



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

Tues., January 21, 2014 – 6:30 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Councilmember Crowley led attendees in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Mark Bauer, Assistant City Manager/Municipal Services Eric Phillips, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Debbie Zabell, Police Chief Ed Knutson, Sr. Planner Kevin Stender

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. **AB 14-0413, first, second reading and adoption of Ordinance No.14-0413, repealing Ordinance No.13-0401, eliminating the City's previously-enacted utility tax and directing a refund of the tax revenues, if any, collected thereunder.**

City Manager Bauer briefed Council on the item noting the intent of the utility tax was for the purpose of hiring two police officers and one police office-specialist. He further noted staff met with a citizen intending to file a referendum and provided the citizen with written material on the requirements for filing a referendum. City Manager Bauer explained the required information was never submitted to the City, but rather the City received a petition, in the mail, addressed to current occupant. The petition received contained some of the elements of a referendum petition, however the required process was not followed which would have included the assignment of a valid ballot title, reference number and would begin the thirty day timeframe begins. He further explained the citizen submitted a number petitions which staff forwarded to Pierce County Records and Elections for authentication; and that the City maintained that the referendum was not valid and continued on with the utility tax. City Manager Bauer noted the citizen filed a claim against the City, requiring the City to forward the issue to the voters. The Court signed the Order directing the City to do so or appear in Court to explain the City's position. Subsequent to that, staff has prepared an ordinance that would eliminate the previously enacted utility tax.

**Motion:** As read, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilmember Crowley, **Seconded by** Councilmember O'Ravez.

Council discussed the item.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilmember Christopherson, Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Shook, Councilmember Crowley, Mayor Eidinger, Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Deputy Mayor Cope.

**COUNCIMEMBER COMMENTS**

No Council comments

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

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Debbie Zabell, City Clerk

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Daryl Eidinger, Mayor