

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 11, 2021**

**A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Grover called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call – Excused Absences** Councilmembers present included Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Marx, and Mr. Lucas. Councilmember Schmidt moved to excuse Councilmember Overhauser. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of April 27, 2021 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 157079 through 157171, part of voucher 157026, 157027, and April interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$251,517.03, payroll warrants nos. 63706 through 63742 in the amount of \$16,471.72, direct deposits in the amount of \$409,533.09, claims warrants nos. 157028 through 157054 in the amount of \$350,679.94, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$154,091.69 for a total payroll of \$930,776.44 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** None

**G. Information Items** Mayor Grover introduced Debora Munguia, our lobbyist in Olympia. Ms. Munguia provided a 2021 legislative update.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Mayor Grover stated that Mr. Archuleta sent a message and he responded to it by explaining we received his comments. Robert Archuleta, 1550 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, stated he submitted comments and wanted to verify that Council received his comments.

**J. Action Items**

**1. 21-054 – Resolution E-917 – 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan Public Hearing** Mayor Grover opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Ableman provided information on the 2022-2027 plan. There was no public comment. Mayor Grover closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-917. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 21-051 – Resolution E-915 – Purchase of Finance Department Desks/Storage** Ms. Niemeier stated that this is the final purchase for the Finance Department remodel. The cost is \$11,275.66. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-915. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 21-052 – Resolution E-916 – Interlocal Agreement with Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)** Mr. Schuller stated that this is an updated agreement with SRTC. Councilmember Schmidt stated that the Board went from 14 members to 21 members. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-916. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 21-055 – Resolution E-918 – NIES Resource Pool Agreement Market Purchase** Mr. Marx stated that Blake Weathers from Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU) is present to answer questions. We tried to do this in April with a cap set at \$35, but the price shot up. This sets the cap at \$50 per MWh. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-918. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 21-047 – Ordinance Y-5 – Solid Waste Disposal** Mr. Ableman stated that this removes language that we were guided by Spokane County's solid waste plan. He has not received any comments. Councilmember Schmidt moved for the second reading of Ordinance Y-5 in title and summary form only, that reading consider the third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried

unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance Y-5 passed.

**6. 21-053 – Ordinance Y-6 – Unlicensed Vehicle Parking Violation** Mr. Hensley stated that this is for unlicensed vehicle parking violations. Councilmember Taves moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-6 in title and summary form only and to defer this to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Ableman provided information on Cheney Clean Sweep and large item pick up. Mr. Schuller stated that we are looking at American Rescue Plan Act guidelines and we are coming up with a plan. There will be information on body cameras at the next meeting. They are going to become standard issue across the state in years to come. He provided a COVID-19 update.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover stated that candidate filing is next week.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Schmidt stated that he appreciated the legislative update. He will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Barthels reported on the Planning Commission meeting. He will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Weiszmann provided an update on the Cheney Depot. Councilmember Gaard thanked Councilmember Schmidt for his representation of the City on the SRTC board and Councilmember Barthels for the commission reports. Councilmember Hilton stated that it is amazing to see the Purple Pipe Project coming to fruition. Councilmember Taves stated that he will not be seeking another term on the Council.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Mayor Grover stated that May 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officer Memorial Day. Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of Peace Officer Memorial Day. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor