CITY OF SHELTON, WASHINGTON - CITY COMMISSION
Study Session Minutes – February 9, 2015 2:00 p.m.
Shelton Civic Center

Presiding: Mayor Cronce, Commissioner Olsen and Commissioner Moore
Staff Present: Dave O’Leary, Vicki Look, Steve Goins, Greg Clark, Darrin Moody, Mike Michael and Wendy Thompson

Mayor Cronce called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Commission Reports –
Shelton Mason County Historical Society 4th Quarter Report – Mr. Justin Cowling reported that the museum was reopened in the fourth quarter after completion of their remodel and has been very busy. He thanked the Commission for their continued support of the Historical Society.

One or more Commissioners will attend the following activities this week:
- Meeting with the Shelton Mason County Chamber Director, Ms. Heidi McCutcheon on FORTERRA
- Capital Land Trust Breakfast
- Housing Coalition Meeting
- United Way Valentine’s Day Auction
- Asset Building Coalition Meeting
- Public Records Training at Civic Center
- LEOFF Disability Meeting
- Preservation Board Meeting
- EDC Luncheon
- MACECOM Board Meeting
- EDC Board Meeting
- AWC Executive Director Search Board

Public Comment –
The Commission recognized Mr. Forest Cooper who spoke in displeasure regarding the white lights still lit up on the trees on Railroad Avenue. He shared his opinion that the Public Works Department should better use their time working on streets instead of decorating downtown.

Consent Agenda –
1. Payroll Vouchers 73017 through 73190 in the amount of $650,033.17
2. Arbaugh and Associates Lobbying Contracts - Basin 3 Sewer Project @ $2,500 Monthly Retainer, and Sewer Funding Coalition @ $2,500 Monthly Retainer, and authorize the City Administrator to make the necessary budget amendments.

Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business – None

New Business –
1. Abatement of Public Nuisances - Community and Economic Development Director Steve Goins explained that last December an Ordinance was brought forward to the Commission amending language in the code that would address public nuisances and public safety. A number of concerns were brought forward at that time. The Ordinance was further analyzed and the decision was made to withdraw the Ordinance. The recommendation by CED Director Goins is to move forward with utilizing the processes that are currently in place in the Shelton Municipal Code. That would include abatement, sale of surplus property and the compliance process. The Commission shared concerns with completely withdrawing the Ordinance. CED Director Goins stated he would like to proceed and check back with the Commission in several months to report how the processes are going.
This will give staff time to begin working with the Prosecutor’s Office to try to best streamline the process and determine if it is successful or not. The Commission agreed to have CED Director Goins bring this topic back before the Commission in several months for follow up.

2. SR3 Park and Ride Project – Local Agency Agreement Supplement #4 – City Engineer Mike Michael explained that the City is moving forward with this project and hope to construct it this year. One of the issues that arose in the project is that a portion of the property that this project was scheduled to be on is actually owned by Simpson/Green Diamond. However, there is funding in the agreement for project design that can be moved to the right of way line to pay for the property acquisition. CE Michael requested that this topic be placed on Old Business for the next meeting due to a typo in the agreement. The Commission was in favor of approving the money move and agreed to place this item under Old Business for next week’s meeting.

Administration Reports –
Police Chief Moody reported that last week an officer was called to a situation on King Street. While there, the neighbor’s dog was released and charged toward the officers, the officer had no choice but to shoot the animal. The owner apologized that the dog was released and the officer apologized that the dog had to be shot. Chief Moody reported that an investigation was completed and that the officer acted within the law and within City policies.

General Public Comment –
The Commission recognized Mr. Gary Yando who spoke on sidewalks in the City. Mr. Yando shared that he feels the City and the Public Works Department on the right track regarding sidewalks in the City.

The Commission recognized Ms. Angela White of the Mason County Chapter of Olympia Master Builders. She thanked the Commission for looking at the abatement issues again.

Administrative Final Touches–
CED Director Goins stated that a grant was received to work on the SR3 project including weed removal, tree pruning at no cost to the City.

Announcement of Next Meeting –
Mayor Cronce announced the next regular meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. due to the observance of President’s Day.

Adjournment–
Mayor Cronce adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Mayor Cronce

City Clerk Look