

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, Jim Hill, and Lisa Alexander. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve Councilmember Brian Wood to attend the meeting via Zoom,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Agenda Approval: City Manager Andrew Hamilton requested that the Highlander Hope Discussion Item be removed from the agenda and be brought back at the next regular council meeting as a presentation. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Agenda with the requested amendment.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/21/23 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership Recognition: Association of Washington Cities Deputy CEO/COO Alicia Seegers Martinelli attended the meeting via Zoom. She acknowledged Councilmember Harvey for recently earning his Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Highlander Festival Committee Appointments:** Kenneth Mancy and James Phelps

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Contract Award – Consultant Services for Kelso High School/Allen Street (Safe Routes to School) Improvements: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the contract with Wallis Engineering for \$176,765.65,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Professional Services Agreement – Aerial Mapping and Photogrammetry: Mr.

Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the agreement with Miller Creek Associates for \$144,662.00,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Mentioned meetings he recently attended. 2) Commented that the new Humane Society Director Darren Ullman would be introduced at the next council meeting. 3) Commented that the Finance Department will undergo a staffing change due to a retirement, a transfer, and a resignation. 4) Commented that there would be a workshop on the progress of council priorities. 5) Councilmember Hill asked that staff provide routine status updates regarding the Sons of Norway facility.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director Brian Butterfield: At the request by Mayor Karnofski, Mr. Butterfield reported that up to \$300,000 in Transportation Benefit District sales tax revenue is expected for this year.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Commented that the department is preparing for Spring seasonal work. 2) At the request by Councilmember Harvey, he reported on the light pole electrical fire investigation.

Police Chief Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a legislative session update as it relates to law enforcement. 2) Provided an update on the new recruit. 3) At the request by Councilmember Harvey, City Manager Hamilton provided an update on the new 911 Center.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Park Board meeting she recently attended. 2) Reported on the Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

LaDonna Page: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Spoke about Kelso Babe Ruth Youth Baseball. 2) Spoke about complaints on a certain lodging facility.

Brian Wood: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) At the consensus of the Council, Mayor Karnofski assigned himself to the Lodging Taskforce that was formed at the prior regular council meeting. 2) Reminder that there is a special meeting workshop to focus on the council goals and priorities. 3) Reported on the Kelso Business and Community Association meeting he attended. He commented that there is a downtown cleanup event scheduled April 22nd.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.



MAYOR



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