

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 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 Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Kapaun, Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Ms. Snider, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Gemmell, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Billigmeier, Mr. Mourning, Mr. Holtan, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Hoppe, Mr. Birrenkott, Ms. Furfaro, Mr. Conley, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Lucas.

Councilmember Overhauser moved to move the Clover Court Rezone to the first action item. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 24, 2021 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 158534, 158535, 158735 through 158840, and August interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$551,314.32, payroll warrants nos. 63799 through 63805 in the amount of \$15,907.06, direct deposits in the amount of \$462,038.16, claims warrants nos. 158342, 158343, 158373 through 158375, and 158568 through 158597 in the amount of \$495,911.05, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$22,590.71 for a total payroll of \$996,446.98 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items None

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments The following people submitted written comments in support of the Cover Court rezone: Dorvan and Diane Breitenfeldt, Stan Gough and Rebecca Stevens, Dan and Heidi Hillman, Dani Gooler, Steve and Linda Peterson, Alvin and Nancy Hanneman, Doris and Charles Munson, Joan Mamanakis, Bonnie Miller, Carol and Steve Miller, Byron Miller, Bob Smith, and Brent Schrader. Bill Benner and Michael Folsom submitted written comments opposing the rezone. The following people spoke in support of the Clover Court rezone: Todd Rohlfing, Stephen Miller, Dan Hillman, Stan Gough, Carol Miller, Jerry Call, and Heidi Hillman. Ryan Geschke, Benji Estrellado, and Michael Folsom spoke in opposition to the rezone. Written comments opposing a vaccine mandate for City employees were submitted by Cory Tobin, Amy Tobin, Karen Gemmell, Scott Enright, Jessica Enright, Matt Holling, and April Bassen. The following people spoke in opposition to a vaccine mandate for City employees: Bill Lathrop, Terri Cooper, Terry Mourning, Rob Fraley, Jerry Hoppe, Julia Furfaro, Travis Billigmeier, William Birrenkott, Steve Marx, Steve Grime, Rachel Buck, Stacy Ashcroft, Pamela McCandless, Karen Gemmell, Slade Seehawer, and Amy King. Ms. MacDonald, COVID-19 coordinator for the City, stated that multiple employees have been to her office to voice their support of the Council's consideration of mandatory vaccination.

J. Action Items

13. 21-077 – Ordinance Y-14 – Clover Court Rezone Mr. Ableman stated that this has been reviewed by legal. Mr. Kapaun provided a legal opinion on the ordinance. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance Y-14 and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried with Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, and Councilmember Hilton voting nay.

1. 21-082 – Resolution E-939 – Authorize the Purchase of 16 Axon Taser 7s Mr. Hensley provided information on the tasers. Councilmember Hilton moved for passage of Resolution E-939. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 21-083 – Resolution E-940 – Purchase Axon Body Cameras for the CPD Mr. Hensley provided information on body cameras. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for passage of Resolution E-940. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 21-084 – Resolution E-941 – COVID-19 Compliant City Councilmember Schmidt provided information on becoming a COVID-19 compliant city. Councilmember Weiszmann moved to remove this from the agenda. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve Resolution E-941. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried with Councilmember Weiszmann voting nay

4. 21-085 – Resolution E-942 – COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate for City Employees Mr. Kapaun provided information on the resolution and legal review of a vaccine mandate. Councilmember Barthels moved to postpone this to the next meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried with Councilmember Weiszmann abstaining.

5. 21-086 – Resolution E-943 – Avista Edge Agreements and Policy Documents Mr. Kapaun provided information on the agreement. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-943. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 21-087 – Resolution E-944 – EWU Energy Conservation Advertising Agreement Mr. Marx provided information on the agreement. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-944. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 21-088 – Resolution E-945 – BPA Notification Letter 2025-2028 Mr. Marx explained the power purchase. Councilmember Gaard moved for approval of Resolution E-945. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 21-089 – Resolution E-946 – Inland Cheney Location Exchange Agreement Mr. Marx explained the agreement. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-946. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

9. 21-090 – Resolution E-947 – Gen Pac Software Purchase Mr. Marx provided information on the software. Councilmember Gaard moved for approval of Resolution E-947. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

10. 21-091 – Resolution E-948 – 2021 Asphalt Repairs Mr. Ableman stated that he received two quotes with Diamond Asphalt submitting the lowest. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-948. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

11. 21-092 – Resolution E-949 – EWU Football Standby Agreement for 2021 Mr. Jenkins stated that this is for EMS standby for EWU football games and he provided information on the agreement. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-949. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

12. 21-069 – Ordinance Y-13 – Inland Power Franchise Agreement Mr. Marx provided information on the franchise agreement. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the third reading of Ordinance Y-13 in title and summary form only and for it to be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Ordinance Y-13 passed.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller welcomed back the EWU students.

L. Mayor's Report None

M. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser thanked the Light Department employees and Avista Edge. She stated that some employees feel bullied by the unvaccinated. Councilmember Barthels reported on the Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Weiszmann spoke about the legal opinion on vaccine mandates. Councilmember Gaard thanked city employees and the citizens for providing input. He stated that it is good to see campus coming to life. Councilmember Hilton- great to see everyone back.

N. Executive Session Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 8:36 p.m. for executive session as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the price at which real estate will be offer for sale. He stated that it would last for 10 minutes with no action to follow. He asked Mr. Ableman, Mr. Schuller, Ms. MacDonald, and Mr. Kapaun to participate. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes at 8:46 p.m. Mayor Grover reconvened the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

O. Adjournment Councilmember Barthels moved to adjourned the meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor