

MEETING OF THE SNOQUALMIE CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 2006

Headquarters Fire Station
37600 SE Snoqualmie Parkway

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Larson

Council members

Bob Jeans
Jeff MacNichols
Bryan Holloway
Kingston Wall
Maria Henriksen
Charles Peterson
Kathi Prewitt (arrived at 6:35 pm)

Staff

Bob Larson, City Administrator
Jeanne Lamon, Deputy City Clerk
Pat Anderson, City Attorney
Al Frank, Parks and Recreation Director
Bob Rowe, Fire Chief
Jim Schaffer, Chief of Police
Debra Whalawitsa, Director of Administrative Services
Harry Oestreich, Finance Officer
Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director
Nancy Tucker, Director of Planning
PJ Rodriguez, Network Systems Engineer

ABSENT

Council members

Staff

Jodi Warren, City Clerk (Excused)
Dan Thomason, Building Official (Excused)

BUDGET PROCESS

Harry Oestreich reviewed the remaining budget calendar and programs to be discussed during the upcoming budget workshops.

Councilmember Peterson requested the financial quarterly reports be submitted. Bob Larson stated the quarterly reports will be provided to the Council prior to the budget process deliberations.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DOWNTOWN VISION PLAN

Councilmember Henriksen reported Nancy Tucker will discuss the EDP/Downtown Vision Plan at the next two Council meetings. The majority of issues to be discussed will cover the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Staff was requested to bring back a list of CIP issues prioritized for discussion, with a good list of CIP issues to work with by the end of September.

Nancy Tucker provided information on the current city economic development plans, including the Economic Development Plan, Downtown Vision Plan, SR202 Corridor Study 2002, the 2002 Retail Development Plan, and the ERA Retail Market Analysis. Nancy reported there is good general consistency on overall recommendations in all of the plans, while in many cases there is very clear direct consistency between the plans.

A draft Priority Capital Project list for Economic Development was distributed to Council. Nancy stated the list is not in any specific order or priority, and will require prioritization. Mayor Pro Tem Maria Henriksen commented the EDP Recommendation # 26 should be added to the list as well.

Councilmember Jeans commented it would be beneficial for Nancy and staff to provide guidance on the "to be determined" range, and suggest a prioritization of the project list.

Councilmember Peterson requested Council review of the Downtown Vision Plan. Council agreed to allow discussion by Councilmember Peterson, at which time he stated the most important thing in downtown Snoqualmie is the ability to park cars. The biggest issue on Falls Avenue which needs to be addressed is to get the garbage collection system off of the street, and suggested the idea that merchants should purchase a piece of land for owner/employee parking in order to free up parking spaces to visitors.

He also noted Appendix D of the Corridor Study shows a parking analysis, and stated he is concerned over the loss of parking spaces lost with the sale of the old city hall building, currently utilized by the Planning Dept. Also noted is Councilmember Peterson would like to see the King St. parking lot paved.

Round table adjourned at 7:00 pm

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

A citizen comment opportunity was provided for input on budget issues, however there were no comments received.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Councilmember Wall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Larson

Council members

Bob Jeans

Staff

Bob Larson, City Administrator

Jeff MacNichols
Bryan Holloway
Kingston Wall
Maria Henriksen
Charles Peterson
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CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gina Estep, Senior Planner, announced she has accepted a position at the City of North Bend as the Director of Community and Economic Development. She thanked the City Council members and staff for a great 8-year career with the city.

Mayor Larson presented Gina Estep with a Proclamation of Appreciation for Eight Years of Outstanding Service to the City of Snoqualmie.

Sarah Haas, reporter for the Snoqualmie Valley Record announced her resignation and thanked everyone for welcoming her into the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearing regarding the 2006 Annual Progress Report Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan

Mayor Larson opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2006 Annual Progress Report Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan at 7:12 PM.

Seeing no one further move to speak, Mayor Larson closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 PM.

Appointment – Shoreline Hearings Board

Per SMC 19.08.210, Mayor Larson appointed Rochelle Rose to the Shoreline Hearings Board, Position No. 1, for a 4-year term, expiring on January 15, 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

August 28, 2006

Approval of Warrants

Claims warrant #'s 33593-33720, totaling \$532,607.05 and void warrant #'s 33505 & 33512 and Payroll Warrant #'s 10376 through 10415 totaling \$627,906.45.

Other Approvals

AB# 06-161 Tanner Electric Safety Awards Banquet Special Events Permit

Tanner Electric would like to host their safety awards banquet at the Centennial Park picnic shelter on September 16th, and would like to be permitted the use of alcoholic beverages at the banquet pending the requirements on the Staff Recommendations form. *(The Special Event Permit was pulled from the agenda as the applicant chose not to serve alcohol. Director Frank confirmed the Permit had been pulled).*

AB# 06-162 Approve the 2006 Annual Progress Report for the City of Snoqualmie Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan.

As part of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, the City is required to adopt a Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan. The original plan was adopted in 1996. Each year, the City reviews the annual progress report to monitor the activities that the City participates in to reduce flood losses and educate citizens. The 2006 annual progress report to the Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan is attached.

MOVED by Jeff MacNichols , **SECOND** by Kingston Wall to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

Councilmember MacNichols requested the August 28th minutes reflect that he arrived at the Council meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Councilmember Peterson noted a correction on the August 28th minutes of the misspelling of the name Perry Falcone .

Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0 .

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Finance and Administration Committee (CM Henriksen, Chair – CM Prewitt and Wall)

AB# 06-157 Ordinance providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held therein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue its general obligation bonds, for the purpose of paying a part of the cost of constructing and equipping a community center with a gymnasium, fitness center, reception hall and an indoor pool, in the principal amount of no more than \$8,000,000, payable by annual property tax levies to be made in excess of regular property tax levies

In response to the results of the Community Center Survey, the City Council wishes to seek voter approval for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$8,750,000 of general obligation bonds of the City to pay the costs to construct and equip a community center with a gymnasium, fitness center, reception hall and an indoor pool. The City does not currently have sufficient funds available for that purpose therefore the project and the costs of issuance of such bond would need to be repaid by an annual excess property tax levy. The constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not the City may issue such bonds be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their ratification or rejection at a special election. The conditions create an emergency and requires the holding of a special election within the City in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 7, 2006.

MOVED by Maria Henriksen , **SECOND** by Jeff MacNichols to adopt **Ordinance 1001** providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held therein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue its general obligation bonds, for the purpose of paying a part of the cost of constructing and equipping a community center with a gymnasium, fitness center, reception hall and an indoor pool, in the principal amount of no more than \$8,750,000, payable by annual property tax levies to be made in excess of regular property tax levies. Discussion.

Councilmember Henriksen called for a consensus on a back loaded levy rate of approximately .26 per \$1,000. **Council consensus.**

Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0.

BREAK FROM 8:40 PM TO 8:47 PM

AB# 06-158 Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified electors of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, at an election to be held on November 7, 2006, a proposition to authorize an increase in the City's regular property tax amount above the levy limits provided in chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funds for the operations and maintenance of new community center facilities and other park and recreation facilities and programs, subject to certain limitations and conditions; directing the City Clerk and other city officials to take such action as may be necessary to the end that such proposition appears on the ballot; and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at general election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift"). The City Council of the City of Snoqualmie (the "City") has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City to seek voter authorization for a levy lid lift to fund the operations and maintenance of new community center facilities and other park and recreation facilities and programs, which authorization is to be subject to certain conditions and limitations relating to the passage of a ballot proposition for the issuance of bonds to construct and equip such community center.

MOVED by Maria Henriksen , **SECOND** by Jeff MacNichols to adopt ***Ordinance 1002*** providing for submission to the qualified electors of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, at an election to be held on November 7, 2006, a proposition to authorize an increase in the City's regular property tax amount above the levy limits provided in chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funds for the operations and maintenance of new community center facilities and other park and recreation facilities and programs, subject to certain limitations and conditions; directing the City Clerk and other city officials to take such action as may be necessary to the end that such proposition appears on the ballot; and providing for other matters properly related thereto. Discussion. Council consensus that the amount of .23 per \$1,000 be used. Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0.

AB# 06-163 Resolution Requesting A Voters' Pamphlet And Appointing Committees To Prepare Arguments Advocating The Approval And The Rejection Respectively Of The Propositions Authorized To Be Submitted To The Voters On November 7, 2006, Relating To The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance The Construction And Equipping Of A Community

Center And Pool, And A Levy Lid Lift To Provide Funds For The Maintenance And Operation Thereof

MOVE by Maria Henriksen **SECOND** by Bryan Holloway to adopt Resolution No. 794 Requesting A Voters' Pamphlet And Appointing Committees To Prepare Arguments Advocating The Approval And The Rejection Respectively Of The Propositions Authorized To Be Submitted To The Voters On November 7, 2006, Relating To The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance The Construction And Equipping Of A Community Center And Pool, And A Levy Lid Lift To Provide Funds For The Maintenance And Operation Thereof. Discussion. Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0.

REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT

The Visioneer's Film Company is wrapping up filming this week, and has invited Council members and staff to a party this Friday at Sahara's pizza.

Mayor Larson reported that his interview with Comcast Channel 45 is playing through Sept. 19th.

The Noel Dragon restaurant grand opening is this Sunday. Council members are invited to attend.

The Mill site update will be addressed at a later date.

REPORTS/ NEW BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Community and Economic Affairs Committee (CM Prewitt, Chair – CM Henriksen and MacNichols, Members)

No report

Finance and Administration Committee (CM Henriksen, Chair–CM Prewitt and Wall, Members)

AB# 06-160 Foster Pepper Engagement of Services

Foster Pepper PLLC, the City's Bond Counsel, has provided an Engagement of Services letter, along with a scope of bond counsel services, for work on both the City's upcoming unlimited tax general obligation bond financing and the water and sewer revenue bond financing. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney to approve the engagement of services.

MOVED by Maria Henriksen , **SECOND** by Kathi Prewitt to approve the Foster Pepper PLLC Engagement of Services and authorize the Mayor to sign. Discussion. Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0 .

Planning and Parks Committee (CM Wall, Chair – CM Holloway and Jeans, Members)
No report

Public Safety Committee (CM MacNichols, Chair - CM Peterson and Prewitt, Members)
The Bicycle Rodeo is on September 23rd.

Public Works Committee (CM Peterson, Chair – CM Jeans and Holloway, Members)
No report

Committee of the Whole
No report

Staff Reports.

Mayor Larson stated that written staff reports are included in the agenda packets.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, **MOVED** by Kathi Prewitt **SECOND** by Bryan Holloway by to adjourn the meeting. Motion **CARRIED** 7 to 0. Mayor Larson adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Matthew R. Larson/CML, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi Warren/CMC, City Clerk

Minutes Recorded by Jeanne Lamon, Deputy City Clerk