

MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2024
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor to called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

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

Public Works Director Carolyn Sourek and City Administrator Leana Kinley

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Repar is thankful the trees downtown.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) **Utility Rates and System Development Charges** - City Administrator Leana Kinley presented a staff memo and presentation for council review and discussion.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 6:02pm. City Administrator Kinley reviewed the presentation in the packet.

Terri Sauer, Hotel Stevenson-Feels the proposed fees for the hospitality industry are disproportionate to their use. The sales tax option seems like a viable option.

Kara Owen, Skamania Lodge-Encouraged by the discussion. Hard to pass along the increase in their rates to the customer. The sales tax option is easier to pass along.

Mary Repar-Wants the rate decision to be equitable.

Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 6:19pm.

Council discussed the multiple options to be incorporated in the documentation for the next council meeting. Consensus of council was:

-No changes to the transient lodging billing structure.

-Move forward with the Sales Tax option for the General Election with a 50/50 split of the projected revenue between water and sewer.

4. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Scott Anderson, Mayor

Date