



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

Tues., May 3, 2016 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

1. CALL TO ORDER 

Deputy Mayor Christopherson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked Councilmember Meyers to lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Shook (via telephone), Councilmember Nate Lowry. **Excused:** Mayor Daryl Eiding, Councilmember Rosanne Tomy.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Aaron Nix, Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, Community Development Director Kevin Stender, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Review- Proposed Ordinance on Vegetation Management.

Assistant City Administrator Aaron Nix briefed Council on this agenda item. Discussion followed between staff and the Council.

Council action: Council asked that Mr. Nix clarify a few questions with the City Attorney regarding estimated costs to citizens and providing notice, and the deadline date noted in section 8.15.030. It was determined to bring this to the May 10th Council meeting as a first reading (including any Council modifications) and directed Staff to prepare the materials for the Council to hold a Public Hearing on the draft Ordinance at its May 24th Council meeting.

B. Discussion- 36th & Meridian Park.

1.) Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program and Land & Water Conservation Fund- Parks Resolutions (RCO Grant Applications).

Assistant City Administrator Aaron Nix briefed Council on this agenda item.

Discussion followed between staff and Council regarding the funds and grant matching.

Council action: To format the Resolutions with approval from the City Attorney and to bring forward to the May 10th Council meeting for action.

2.) Berger Group Scope of Work Agreement for Grant Ready Drawings.

Assistant City Administrator Aaron Nix briefed Council on this agenda item.

Discussion followed between staff and Council regarding the Scope of Work for drawings and a schedule and timeline for deliverables.

Council action: Requested that Mr. Nix get an amendment to the Scope of Work contract and bring forward to Council at the May 10th Council meeting.

Councilmember O'Ravez left meeting at 7:44 pm.

C. Review – Draft Contract- Traffic Impact Fee Task Order for Transpo, not to exceed \$40,000.

Discussion followed between staff and Council regarding traffic impact fees.

Council action: Requested that Mr. Nix bring forward to Council at the May 10th Council meeting.

D. Discussion- Salary Commission.

Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray briefed Council on the purpose of a Salary Commission and noted RCW 35.21.015 in which this Commission falls under. He highlighted the handouts and other cities that use this process and noted that the legislation allows the Mayor to appoint residents who are interested to the Commission and the Commission has total control to raise or decrease salaries for elected officials. Discussion took place regarding different cities and their organizational structure and the City of Edgewood's structure.

Deputy Mayor Christopherson noted, Strong Mayor/Council vs. City Administrator/Council cities in the survey and would like to see that research; he also clarified since it was not stated directly, this discussion included increasing Mayor Eidingers salary.

Assistant City Administrator Gray discussed the process as being an elected official and falling under the Salary Commission, he noted for transparency, he is staying out of the process when it comes to the Mayor's salary, but did note that a discussion should occur between one or two of the Councilmembers with Mayor Eiding on the Mayor's thought of an increase in his salary. He commented on the Mayors duties and the roles that he has performed since the change of government and how he is actively participating in the daily functions of the City as a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Deputy Mayor Christopherson noted when the change of government occurred; he personally did not realize how much time Mayor Eiding would be spending at the City and noted he is happy to say that every time he comes in to City Hall the Mayor is in and stated he is embracing the roll. He stated that the Mayor is doing the job the citizens voted him in to do and is very interested in getting together publicly as Council and coming up with a salary for the Mayor; He noted that he knows the Mayor works 40 or more hours a week, and felt the Mayor was well deserved of a pay increase and it should be looked in to.

Discussion took place regarding finding a salary sheet that was provided in the recent past meeting and wanting to look at that again along with more research on other "Strong Mayor" city's using this Commission and the amounts.

Council action: Deputy Mayor Christopherson will discuss this topic with the Mayor in more detail regarding the Mayors salary with consensus from Council to move this item forward with the City Attorney to talk about an increase in the Mayors salary and a Salary Commission.

E. Other Council Issues.

Councilmember Meyers discussed aerial view photos done by his drone if the City is interested.

Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray reported on the RFP that is out regarding refinancing the Bond; and he received a proposal today with a 2.015% interest rate.

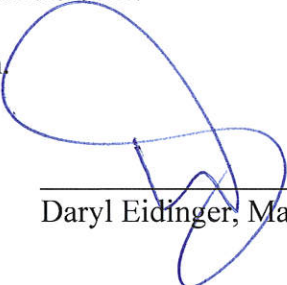
Deputy Mayor Christopherson noted the Bank of America Shredding Event held last Saturday was a huge success, and they collected 3 tons (6,000 lbs.) of paper.

F. ADJOURN

Mayor Eiding adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.



Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk



Daryl Eiding, Mayor