

MINUTES
JOINT CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL AND SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 21, 2024
4:30 PM, Hegewald Center Auditorium, 710 Rock Creek Drive and Remote

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Asa Leckie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

Councilmembers Dave Cox, Michael D. Johnson, Pat Rice, Lucy Lauser, and Chuck Oldfield.

Commissioners Tom Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie.

City Attorney Robert Muth, County Prosecutor Adam Kick, City Administrator Leana Kinley, County Clerk of the Board Lisa Sackos, and Stevenson Downtown Association Executive Director Kelly O'Malley-McKee.

2. BUSINESS:

a) **Discuss Courthouse Park Plaza Project** - City Administrator Leana Kinley presented a staff memo and associated documents in a meeting packet to aid the discussion between the Skamania County Commissioners and the Stevenson City Council. Staff answered the questions posed by the Commissioners ahead of the meeting and the governing bodies discussed.

Each body will discuss separately to get together their proposed changes, then get back together and discuss the requested changes. There is also an opportunity to have this meeting be a more regular occurrence to get on the same page on this and other matters.

At the end of the discussion, Councilmember Pat Rice requested the public which attended the meeting have an opportunity to provide public comment. Commissioner Chair Asa Leckie was open to that after the discussion session of the meeting was closed. City Administrator Leana Kinley stated there is an issue with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) as this is a Special Meeting for the City Council and only items that are on the agenda are allowed to be discussed. If the discussion item were closed, the council meeting would need to be adjourned and any continued participation in a meeting with a quorum of council members would be a violation of the OPMA.

3. ADJOURNMENT - County Commission Chair Leckie adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm.

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Scott Anderson, Mayor

Date