



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

Tues., November 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

ORIGINAL

1.  CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Mayor Eidinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Deputy Mayor Steve Cope, Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Councilmember Tyron Christopherson.

Excused: Councilmember Stephanie Shook.

Staff Present: City Manager Mark Bauer, Assistant City Manager Eric Phillips, Interim Finance Director Becky Hasart, Acting City Clerk Jane Montgomery, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

City Manager Bauer asked to have item #2 D (Forms of Government) moved up in the agenda to item # A.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion- Forms of Government

City Manager Bauer discussed the agenda item. He informed Council that a Mayor would be in place either in April or August of 2015. City Manager Bauer shared the following:

- The current Mayor stays in place until a new Mayor is seated.
- There is no mandatory recount for propositions in the ballot process.
- A recount may be called by five citizens of Edgewood who would have to be willing to pay the cost.
- There were 3,900 ballots cast.
- The election will be certified on the 25th of November, 2014.
- The cost for the election could run as high as \$15,000.

Discussion continued between City Manager Bauer and the Council. Council had questions/comments regarding:

- The way the ballot title was written.
- The role of a strong Mayor.
- Cost to the City due to the change in government.
- Salary for the new Mayor.
- Analysis of current Council salaries.

Mr. Dale Overfield , a citizen of Edgewood, made comments regarding a challenge to the wording of the proposition and the timing of a primary election.

City Manager Bauer introduced Sarah Larson to Council. Sarah is a 10th grader at Puyallup High School who lives in the City of Edgewood. She has a senior project requirement to put in 20 hours of service at a public organization. Sarah has chosen the City of Edgewood and she will be working with the administrative staff.

B. Overview of 2014 Budget Amendments & Year-end Close Out Process.

Finance Director Hasart, briefed the Council on the agenda item. She reviewed the amended funds. There will be a first reading of an ordinance on the budget amendments next week.

There was additional discussion between Council and Director Hasart.

C. 2015 Budget Review

Interim Finance Director Hasart briefed the Council on the agenda item. She handed out a new sheet on the personnel complement, a sheet on the Meridian Avenue Corridor completion, and revised sheets 72 and 73 of the CIP. Councilmember O'Ravez asked to see the wages per position. Director Hasart explained the salary ranges from 2008 to the present.

Deputy Mayor Cope asked to see all salary increases over the last five years. Director Hasart will provide the requested information. Deputy Mayor Cope and Councilmember O'Ravez expressed concerns about the ¼ % fee for the LID loan. The Council may revisit the issue at the end of the year. There was additional discussion between Staff and Council.

D. Accessory Dwelling Units.


Assistant City Manager Phillips handed out a staff report on accessory dwelling units and briefed the Council on the agenda item.

- A historical review of the current Development code.
- In 2008 the Planning Commission reviewed accessory dwelling units and they discouraged allowing them.
- The Current Development Plan encourages accessory dwelling units but changes will need to be made to the current code. The code amendment process takes about 4 months at a minimum.
- Policies will be corrected first.

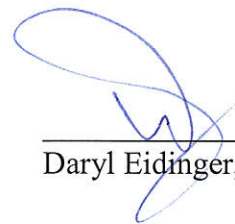
Councilmember Meyers expressed concerns about theft from mail boxes. Chief Knutson responded and gave some tips on what thieves look for, and recent thefts from homes where packages were dropped off by FedEx drivers.

3. ADJOURN

Mayor Eiding adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.



Jane Montgomery, Acting City Clerk



Daryl Eiding, Mayor