

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

May 14, 2013

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Earling in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dave Earling, Mayor
Lora Petso, Council President
Strom Peterson, Councilmember
Frank Yamamoto, Councilmember
Joan Bloom, Councilmember
Kristiana Johnson, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

Al Compaan, Police Chief
Stephen Clifton, Community Services/Economic
Development Director
Carrie Hite, Parks & Recreation Director
Renee McRae, Recreation Manager
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Sandy Chase, City Clerk
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Sandy Chase called the roll. All elected officials were present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETSO MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YAMAMOTO,
TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present who wished to provide comment.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the position of Finance Director:

Roger Neumaier
Scott James

At the conclusion of the interviews, Carrie Hite, Reporting Human Resources Director, explained the next steps involved in appointing the Finance Director. The City Council is to provide feedback to the Mayor; the Mayor will make a decision within the next few days; prior to making an offer, a complete background, credit and full reference check will be conducted which could take 1 to 2 weeks. At that point the Mayor will have enough information to make an appointment and to bring it forward to the City Council for confirmation.

5. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Earling reported there have been periodic complaints over the past several months regarding numerous animals at a home in Edmonds and fights between the animals in the yard. There has been a high degree of frustration with the situation due to the inability to gain access until this week. Following an incident this week and a video taken of one of the attacks, the prosecuting attorney determined there was enough evidence to search the house. A search found scores of animals in the house, some with dog bites. The dogs' owner was taken into custody and the animals are being cared for.

Mayor Earling provided a reminder that the IGA store is opening tomorrow in downtown Edmonds. He walked through the store today; it is a great store that people will enjoy. The grand opening is June 5.

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson reported she has received several calls about the animal control situation and was glad it has been taken care of. Next, she offered the Council and public complimentary tickets to the opening game of the SeaWolves vs. the Port Timbers on Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Edmonds-Woodway High School.

7. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned to committee meetings at 7:06 p.m.