



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

City Hall

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Troy Linnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Troy Linnell
Council Member Brenna Franco
Council Member Gordon Cook
Council Member Timothy Fairley
Council Member William Thomas

ABSENT

Council Member Lynda Osborn

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to excuse Council Member Osborn, Seconded by Council Member Fairley.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Thomas

4. Presentation

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Thomas, Seconded by Council Member Franco.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Thomas

6. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Fairley, Seconded by Council Member Cook.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Thomas

A. Minutes

September 25th, 2023 Council Meeting

B. Audit of Reports

1. Claims #113193 - #113234 = \$235,241.01

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2. Payroll #61567 - #61570 = \$173,659.41

September 29, 2023 & October 13, 2023

VOID

7. Reports

Council Member Franco - None.

Council Member Cook - Great time at the dedication, thank you staff, well attended. Attended the finance committee meeting last week.

Council Member Fairley - Great time at the dedication, thought it was a success. Talked to people haven't talked to in a while.

Council Member Thomas - The dedication was a good event. Had the VRFA governance meeting and one of our officers was there for an award. Attended PIC and took some notes, looking for nominations for their various committees. King County wants to partner with Cities for EV parking programs. Talked about legislative priorities such as Police retention and behavioral health. Sounds like there is a pause on land use in legislature.

Public Works Director Avery - We're working to keep the storm drains clear, it's the main focus with the rainy season. Water main replacement is officially starting the 23rd. There was a water leak on 3rd Ave N, saddle had to be replaced. Looking to replace the controls on the lift station control panel. Eventually planning to redo the whole station. Working on a grant for EV charging stations.

Police Chief Schrimpsheer - Officer Fajardo was given recognition for her life saving measures at the VRFA meeting. We have a new officer from Hawaii. The A-Team was recently recognized by other departments that former Algona officers are the most successful. PD training tomorrow for the whole department. Will be going over arrest tactics and building searches. Also hosting training for the coalition.

City Administrator Griess - There was an issue at the post office with the City's bulk mailing permit, USPS failed to inform us and it wasn't until staff realized payments for September bills weren't coming in that the issue was resolved. We will be pushing back late notices and shutoffs to allow the additional time for the September payments. Also looking into alternatives for bulk mailing services since this isn't the first time we've had an issue like this come up. I ordered the City a new website and anticipate it to be operational in January. Talked about moving away from Umpqua and going to WaFed Bank at the Finance Committee meeting. Will see that at a future meeting.

Mayor Linnell - Had a comp plan meeting with our planner, we are right on schedule. Met with the Filipino Hall for quarterly check-in, 10:30 is the new time for shutdown and asked that the screening of their applicants be more careful; watch video

8. Audience Participation

The City Council encourages public participation during meetings of the City Council and welcomes your comments. This time is set-aside for you to speak to the City Council on any issue. The Council ordinarily takes non-agenda matters under advisement before taking action. You are also invited to comment on action items as they are considered during the meeting. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each in addressing the City Council. When addressing the Council, please speak clearly and audibly and state your name and address for the record.

Christy Rodriguez, AJ Rodriguez, and Rachel on Milwaukee Blvd - Speaking on concerns over the new four-way stop installed on 8th Ave and Algona Blvd. As mentioned in previous meetings, a records request shows that a study was not done at that intersection. The study provided was done for a roundabout at Main St and Algona Blvd. Chief Schrimpscher stated the study was done for the 8th Ave/Algona Blvd intersection. The study was presented to Council at the March 29th, 2022, meeting. Council asked questions about adding a four-way stop for slowing traffic, increasing traffic, and for emergency vehicles going through. Engineer said he didn't study for the specific intersection and couldn't say if he felt it was warranted. They discussed alternatives to mitigate speeding. They also talked about line-of-sight issues and again Matt Palmer said he didn't study the intersection. Point I was trying to make at the last Council meeting. The Chief said the Mayor asked to move forward with the stop signs and has the authority to do so. They're also looking into another one somewhere on Main St. This is going outside of the MUTCD by moving forward without actual warrants. Against the advice of the city engineers. They follow national standards. Why go against the engineers and national standards? Initially told it was for speed and now for line of sight issues. Calls into question the decisions made by city leadership. Here's some comments from the Algona Community page on Facebook. Shows the community feels unsafe. The MUTCD states that four way stops should only be a precursor to a stop light. Someone is going to get hurt. I've done my homework and hope you do the same. There are alternatives to the stop signs. Look forward to your response.

Chris Gomez, 527 Main St - I've had people pass me on Algona Blvd going 60 MPH, I thought it was the best thing to see that intersection put in. I like that the signs are well lit. If you drive through, you're a fool. Wouldn't mind the speed limit going down to 25 either. See it everyday that people just don't care anymore. Would like to see one on Main St too. Waste Management, the rates don't make sense. Do not want to see them in the City.

9. Discussion

A. 2024 Preliminary Budget

Tara Dunford, CPA, briefed the Council on the Preliminary 2024 Budget.

B. Wetland Preserve Final Design Scope of Work with Natural Systems Design

The agreement with Natural Systems Designs is for the final design work for the Wetland Preserve.

C. King County Re+ Grant Agreement

The Re+ grant is for the Algona Recycling Education and Voucher Program.

D. Resolution 1264-23, King County External Support Grant for Sound Garden

The City has been awarded \$25,000 to install a sound garden in Matchett Park.

E. Resolution 1265-23, Surplus of Public Works Assets

Public Works has created a list of equipment to surplus.

F. Purchase and Sale Agreement

The Purchase and Sale Agreement is for the properties at the north end of the City, at the corner of Boundary and Algona Blvd. The purpose of purchasing the properties is to put in more flood-mitigating options. Agreed to a price and the City can utilize fund balance from the stormwater fund. The seller has requested to move up the timeline for signing the PSA, council agrees to keep the three-touch rule in place.

G. Right of Way Vacation for the Algona Village Project

The City received an application for a right-of-way vacation for the Algona Village project. The right of way is located on the west side of West Valley Hwy across the street from 1st Ave. The owner's property surrounds the area requested to be vacated. There are no utilities located in the right of way. Council agreed to move forward with the vacation of the right of way and to price it at the full appraisal amount.

10. New Business

11. Old Business

12. Ordinances & Resolution

A. Resolution 1262-23, Waste Management New Rate Structure

Motion made by Council Member Fairley, Seconded by Council Member Cook.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,
Council Member Thomas

Resolution 1262-23 passed.

13. Next Workshop

167 ditch drone footage and more crime statics from the Police Department

14. Adjournment

Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting 8:16 PM.

ATTEST:

Jessica Griess – City Clerk

Troy Linnell – Mayor