



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
HELD REMOTELY**

COMMITTEE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaminkas called the committee workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

City officials who physically attended the workshop were: Mayor Kaminkas, City Administrator, Katy Allen, and IT Technician, Todd Henderson.

City officials who remotely attended the workshop via Zoom were: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Council Members, Folyer, Kurtz, Severs, Dunne, Langford, and Woodruff.

RJ Stevenson, Finance Director, Damon Simmons, Chief of Police, Jennifer Camp, Operations & Maintenance Director, Trevor Regan – Crew Lead, Trevor Slocum – Crew Lead, Stephen Williams – Streets Lead, and Jandy Humble, Interim Municipal Library Director also attended the workshop via Zoom.

Council Member Annie Kurtz led a discussion regarding term limits. She covered the options as presented in the packet.

After council debate and discussion, it was proposed that the council meeting agenda would be amended to direct staff to prepare a ballot for the citizens of Liberty Lake to consider.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION

Prior to the invocation, Mayor Kaminkas reviewed the logistics for this evening's meeting which, per Governor Inslee's Order 20-28.15, dated January 19, 2021, was being held remotely. Invocation then took place.

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Dunne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Kaminkas, City Council, and City Staff

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Kaminkas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City officials who physically attended the meeting were: Mayor Kaminskas, City Administrator, Katy Allen, and IT Technician, Todd Henderson.

City officials who attended the meeting via Zoom were: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Council Members Langford, Folyer, Dunne, Severs, Kurtz, and Woodruff.

The Finance Director, Chief of Police, Interim Municipal Library Director, Operations and Maintenance Director, Director of Planning & Engineering, and City Attorney also attended the meeting via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to amend the agenda to remove agenda item 10g (Agreement with Greater Spokane Incorporated). Council Member Langford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Council Member Kurtz moved to add a workshop discussion on Term Limits. Council Member Severs second the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Langford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lisa Wilkenson, Liberty Lake resident: commented on the Liberty Lake Boys Academy proposed and the impact the proposed project will have on the citizens.

Dg Garcia, Liberty Lake resident: commented on the workshop discussion regarding term limits and educating the citizens on this subject.

REPORTS

City Council: Council Member Woodruff reported on meeting with Phil Champlain at the HUB Sports Center and touring the facility. Councilman Dunne reported on his attendance at Millwood's city council meeting. He introduced himself and shared that he is also a member of the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas reported Liberty Lake will receive \$2.385 million dollars from the America Rescue Plan. More information on how the funds can be used is expected in mid-April. She gave an update on COVID and reported on her attendance at the Greater Spokane Incorporated's business leaders meeting.

Parks and Arts Commission: Commissioner Laina Schutz gave a brief update on the call to artists for the Liberty Lake Together project. The commission has been working to come up with new project ideas. She reported a new storybook walk has been installed at Rocky Hill Park.

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board: Trustee Tim Olsen reported round one of the interviews for the Library Director has taken place. The second round of interviews will take place soon. He announced the library has reopened with over 100 patrons during the first two days. Library staff is following COVID protocols. He also provided updates on events.

City Administrator: The city administrator took the floor and recognized outgoing Finance Director, RJ Stevenson, who was attending his last council meeting. She gave an update on the 20% City of Spokane sewer tax. She turned the floor over to the Operations and Maintenance Director, who gave updates on COVID, including regional Phase 3 discussions, events, and operations. The Interim Library Director then took the floor and provided an update on the library's opening. The city administrator resumed the floor and spoke about the upcoming tour of city facilities, scheduled for March 22nd. She announced the installation of the netting at Trailhead Golf Course has been completed. She reported the closing documents for the 23-acre land transaction are in progress. She provided an update on several recruitments that are underway for city staff, planning commissioners, and a library trustee. She concluded her report by providing an update on this year's spring bulky waste event, scheduled for April 24th.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: Mayor Kaminskas recognized Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District Commissioner Natarajan. The commissioner reminded everyone that the District is requiring everyone to have backflow preventers tested this spring. He also said it has been great working with the City on the property transaction.

WORKSHOP

Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI): Mayor Kaminskas then welcomed Alisha Benson, Chief Executive Officer, and Gary Ballew, VP of Economic Development, from GSI. Ms. Benson took the floor and did some overarching about economic development services. Next, both she and Mr. Ballew answered council questions regarding the agreement and GSI's services.

LLPD Police Officer Funding Proposal: The finance director took the floor and reported staff has identified savings from supplies and services to ensure that the addition of a police officer would be budget neutral. The impact of adding a police officer was also analyzed for the city's six-year budget forecast, and the finance director reported it would be viable. After staff answered council's questions, Councilmember Dunne moved to have staff bring back a budget amendment to add one FTE to public safety with no change to total expenses. Councilman Severs seconded the motion. After brief discussion, mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Arts Commission – Dog Park Ideas: Commissioner Hill said she had brought the idea to the Parks & Arts Commission about presenting the idea of an off-leash dog park to the city council for consideration. She then went on to give a presentation on the commission's proposal, which addressed logistics such as location, fencing, and separate space for large and small dogs, infrastructure, funding, and a maintenance

plan. The Parks and Arts Commission will continue discussions about this and bring back a recommendation for council's consideration.

Term Limits: Councilmember Severs moved to have staff bring back language to council to consider for adding term limits to an upcoming election. Councilmember Dunne seconded the motion. After brief discussion, mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10a, to approve the February 22, 2021 special city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10b, to approve the February 23, 2021 special city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10c, to approve the March 2, 2021 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10d approving the March 16, 2021 vouchers in the amount of \$571,519.95. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A/P check sequence consisted of check numbers 31065 through 31118, totaling \$149,345.18. EFTs totaled \$41,783.45. Payroll check sequence consisted of check number 31064, totaling \$227.50; EFTs totaled \$380,163.82.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10e, to accept the bid from Sellers Masonry and authorize a total of \$18,686.40, which includes a 10% contingency, for repair of the Harvest Parkway Roundabout. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10f, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Purchase Agreement for a John Deere 9009A Terrain Cut Rough Mower in the amount of \$58,424.85. Councilmember Severs. After brief discussion, Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10h, to authorize the Mayor to approve the purchase of two police vehicles and approve the quote to outfit both vehicles for a total amount of \$97,592. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10i, to authorize a total for \$92,748 to install the emergency generator system at the public safety and library building and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Industrial Commercial Service. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10j, to delegate authority to the Mayor to execute General Construction Agreement #37617 with Avista for relocation of electric facilities for Kramer Road Bridge in the amount of \$84,340. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy moved to approve consent agenda item 10k, to delegate authority to the Mayor to execute General Construction Agreement #37649 with Avista for relocation of gas facilities for Kramer Road Bridge in the amount of \$13,510. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

The city administrator reminded the council of the upcoming special meeting on March 30th for the council's retreat. She then reviewed the upcoming agenda items for the April 6th city council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dg Garcia, Liberty Lake resident: commented on the limited participation of the community at large being, in part, due to our government not creating opportunities for engagement. She urged council to consider providing additional opportunities for public engagement.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved April 6, 2021.



Cris Kaminskas, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, City Clerk. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.