

Pastor Jay Peach, from the Faith Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Brian Wood, Jim Hill, and Lisa Alexander.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Remove Agenda Item No. 7.2., Kelso Highlander Festival Contract Discussion, from the agenda.' Councilmembers Alexander, Lefebvre, and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmembers Page, Wood, Hill, and Harvey voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 4.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the agenda as written.' Councilmembers Page, Wood, Hill, Lefebvre, Karnofski, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

There were two citizens that spoke from the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2022 HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding & Annual Action Plan

Amendment: At 6:10 PM, Mayor Karnofski opened the public hearing. City of Longview Planning Manager Adam Trimble and City of Longview Planner McAllister Kosar, on behalf of the Longview-Kelso HOME Consortium, presented the eligible projects and their recommendations for the allocations of the funds. Discussion followed.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Karnofski closed the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts: \$2,979,459.22

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,979,459.22.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

2022 HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation of Funds: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Allocate funds in the amounts of \$248,676 to the Kelso Housing Authority (KHA), and \$132,627 to Lower Columbia CAP (LCCAP).' Discussion followed. To allow a citizen to speak to the allocations, Councilmember Harvey motioned, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Suspend the Council Rules.' Councilmembers Page, Alexander, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1. Discussion followed. Mayor Karnofski reiterated the original motion. Councilmember Lefebvre, Hill, Karnofski, and Page voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, and Wood voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

Discussion – Kelso Highlander Festival Contract: Councilmember Page spoke about the 'non-compete' clause in the Highlander Festival Contract. Lengthy discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Table the discussion.' Councilmembers Lefebvre and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Page, Alexander, Karnofski, Wood, and Harvey voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 5. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Table the discussion.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, and Hill, voted yes. Councilmembers Page, Alexander, Wood, and Harvey voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 4. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Appoint a work group to meet with the Highlander Festival Board.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Hill, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Karnofski, and Wood voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3. Councilmembers Lefebvre and Wood, and Karnofski were assigned to the work group by consensus of the Council.

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Contract Award – 8th Avenue NW Sewer Replacement:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the contract with Advanced Excavating Specialists, for \$214,132.05.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Contract Award – Paxton Road Transmission Main Replacement Project:

Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the contract with Tapani Inc. for \$1,172,405.04.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 22-3981 Amending the Budget relating to the Number of Full-Time

FTEs Patrol Officers: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3981, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) PATROL OFFICER POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET BY ORDINANCE 20-3951.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 22-3982 Authorizing an Interfund Loan Transfer from the General Fund to the Park Fund:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3982, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PARK FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Brian Wood: Reported on the Airport Operating Board meeting he recently attended.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the River Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended.

LaDonna Page: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Highlander Festival Parade route clean up.

Jim Hill: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK