

MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 2024
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Scott Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

City Attorney Robert Muth, Public Works Director Carolyn Sourek, Community Development Director, and City Administrator Leana Kinley.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Stephanie Lillegard, owns North Bank Books and part of legacy Skamania County family, commented in support of the Courthouse Plaza Project.

Paul Hendricks, Stevenson resident involved in the Comprehensive Plan, former Planning Commissioner, former City Councilmember and commented in support of the Courthouse Plaza Project.

David Wyatt, Stevenson resident, former City Councilmember, current Librarian and current Stevenson Downtown Association President, commented in support of the Courthouse Plaza Project.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident, commented against the Courthouse Plaza Project.

Bob Wilson, 4th generation Stevenson resident, commented against the Courthouse Plaza Project.

Rick Jessel, Stevenson resident, commented on the ARPA funding agenda item and prefers the money goes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Angie Waiss, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and member of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, commented in support of the Courthouse Park Plaza project.

Kelly O'Malley-McKee, Stevenson resident, Stevenson Downtown Association Executive Director and legacy Stevenson family, commented in support of the Courthouse Park Plaza Project.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- a) **Approve Contract Amendment with Understory Landscape Architecture, LLC for Park Plaza Design Services** - City Administrator Leana Kinley presented the staff report and contract amendment with Understory Landscape Architecture, LLC for design services of the Courthouse Park Plaza in the amount of \$349,423 plus expenses not to exceed \$355,000 for a total revised contract amount of \$570,752. Council discussed the matter.

MOTION: To delay a decision on the contract extension until the November council meeting after a vote of the public on the matter.

Motion made by Councilmember Rice, Seconded by Councilmember Cox.

Voting Yea: Councilmembers Cox and Rice

Voting Nay: Councilmembers Johnson and Lauser

Motion fails.

- b) **Approve Resolution 2024-437 Authorizing Road Closure** - Public Works Director Carolyn Sourek presented the resolution regarding temporary road closure for the 1st Street Overlook Project.

MOTION: To approve resolution 2024-437 authorizing the temporary closure of a road to ensure public safety.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Lauser.

Voting Yea: Councilmembers Cox, Johnson, Rice, and Lauser

- c) **Critical Areas Ordinance Update** - Community Development Director Ben Shumaker provided an update on the Critical Areas Ordinance Update required by the state. Council directed staff to pursue the minimum buffers required.

- d) **American Recovery Plan Act Fund Distribution** - City Administrator Leana Kinley presented a staff memo regarding how to obligate the ARPA funding ahead of the end of the year for council discussion and possible action.

MOTION: To approve spending the remaining \$298,313 in ARPA funds on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion made by Councilmember Cox, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Voting Yea: Councilmembers Cox, Johnson, Rice, and Lauser

- e) **Approve First Street Project Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 2 and Revised Project Prospectus** - Public Works Director Carolyn Sourek requests council approval of the Agreement Supplement No 2 and revised Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation, which increases the overall project costs by

\$106,073, from a total cost of \$1,130,948 to a revised total cost of \$1,237,021. The update is based on actual contract costs and additional grant funds received.

MOTION: To approve the Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 2 and revised Project Prospectus for the First Street Project for a total project cost of \$1,237,021.

Motion made by Councilmember Cox, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.
Voting Yea: Councilmembers Cox, Johnson, Rice, and Lauser

4. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m..

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Scott Anderson, Mayor

Date