeling that ferry terminals could be downsized.
2. Regional Transportation Governance - monitor legislation to realign regional transportation governance and seek a voice and a vote for Edmonds or south Snohomish County if regional transportation governance moves forward. He noted this included a possibility of incorporating regional entities such as Sound Transit into a PSRC-type entity.
3. Phase II Stormwater Funding - seek additional state funding for cities that must meet Phase II stormwater requirements.

4. Public Records Exemption - monitor legislation that would amend the Public Records Act to reduce the number of public records exempted from disclosure. He noted this was another proposal by the Attorney General's office. There were currently approximately 300 exemptions in the statute; this was an effort to reduce the exemptions.
5. Taping Local Government Executive Sessions - monitor legislation requiring local governments to tape executive sessions.
6. Infrastructure Financing - seek improved infrastructure financing options from the state. He noted this was likely to be a 2009 issue but there may be some movement in 2008.
7. Climate Change - support legislation that collaboratively addresses climate change without a mandate on local governments. He explained there was an effort to amend the GMA to add Climate Change as an element and require cities to measure their carbon footprint and meet reduction standards. However, there were question whether this should be mandated, what a city's carbon footprint was and how it would be measured, etc.
8. Puget Sound Partnership - monitor efforts of the Puget Sound Partnership in their mission to restore a healthy Puget Sound. He anticipated a tax proposal in 2009 to fund this effort.
9. Affordable Housing - monitor the affordable housing issue and support an incentive-based approach for cities to meet their affordable housing goals. He anticipated there would be an effort to mandate local governments to meet their housing goals in the GMA.
10. Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS) - support SERS' efforts to seek funding to switch the Granite Falls emergency communications radio site from generator power to commercial power.
11. Washington State Arts Commission Funding - monitor Washington State Arts funding supplemental budget activities.

Councilmember Orvis clarified for the items on the list that Mr. Doubleday indicated he planned to monitor, and that he would not take a position without further direction. Mr. Doubleday agreed.

Councilmember Dawson referred to discussion at the Bar Association Legislative Committee regarding the issue of taping executive sessions where several municipal attorneys felt it would not be wise legislation and that it would result in the inability for elected officials to talk freely about legal matters in executive session. She anticipated the Attorney General's Office received strong feedback as a result of that meeting and may not introduce that legislation. She noted Washington State Association of Counties had taken a position opposing the legislation and the Snohomish County Council also voted to oppose that legislation. Mayor Haakenson noted taping of executive sessions was one of the top issues on the Snohomish County Cities and Towns' legislative agenda. Councilmember Dawson commented Edmonds was unusual as they maintained minutes of their executive sessions which most jurisdictions did not.

Councilmember Plunkett commended Mr. Doubleday on the format of his reports and the way he submitted information in a narrative format. He inquired about reporting on the issues he indicated he would monitor. Mr. Doubleday stated if the Council approved this as their legislative agenda, he would comment on these issues as well as other issues that may affect the city.

Rather than approving this as the City's legislative agenda tonight, Councilmember Plunkett preferred to defer the proposed agenda to the first meeting in January to allow new Councilmembers to provide input.

As a Councilmember who would not be on the Council in January, Councilmember Moore agreed the legislative agenda should be deferred to January.

It was the consensus of the Council to defer the legislative agenda to January 2008.

4. **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NORTH SOUND 2-1-1 CALL CENTER**

Council President Olson commented after hearing a presentation regarding 2-1-1 that was made to the South Snohomish Cities group, she invited them to make a presentation to the Council.

Dennis Smith, Executive Vice President, United Way of Snohomish County, explained they were making presentations to cities in Snohomish County to, 1) inform about the existence of 2-1-1, 2) advise how their citizens were making use of 2-1-1, and 3) ask each city to consider providing funding for the local 2-1-1 center. He explained 2-1-1 was an easy to remember, 3-digit phone number that connected individuals with resources in their community and also assisted people who had help to offer.

Mr. Smith explained 2-1-1 began in Georgia in the mid-1990s and was spreading throughout the United States. He displayed a map of the United States, advising 2-1-1 was available to approximately 65% of the population. This service was not available in Washington until 2006; a series of United Ways and information referral systems worked to launch 2-1-1 in Washington in February 2006. He displayed a map of the Washington State 2-1-1 call centers, advising there were eight call centers throughout the state that were networked together. The call center for the North Sound region, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties, was located in Everett at Volunteers of America.

Mr. Smith explained people calling 2-1-1 had access to a broad range of services. He noted 2-1-1 existed in Connecticut when 9/11 occurred. At that time, New York City had over 400 different 800 numbers for people to contact for assistance. Statistics indicate without 2-1-1, people typically make approximately 12 telephone calls before reaching the service they need and many give up before reaching the service they need. These statistics also reveal that social service agencies receive many calls that are unrelated to the service they offer. When 9/11 occurred, the Governor of Connecticut offered 2-1-1 as a resource to those seeking assistance or wanting to offer assistance.

Mr. Smith commented 2-1-1 was available in Florida in 2004 when four strong hurricanes hit and 2-1-1 was an important component of their response system. The 2-1-1 system was operational in Louisiana when Hurricane Katrina occurred. Although the call center in New Orleans went down due to the severity of the storm, 2-1-1 systems throughout the country sent people to expand the 2-1-1 call center in the northern part of Louisiana to assist. Texas has one of the best 2-1-1 systems and assisted with relocating residents impacted by hurricane Katrina and Rita. At the time of Hurricane Katrina when it was believed some evacuees might come to Washington State via Operation Evergreen, the State's emergency management division established an 800 number, a call center, trained staff, etc. that were not used, which was a service that the 2-1-1 system could have provided had it been available in Washington at the time.

Bill Brackin, Program Director, North Sound 2-1-1 Volunteers of America of Western Washington, displayed statistics for the 1270 calls received from Edmonds residents in the last 12 months; 1072 or 85% were for information and referral and 198 or 15.6% were for referral only. He explained calls for information and referral required the operator to determine the caller's situation, prioritize issues and make appropriate referrals. An exit survey is conducted on a small number of calls a week later to determine whether they received services and if not, what barriers they encountered.

Mr. Brackin reviewed caller statistics, of the 1270 calls received from Edmonds, 1040 were female, 1234 were adults, 1135 were calling for themselves, 66 were calls from an agency or professional, 45 were a parent or relative, 20 were friends, and 4 were other. With regard to the language spoken by callers, he noted 1260 were English-speaking, 9 were Spanish-speaking and 1 Russian. He noted 2-1-1 had interpreter services available to assist with calls.

Mr. Brackin reviewed the most frequent issues Edmonds calls inquired about: rent, mortgage or moving assistance; utility bill assistance; emergency shelter; low cost housing; mental or behavior health; food; physical health or dental; and legal assistance. The eight call centers in Washington were independent non-profit agencies, linked by Washington Information Network 2-1-1 (WIN211) and connected via a state call system and a state database they all maintained. The database contains over 5,000 services and 16,000 agencies and is available to the public via a link at 211wa.org.

Councilmember Plunkett pointed out 14.8% of Everett's population used the services of 2-1-1 and asked if that was because the service was better known in Everett. He also asked how the availability of 2-1-1 could be increased in Edmonds and how fast did they anticipate the percentage of the population using 2-1-1 to grow. Mr. Brackin explained they were currently experiencing a 39% increase in calls over the same month the previous year; the majority from Snohomish County. The reason Everett's usage was so high was not because it was better known but because that was the location of the most poverty in the community. He noted 70% of their calls come from people experiencing financial difficulty. He referred to a study commissioned by Providence Hospital that identified 15 areas of risk and identifying the highest areas of risk in Snohomish County by zip code. When a zip code has more than a certain number of risks, it was identified as red; there were two zip codes in Everett (98201 and 98203) plus Darrington that were identified as red.

Mr. Brackin explained the increase in call volumes was one of the reasons they were requesting funding from cities. Last year the State legislator asked them to seek more local support before they allocated additional funds. Because their call volumes were increasing faster than he could increase staff, they were not aggressively marketing the availability of 2-1-1. Once funding reached a certain level, their long term plan was a statewide marketing campaign.

Councilmember Plunkett commented there may be a number of reasons why one person would call 2-1-1 and another would not, it was not solely related to low income. Mr. Brackin agreed, advising a person may call to identify a resource for an unexpected issue or to donate/volunteer. Councilmember Plunkett stated the more marketing that was done, the more call volumes would increase. Mr. Brackin agreed, noting the states that have been involved with 2-1-1 for a long time typically see 12% of their base population in call volume. Washington anticipated continued significant growth over the next three years.

Mr. Smith explained when adequate funding was available, Washington State's 2-1-1 system was designed for two centers to provide coverage 24/7 with the other call centers available during daytime hours. He estimated the cost of that service to be \$8 million; the current system was available 8-5, Monday-Friday. He advised United Way across the State contributed approximately \$1 million/year and the State had provided a total of \$5.5 million over the past three years. When the legislature provided an appropriation of \$2.5 million last year, they requested more local funding before they would consider sustained funding. United Way of Snohomish County contributed \$100,000 annually to the North Sound 2-1-1 system. That \$100,000 contribution based on the approximately 650,000 population equated to approximately \$0.15 per citizen. Their proposal for local funding was \$0.15 per citizen. Everett approved funding at over \$15,000 per year and Marysville approved funding of \$5,431. Although the Town of Woodway had only one phone call in the past year to 2-1-1, one of the Councilmembers who heard the presentation at the South Snohomish Cities meeting made a \$1,000 personal donation.

Mayor Haakenson asked how they determined where calls originated. Mr. Brackin answered one of the first questions was the zip code the person was calling from. For zip codes that crossed city boundaries, the operator asked them to identify the city. Mayor Haakenson commented there were thousands of people with an Edmonds address to the north who would likely say they lived in Edmonds but were outside the City limits. Mr. Brackin acknowledged that was inevitable.

Councilmember Marin commented he served with Mr. Smith on the Snohomish County Community Service Advisory Committee for a number of years and was impressed with his championing this issue. Serving on this Committee attuned one to the tremendous need in the community and the difficulty people experience in accessing services. He summarized 2-1-1 was a great system and he appreciated the work Mr. Smith had done to bring the system to Washington State. He expressed support for Edmonds providing financial support for the 2-1-1 system.

Council President Olson noted this was another issue that new Councilmembers should provide input on. She recommended deferring further discussion regarding funding for this program until January.

Councilmember Plunkett suggested referring it to the Finance Committee in January, noting growth costs also needed to be considered.

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

New Library
Bookdrop

Leslie Caplan, Managing Librarian, Edmonds Library, commented they had referred people to 2-1-1 and it had been very useful. Next, she expressed the library staff's thanks to City staff who designed access to their new bookdrop, commenting City staff were very professional and knowledgeable. She summarized she had worked with many different cities and had never experienced such great staff members. She also commended staff for the landscaping done at the library.

Kiwanis Club
Food Drive

Al Rutledge, Edmonds, echoed Ms. Caplan's thanks to City staff for the work done at the library. Next he thanked everyone who donated to the Kiwanis Club Food Drive at Top Foods. He was also appreciative of a casino in Arlington that donated turkeys. He commented although Lake Ballinger was in a convergent zone, they did not have any snow yesterday. He expressed concern with homeless individuals congregating under the freeway on 205th and panhandling at the on/off ramps. He suggested the City may need to budget some funds in the event problems arose with these individuals. He also suggested United Way provide some assistance to these individuals.

Alternate
Waterfront
Development
Plan

Joan Bloom, Edmonds, recalled last week she and others expressed their disappointment with the refined version of the waterfront plans unveiled on October 25 and requested the Council allocate funds to develop an alternate plan consistent with current height limits and that created a destination. She thanked Councilmembers Moore, Plunkett and Orvis who expressed support for their suggestion, and asked the process for the Council to consider their request.

Additional
Revenue for
City

Dave Page, Edmonds, commented when researching charities online, United Way in several states was rated one star out of four; in Washington State United Way had a four star rating. Next he thanked Councilmembers Moore and Marin for their years of service on the Council, remarking he would miss them on the Council. He pointed out as "no-growth" Councilmembers voted down projects, they would need to increase taxes. He emphasized the City needed money and the only way to obtain additional revenue was via development. He referred to development proposed on Hwy. 99 above 25 feet, summarizing the alternative to increasing taxes was development.

Lake Ballinger
Pollution

D. J. Wilson, Edmonds, commented this area had more urban streams than any other place on the west coast. These streams accept runoff from urban development that contributes to pollution in Puget Sound and urban lakes such as Lake Ballinger, one of the dirtiest lakes in Washington. He acknowledged Edmonds was not the primary polluter of Lake Ballinger; Lynnwood, although they do not border Lake Ballinger, contributed more runoff into the lake than other cities. He noted there had been work done by the Lake Ballinger Community Association, Edmonds staff, and Mountlake Terrace to involve Lynnwood. He suggested Senator Darlene Farley could be a significant asset if the City requested support from the Legislature in the future. He suggested opportunities for support from the State to clean Lake Ballinger be added to the list of items to be monitored by Mike Doubleday.

Alternate Plan
for Waterfront
Development

In response to Ms. Bloom's question, Mayor Haakenson advised the City Attorney sent an email to Councilmembers regarding citizens' request that the Council allocate funds for an alternate plan for the waterfront. The easiest way for the Council to consider that issue, if the City Attorney agreed it was appropriate, was for a Councilmember to make a motion and for four Councilmembers to support the motion. He noted even if the Council made a motion tonight, further input was necessary from the City Attorney. He advised at the request of a Councilmember, the matter could be scheduled on an agenda for discussion and action.

Port
Commission

Councilmember Plunkett advised the Port Commission has requested an opportunity to meet with the Council in early January. In his conversations with Port Executive Director Chris Keuss, the issue of presenting alternate plans arose as a potential topic for that meeting. He noted the Port Commissioners would need to engage the CG33 to determine their interest in presenting additional alternatives and if so, how to fund it.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS ON COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS

SeaShore
Forum

Council President Olson reported the SeaShore Forum continued their work on an agreement due to issues arising from cities that belong to the forum that vote on other transportation forums. She anticipated the King County Council would consider the matter as they provided funding for the three transportation forums. Next, she advised the Community Technology Advisory Committee would provide an update to the Council and the public on December 4. She reported the South Snohomish Cities group was holding a dinner meeting with Legislators and County Councilmembers on December 6 to discuss issues and improve communication.

CTAC

South
Snohomish
Cities

Port
Commission

Councilmember Wambolt reported at the November 12 Port meeting. He noted three speakers expressed dissatisfaction with the direction of the redevelopment of the Harbor Square area. The meeting also included discussion regarding difficulties Jacobsen Marine was experiencing obtaining permits for a facility at the Port. He understood Mayor Haakenson had become involved and most issues had been resolved. Mayor Haakenson agreed most issues had been resolved with the exception of the State permits which the City did not control. Councilmember Wambolt commented on the importance of resolving the issues Jacobson Marine was experiencing to avoid their locating in Everett. Also at their November 12 meeting, the Port approved changes to their employee performance incentive policy.

Councilmember Wambolt reported at the Port's November 26 meeting, Edmonds Fire Chief Tomberg thanked the Port for their role in housing the new public safety boat that is used by the Police Department as well as the Fire Department. The Port Commission was also informed that this was the third consecutive year that fuel sales had dropped; the Port expected to lose \$50,000 this year. The Port also approved their meeting schedule for 2008.

Community
Transit

Councilmember Marin advised Community Transit was close to reaching an agreement with Everett Transit on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Sound Transit had begun discussing when the agency would bring voters a Phase 2 package; the first public discussion was scheduled for November 29.

SnoCom

Councilmember Dawson advised the SnoCom meeting was postponed to November 29.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Waterfront
Redevelopment

Mayor Haakenson advised the Council asked him to address a question that continued to arise with regard to redevelopment of the waterfront - why doesn't the City buy the old Safeway property and use it for a park? The Council also asked him to explore that option with the property owner. His response and the

price offered by the property owner could be found in the Mayor's Column in this week's *Edmonds Beacon*.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Olson expressed her appreciation to Senior Executive Council Assistant Jana Spellman for her ongoing assistance to the Council.

(Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.)

Councilmember Wambolt read his guest column in the November 29, 2008 *Edmonds Beacon* regarding the Harbor Square and Antique Mall redevelopment program: For many this is the economic development opportunity of a lifetime. Some citizens are disappointed their comments have not been reflected in the most recent plan for the area, known as the "refined plan." While that may be true, as Port of Edmonds Executive Director Chris Keuss pointed out in his November 8 *Beacon* column, the private property owners - the owners of the Antique Mall and the former Skippers' site - have asked the community what they would like to see done on their property. This is entirely voluntary as there is no law that public hearings must be held. The mandated public hearings at the Planning Board, Architectural Design Board and City Council will not come until after the property owners have developed their construction plans; therefore, many opportunities for influence remain.

Citizen comments at the November 20 Council meeting make it clear that the issues surrounding this opportunity need much more explanation. Chris Keuss did an excellent job in his *Beacon* column of addressing many of the most frequently asked questions. His column addressed the question of why a plan had not been produced that complied with the existing building code and height limitations; a plan was presented to the group of 33 that was close to compliant and rejected because it lacked an adequate amount of open space.

The redevelopment committee envisioned early on the need for abundant open space for the summer market, car shows, festivals, etc.; that is why the "refined plan" provides for more than two acres of open space. A citizen recommended the Council review the 1994 Waterfront Plan; although an excellent piece of work, that was then, this is now. Councilmember Wambolt pointed out differences between now and 1994 including the more aggressive population growth targets now, City revenue from annual car license fees that was eliminated by I-695, the City's ability to raise property taxes 6% per year in 1994 versus the current 1% limit via I-747, and more reasonable property values in 1994. He concluded although the Waterfront Plan was well worth reading, it was not totally relevant to redevelopment of the properties east of the railroad tracks.

Councilmember Wambolt identified three viable building height options for the area:

- Accept the taller buildings specified in the "refined plan." The thin, taller buildings as opposed to short and fatter buildings will pay for the two acres of open space and when the buildout is complete, will annually provide the city \$1-2 million in revenue from property taxes and sales tax.
- Allow the buildings higher than current code, but lower than the refined plan's 4-6 stories and be prepared to accept the possibility of less than two acres of open space.
- Maintain currently allowed building heights - 25 feet on the Antique Mall and former Skippers sites, 35 feet at Harbor Square. The result will be no open space, no hidden parking, no pedestrian overpass over the train tracks and a loss of considerable revenue to the city.

Councilmember Wambolt concluded another option would be for the City to purchase some of the property, an option Councilmember Wambolt did not feel was viable as it would be spending money the City did not have and eliminate incremental revenue that the City needs. However, that may be the will of a majority of the citizens. We should know by this time next year. [Complete text of the column available in the November 29, 2008 edition of the *Edmonds Beacon*.]

Harbor Square
and Antique
Mall
Redevelopment

Councilmember Plunkett suggested D. J. Wilson write an amendment or submit a new item for the proposed legislative agenda.

Campaign
Signs

Councilmember Plunkett thanked the candidates for removing their signs. He recognized Councilmember Orvis in particular who removed signs for other candidates, taking them to his home and calling the candidate to pick them up.

County
Councilmember
Gary Nelson's
Retirement

Councilmember Marin advised earlier tonight several Councilmembers and Mayor Haakenson attended Snohomish County Councilmember Gary Nelson's retirement event. He commented on the pleasure of working with Councilmember Nelson over the years and thanked him for his 34+ years of public service.

Councilmember Dawson echoed Councilmember Plunkett's comments regarding Councilmember Orvis picking up all candidates signs. She commended him for calling her on Election Day inquiring if he could pick up signs for individuals she was associated with.

Councilmember Orvis thanked all the candidates for picking up their signs, commenting he was not the only one that picked up multiple signs.

9. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.