

# EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

## May 30, 2012

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Peterson in the Council Chambers, 250 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Strom Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lora Petso, Council President Pro Tem  
Frank Yamamoto, Councilmember  
Joan Bloom, Councilmember  
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember  
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember

### STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Hunstock, Finance Director  
Carl Nelson, CIO  
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney  
Sandy Chase, City Clerk  
Jana Spellman, Senior Executive Council Asst.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Dave Earling, Mayor  
Michael Plunkett, Councilmember

Mayor Pro Tem Peterson explained he asked the applicants this evening not to sit in on the interviews prior to their own interview in the interest of fairness.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### 2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:**

##### A. ROLL CALL

#### 3. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY POSITION #1.

Mayor Pro Tem Peterson explained that 20 minutes has been scheduled for each interview; the first two minutes will be an opportunity for the applicant to make an opening statement. This will be followed by questions and answers. If time allows, each applicant will be allowed to make closing comments.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for City Council vacancy position #1:

- Steve Shelton
- Kristiana Johnson
- Ron Wambolt
- Dick Van Hollebeke

At 7:29 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Peterson called for a 10 minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. The following additional applicants were interviewed:

- Darlene Stern
- Lori Chrisman
- Alvin Rutledge

#### **4. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Responding to questions of Councilmember Fraley-Monillas, Mayor Pro Tem Peterson explained the procedure for the appointment. At the City Council Meeting on June 5, the process will include: nominations are made by Council from the floor; nominations are by ballot and are read out loud; the Council will vote on those nominations; if Council does not reach a majority vote of 4, nominations will be reopened; the same people can be nominated, and new nominations are welcome. Council will go through the process again until a majority of 4 is reached.

Sandy Chase, City Clerk, stated she would attach the rules for the nomination process to the agenda memo for this item and they can be approved by the Council.

Councilmember Petso reported that a request to reappoint Bob Rinehart to the Public Facilities District Board will be placed on a future City Council Agenda.

Councilmember Bloom commented that she enjoyed the process of interviewing the applicants for the vacant Council position. She was very impressed with all the candidates and it will be a difficult decision. She encouraged citizens to send thoughts and comments to Councilmembers concerning the applicants.

Councilmember Yamamoto expressed his thanks to the applicants. He noted it is a very talented group and it will be a very hard decision.

Councilmember Buckshnis also thanked the applicants. She next reported on Snohomish County Tomorrow noting the Steering Committee approved the 2012 selection list for Puget Sound Regional Council. They are giving out \$49.1 million; of that amount Snohomish County will receive \$11 million. She noted Edmonds has five projects on the list. She is hopeful the city will be successful with some of the projects; perhaps the preservation projects which would include the 5<sup>th</sup> & Main St. and Sunset Overlook projects. They are also moving forward on the Interjurisdictional Housing Committee which is affordable housing (but not Section 8). It is affordable housing that is transit oriented or dense, smaller units for younger adults, families or seniors. She reported they are hoping to get funding from the Gates Foundation.

Councilmember Buckshnis reported on WRIA-8 noting they adopted their budget and pointed out the city's fees have gone down. They are currently working on the Shoreline Management Plan. The People of Puget Sound are working on educational literature so citizens understand the importance of waste water runoff, storm water runoff, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Peterson also thanked the applicants, noting they are a great diverse group from the city. He expressed thanks to the City Council for their great questions and the wonderful process. He also thanked staff members who put in long hours associated with the process.

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.