

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

March 8, 2016

The Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Kristiana Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Thomas Mesaros, Council President Pro Tem
Michael Nelson, Councilmember
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember
Diane Buckshnis, Councilmember
Dave Teitzel, Councilmember
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Dave Earling, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT

N. Haughian, Police Officer
Jim Lawless, Assistant Police Chief
Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Carrie Hite, Parks, Rec. & Cult. Serv. Dir.
Patrick Doherty, Econ. Dev & Comm. Serv. Dir.
Frances Chapin, Arts & Culture Program Mgr.
Rob English, City Engineer
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Scott Passey, City Clerk
Jerrie Bevington, Camera Operator
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Scott Passey called the roll. All elected officials were present with the exception of Mayor Earling.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TEITZEL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER FRALEY-MONILLAS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BUCKSHNIS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

- A. APPROVAL OF DRAFT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2016**
- B. APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECKS #218797 THROUGH #218870 DATED MARCH 3, 2016 FOR \$296,571.43. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT AND CHECKS #62087 THROUGH #62095 FOR \$496,996.00, BENEFIT CHECKS #62096 THROUGH #62103 AND WIRE PAYMENTS OF \$467,295.33 FOR THE PAY PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2016**
- C. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN 2016 TOURISM PROMOTION AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED BY EDMONDS ARTS COMMISSION**

D. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN PUD UTILITY EASEMENTS FROM EDMONDS-WOODWAY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 76TH AVE AT 212TH STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Darrol Haug, Edmonds, congratulated the Council on an excellent 1½ day retreat where Council and staff worked on important items. Unfortunately the public was not well represented at the retreat other he and two other citizens. He urged citizens to review the retreat packet and minutes. He has attended eight retreats and has always found them interesting and informative. This year's retreat was the first time public comment was not on the agenda but it was easy to speak with Councilmembers individually. He congratulated the Council on the formation of new nine-member Citizens Economic Development Commission who will provide the Council quick and fresh input on a number of issues facing Edmonds as well as serve as a sounding board for Council and staff questions. While other commissions have detailed work to accomplish, the EDC is uniquely positioned to work as a think tank and provide Council and staff ideas and suggestions for economic development especially those that lead to revenues for the City which reduce the pressure on taxes and fees. Council established its priorities by having Council and staff weigh in on 42 suggested items; the 8 that received the most votes will be reported in the minutes. The former EDC produced a list of action items and some are the same as the Council's action items. Many of the items are part of the Strategic Action Plan that represented the input of more than 2500 voters. He also thanked the Council for extending the application period for the EDC; he was hopeful the EDC would have an opportunity to gather input from the applicants not selected for the EDC.

5. STUDY ITEMS

A. AMENDMENT TO ECC 5.34.010 ADOPTING RCW 9.61.260 (CYBERSTALKING) BY REFERENCE

Assistant Police Chief Jim Lawless reported this code, related to assault and crimes against persons, was last amended in 1993. As a result of a case several weeks ago, it came to staff's attention that the RCW regarding cyberstalking, created by the legislature in 2004, had not been adopted into City code and could not be cited in Edmonds Municipal Court and would require taking the case to South District Court. The purpose of the amendment is to adopt by reference RCW 9.61.260, Cyberstalking, into the Edmonds code.

Councilmember Buckshnis commented there were are aspects to cyberstalking and asked whether definitions will be included in the code. ACOP Lawless answered not in the ECC; the majority of code that the police department enforces adopts RCW and/or WAC by reference. This only addresses misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor complaints.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas was hopeful this would help the courts and police department to address the criminal behavior of cyberstalking in the City which has been and will continue to be an issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson cited an recent article regarding cyberstalking that stated 12.5% of 10th and 12th graders are victims of cyberstalking. Symptoms include a child who stops looking at their electronic devices or stops participating in activities; it is often a silent crime that parents are not aware of. Students are encouraged to speak to an adult and to collect evidence so this crime can be addressed.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule this item on the Consent Agenda.

B. 2016 SPECIAL EVENT CONTRACTS

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite reviewed changes to the annual special events contracts:

- Garden Market moving to Bell Street in anticipation of construction of the Veterans Plaza
- Classic Car Show expanding from 5th Avenue South on Dayton just past 529 Dayton

Councilmember Teitzel referred Section 1.10 of the Taste contract that states the City has the right to check the noise level of any amplified sound equipment or other source and require that the volume be reduced if it exceeds the safety limits recommended by the Seattle King County Department of Health or a level set forth in the ordinance of the City of Edmonds. He recalled several citizens' comments about noise from the Beer Garden and asked who checks the noise levels. Ms. Hite responded that is the police department's responsibility. The City charges the Chamber with checking the noise level; police will respond by complaint only. The Chamber uses a decibel meter to check the noise level through the event.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule this item on next week's Consent Agenda.

C. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION ALLOWING SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PREPARE A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF EDMONDS

City Engineer Rob English explained the last plan, approved in October 2009, was prepared by Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA). The City has transitioned to Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management who will be the lead agency in preparing a Hazard Mitigation Plan and 32 other jurisdictions. The resolution authorizes Snohomish County to prepare the plan on Edmonds' behalf. The schedule calls for having a draft plan available by May for a public hearing. The plan then goes to the State for a 30 day review, a 45 day review by FEMA and back to the Council in August for adoption.

Councilmember Nelson asked how long the plan will be in effect. Mr. English answered five years.

Council President Pro Tem Mesaros asked if Mr. English was responsible for ensuring the plan was carried out during an emergency. Mr. English answered it is a team effort; Public Works is the lead. A kick-off meeting was held last week with department heads and Snohomish County DEM staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked whether this plan was coordinated with the Disaster Management Plan. Public Works Director Phil Williams answered yes.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule approval of the resolution on next week's Consent Agenda.

D. REPORT OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE CITY PARK SPRAYPARK AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT

City Engineer Rob English explained the project was awarded April 2015; work began in May 2015 and continued through the summer and reached substantial completion in October 2015. The final construction cost paid to the contractor was approximately \$785,000 which was within the awarded budget and the management reserve authorized by Council. Funding for the project was from an RCO grant and the Hazel Miller Foundation as well as a donation from Snohomish County. The project was a team effort between Parks and Public Works Departments. He recognize Henry Schroeder, the project manager, and Rich Lindsay, who together did a fabulous job managing construction, inspection and administration of the project.

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite acknowledged Public Works staff and the Engineering Division who did an excellent job overseeing construction of the project. It was a very technically difficult

construction project and included changing the landscape architect and the project design. She was happy to report the project was under budget. A ribbon cutting for the spray park is planned the week before Memorial Day, possibly Wednesday or Thursday after school.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas commented many residents are looking forward to having this great spray park in the City.

Councilmember Buckshnis recalled spending many hours in committee meetings discussing the spray pad project.

Councilmember Nelson congratulated staff on the project and looked forward to participating with his sons.

Councilmember Tibbott offered his congratulations. He asked how the equipment will perform. Ms. Hite answered fabulously. During a run through, the equipment operated very well; the last punch list was completed in December. Councilmember Tibbott asked how the equipment will be preserved over the winter. Ms. Hite answered it was not done this winter but staff will be able to remove most of the spray pad components to winterize then; the pad will remain open. Site Workshop, who prepared the design, included rounded metal edges on the raised bed cement pour objects so skateboarders could use it in the winter. Only the super soaker budget is not removable due to its weight and size.

Ms. Hite relayed the City received a great deal of grant funds for the project. She acknowledged the Hazel Miller Foundation who provided a \$280,000 grant that helped significantly with the spray pad. The spray pad will be called the Hazel Miller Spray Pad.

E. PHASE 5 ENERGY PROJECT - SOLIDS PROCESSING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Public Works Director Phil Williams introduced Andrew Schmidt and Bruce Poland, Ameresco. Mr. Williams described:

- Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC)
 - An ESPC is a contract between an energy services company (ESCO) and the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) under which DES:
 - Prequalifies firms wishing to participate in the ESPC program as an ESCO
 - Manages the contracting process, and
 - Enforces contract provisions
- The ESCO:
 - Performs detailed energy audits
 - Identifies energy and operational savings opportunity
 - Designs infrastructure improvements that reduce resource consumption
 - Causes the improvements to be implemented as the general contract, and
 - Guarantees not to exceed cost, performance and energy savings
- Energy performance contracting benefits
 - ESPC's shift project risk from the customer to the ESCO
 - ESCO guarantees the construction cost and responsible for cost overruns
 - ESCO guarantees energy savings and reimburses owner for shortfall
 - ESCO provides annual measurement and verification of resource savings
 - ESPCs provide single source accountability and enhance customer control of equipment and subcontractor selection
 - ESPCs reduce future energy costs and use the savings to pay for infrastructure improvements implemented today

Mr. Williams reviewed previous successes:

- Phase 1 HVAC at City Hall, Library and Public Safety buildings
- Phase 2 Lighting and water conservation
- Phase 3 citywide projects: HVAC, lighting, building controls
- Phase 4 WWTP project to be completed summer 2016
 - Saves 250,097 KWh and 9,823 therms - \$229,187/year
 - Electrical energy savings equivalent to powering 20 Snohomish County homes
 - Project has a simple payback of 13.7 years
 - Carbon footprint reduction of 174 tons/year

Mr. Williams displayed and reviewed a flowchart of the wastewater treatment plant, identifying the solids processing equipment to be replaced. He explained this project will save energy due to the use of new technology that is far more energy efficient and will replace equipment that needs to be replaced anyway.

Mr. Williams reviewed the Phase 5 project capital improvement request:

- 2500 lb/hr screw presses
- New conveyor and increased solids storage hopper
- Heat recovery system
- New 125 HP blower and actuators to better control and optimize the aeration system.
- Total estimated electrical savings of 541,208 kWh - \$36,581/year
- Total estimated savings of diesel fuel – 24,383 gallons - \$70,468/year
- Operation and maintenance savings - \$26,161
- Total estimated savings of \$133,210/year
- 1,072,152 lbs CO2 reduction – 536 tons
- The project has a simple payback of 27 years
- Project cost:

○ Total guaranteed project price	\$3,700,061
○ Less SnoPUD energy incentive (est)	<u>\$108,242</u>
○	\$3,591,819
○ WWTP Partners Balance	\$1,759,184
○ Edmonds responsibility (from 2016 & 2017 CIP budget	\$1,815,449

He displayed photographs of:

- Belt filter press installed 1988
- Very limited access for personnel
- Hopper needs to be enlarged and lined
- Old inefficient blower
- New efficient blower

He provided details of Phase 5:

- Install screw press dewatering system
- Closed system simplifies four air handling
- Uses less spray and washdown water, reduces recycle flow and pumping costs
- Better solids capture reduced secondary retreatment
- Produces drier biosolids for downstream processing
- Saves electrical energy
- Scalable

With regard to future possibilities, Mr. Williams explained this phase of energy work will focus on the sewage sludge incinerator efficiency. Gasification systems and/or other new technology that would enable

heat recovery and utilization, lower costs and reduce our environmental footprint will be evaluated as Phase 6.

Next steps:

- Department of Enterprise Services
 - Initiates ESP contract and monitors progress and deliverable
- Ameresco
 - Initiates design/construction – phase 5 solids upgrade project
 - Install 125 HP blower and all new control valves in 2016
 - Complete all sewer press sludge storage and conveyance by October 2017
 - Continue research and proposal for potential gasification project in the future
- City of Edmonds
 - Manages projects on-site, continues with strategic improvements designed to improve plant performance and reliability, reduce cost of operation and reduce environmental impact

He requested the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents with DES for \$3,700,416 and approve the request to authorize City Wastewater funds for Phase 5 solids upgrade project.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked staff to include the PowerPoint in next week's packet. Due to the size of the project, she requested approval be scheduled as an agenda item so that the public can comment on it. She asked about the timing of the gasification system for phase 6 and what equipment would be replaced. **Bruce Poland, Ameresco**, answered gasification was at least a couple years out. It is a newer technology; the existing incinerator is old, when gasified, it is not rated as an incinerator because the emissions are so low. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson clarified the incineration was not being changed at this time, just what goes to the incinerator. Mr. Poland agreed.

Council President Pro Tem Mesaros commented it was good save money and equally as good to reduce the carbon footprint. He assumed gasification would further reduce the carbon footprint. Mr. Poland answered the challenge with Edmonds' treatment plant is everything must fit within the plant. Gasification fits, it's super clean but he was not sure it changed the carbon footprint a lot.

Councilmember Nelson asked how something was clean but did not reduce the carbon footprint. Mr. Poland answered when incinerating or gasifying, the carbon is burned with oxygen. Incineration occurs at a high temperature, gasification is a different process and mercury actually stays in ash but at such a small percentage it is not a problem. Councilmember Nelson asked whether air quality would be improved. Mr. Poland answered yes.

Councilmember Nelson asked how all the energy savings would be accomplished in Phase 5. Mr. Poland answered the old centrifugal blower runs inefficiently in a narrow range. The new hybrid screw blower can be turned down; the old blower allows a 20% turndown, to produce 80% of its full energy, it uses 80% of the energy. The speed on the new blower can be varied to meet the need which produces energy savings.

Councilmember Teitzel relayed his understanding the City's system discharges effluent into Puget Sound after going through secondary treatment. He asked whether any communities on Puget Sound use tertiary treatment to improve the quality of the effluent. Mr. Williams answered tertiary treatment is typically nutrient removal, either adding something that would coagulate and draw phosphorous out of the effluent or nitrify the effluent to remove nitrogen. In the case of Puget Sound saltwater environment, nitrogen is the nutrient in the least supply to support biological growth so most of the strategies for Puget Sound have focused on which treatment plants need to do nitrification; it is generally thought not to be necessary for Edmonds. The worst water quality problems are at the south end of Puget Sound where circulation is

poor; plants in the Olympia and Tacoma area are higher on Ecology's list for those types of improvements. There are other methods such as sand filter to remove particulate but he did not see that happening at the Edmonds plant and it would be very difficult to do on the current site due to space constraints.

With regard to the energy reductions, Mr. Williams explained the previous phase, modifying the aeration basins and installing new plumbing and diffusers which produce much smaller bubbles so the transfer of oxygen from the air to the surrounding water is much larger and more efficient which requires less horsepower.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson how new Councilmembers can get a tour of the treatment plant. Mr. Williams answered anyone interested in touring the treatment plan can contact the City to arrange it.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas commented it is important to understand treatment plan and she encouraged Councilmembers to schedule a tour.

F. PRESENTATION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OLYMPIC VIEW WATER & SEWER DISTRICT TO FUND GRIND AND OVERLAY OF 102ND AVE FROM JUST SOUTH OF 238TH ST. TO THE SOUTH END OF THE CUL-DE-SAC

City Engineer Rob English explained Olympic View Water and Sewer District's (OVWSD) work required a half width overlay of 102nd. After working with OVWSD. it was decided to consolidate the work into one grind and overlay. The initial proposal from OVWSD's contractor was approximately \$45,000. With tax and 25% contingency, and material testing, Edmonds' cost will be approximately \$33,000 which would be paid from the overlay budget. Once the interlocal agreement is approved, staff will authorize OVWSD to proceed. He reviewed minor edits to the contract:

- Include inspection costs
- Correct OVWSD's mailing address

Council President Pro Tem Mesaros asked the total cost of the project. Mr. English answered the proposal before taxes, contingency and material testing was \$45,000; that is split with OVWSD and with the addition of tax, contingency and tax material, Edmonds' portion is approximately \$33,000.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule this on next week's Consent Agenda.

G. AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN DEED OF RIGHT FOR CIVIC FIELD

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite explained the City purchased Civic Field for \$1.9 million; \$1.5 million was covered by grants including a \$1 million grant from the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) and the State who require a Deed of Right for the portion of the property they helped purchase to ensure the land is kept as a park for passive and active recreation in perpetuity which limits the City's ability to do anything with property. The entire property is approximately 8 acres; due diligence revealed Sprague and Edmonds Streets were never official vacated. The City negotiated with Edmonds School District the purchase of 6.24 acres and with RCO to concentrate the 6.24 acres into a contiguous plot and concentrate the acreage of the unvacated streets in the northwest portion of the property so the City would have some flexibility on that portion of the property. She was hopeful it would be part of the Civic Field master plan but could also accommodate the Boys & Girls Club in the future, a parking lot, etc.

Ms. Hite explained the Council previously approved a conservation easement from Snohomish County as Snohomish County Futures provided \$500,000 for the purchase. That easement is on the Snohomish County Council agenda for next Wednesday night; once approved, the conservation easement will be

recorded with Snohomish County. The State already signed the conservation easement and is awaiting Mayor Earling's signature so the City can record it.

Councilmember Nelson commended Ms. Hite and staff for doing the due diligence and saving the City 1.6 acres in costs for a park; the City acquired an 8 acre park but only paid for 6.24 acres.

Councilmember Teitzel referred to IV.B in the agreement regarding what can be done with the protected property, specifically, "Active recreational improvements are prohibited. Such improvements include, but are not limited to ball fields, use by motorized vehicles, swimming pools, and recreational centers." He asked what was included in the definition of a ball field. Ms. Hite asked if he was reading from the RCO Deed of Right or the Snohomish County conservation easement. Councilmember Teitzel advised it was page 223 of the packet. Ms. Hite believed that was the Snohomish County conservation easement. The RCO Deed of Right is more flexible than the Snohomish County conservation easement. RCO Deed of Right allows for passive and active recreation, just not any buildings, structures, parking lots, etc. A building could be added to the portion of the property that is not restricted. The Snohomish County Conservation Futures easement the Council approved previously allows current uses; the existing field is currently used for peewee soccer and they will continue to allow that. It would not allow more than 10% impervious surface; the language was revised so that it a trail/path around Civic Field would not count.

City Attorney Jeff Taraday advised the conservation easement in the packet is an exhibit to the interlocal agreement that was signed a couple years ago. Revised language was negotiated in the Snohomish County conservation easement currently before the Snohomish County Council that did not include the words "ball fields." Ms. Hite advised the Snohomish County conservation easement is included in the packet as Amendment 2. She recalled approval of the conservation easement was delayed pending negotiation of the language with Snohomish County.

Councilmember Teitzel asked if any of the restrictions would prohibit the City from installing artificial turf and crumb rubber on the site and whether natural grass would be required. Ms. Hite answered yes, it is considered open space/green space and synthetic turf would not be allowed.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked if there was a physical easement or only contractual. Ms. Hite answered the easement will be recorded on the title. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked if there was a physical space associated with the easement. Ms. Hite answered the physical space is 6.24 acres of the 8-acre property.

Councilmember Teitzel observed the existing Boys & Girls Club is not included in the protected 6.24 acres. Ms. Hite answered it is not currently situated on the diagram; the City could work with the Boys & Girls Club if they ever wanted to rebuild and the City wanted to enter into an agreement to rebuild on the site, to use the 2 acres in the northwest corner of the 8-acre parcel. Councilmember Teitzel relayed his understanding that potentially a new Boys & Girls Club structure could be developed to the north of the existing structure and the existing building could be repurposed if the City chose. Ms. Hite agreed.

Ms. Hite recommended Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Deed of Right be forwarded to the Consent Agenda.

H. EDMONDS AND SPRAGUE STREET VACATIONS

Parks & Recreation Director Carrie Hite relayed this is a request to start the official process of vacating the streets via resolution. If the streets had been vacated when Edmonds School District owned the property, the land would have been in District ownership. The process for street vacation requires holding a public hearing no less than 20 days and no more than 60 days from the date the resolution is adopted. She recommended scheduling adoption of the resolution next week on the Consent Agenda and holding a public hearing on April 5.

City Attorney Jeff Taraday advised the resolution in the Council packet is to begin the street vacation process and set the public hearing. It does not impact the merits or final decision regarding the street vacation. Ms. Hite relayed there will also be utility easements where the streets are but that does not affect any of the RCO or Conservation Futures restrictions.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked if there were any known utilities under the streets. Ms. Hite answered there are.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the resolution on next week's Consent Agenda.

I. LAKE BALLINGER ACCESS PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Parks & Recreation Carrie Hite recommended the City purchase these two lots that are owned by Snohomish County. Snohomish County's real estate office requests for authorization for funding and the Mayor's signature on the deeds in order to transfer property. She provided a map of the Lake Ballinger access at the end of McAleer Way, a hand launch boat ramp. The City already maintains the boat ramp and it is listed in the City's Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. She thought the City owned the property. After receiving a private offer on the property, Snohomish County wanted to give the City first right of refusal. During executive session, the Council expressed interest in purchasing the parcels. The total cost is 1,669.34. She recommended authorization for the Mayor to sign the deeds be scheduled on next week's Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas commented this is in her neighborhood; it is not only a hand boat launch but also a fishing area. A number of fishing tournaments have been held in that location and it is also the closest access to the island in Lake Ballinger. She agreed with the City's purchase of the property and did not realize the City did not already own it as it was maintained by the City. Ms. Hite displayed a page from the PROS Plan that identifies it as a special use park owned by the City with park features that the City maintains.

Councilmember Teitzel commented \$1,600 seems like a very low price, especially for property on the water. He asked the assessed value of the property. Ms. Hite answered that is the assessed value; often the Assessor's Office does not update the value of properties that are tax exempt. For example the assessed value of the City's waterfront park property is very low compared to private waterfront properties.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule this on next week's Consent Agenda.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson announced her appointment of Mary Monroe to the Citizens Economic Development Commission (CEDC), Position #2, term expiring March 31, 2018.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Pro Tem Mesaros announced his appointment of Dr. Mathew Waldron to Position #7 on the CEDC, term expiring March 31, 2019.

Councilmember Tibbott announced his appointment of Darrol Haug to CEDC Position #8, term expiring March 31, 2019. Councilmember Tibbott commented the recent Council retreat was a great opportunity to get to know Councilmembers as well as staff on a less formal basis. The City has a great staff and Council; he enjoyed the time they had working together and he looked forward to great, productive years together. He thanked Council President Johnson for organizing a great retreat.

Councilmember Teitzel announced his appointment of Jamie Reece to CEDC Position #6, term expiring March 31, 2019. Mr. Reece has a strong background in business, marketing, and real estate, has been a long time Edmonds resident and will be a great addition to the CEDC.

Councilmember Teitzel echoed Councilmember Tibbott's comments about the retreat and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Haug's comments. He found getting to know Councilmember better as well as interacting with staff on a personal level worthwhile. He thanked Council President Johnson for the well-organized retreat.

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas announced her appointment of Dr. Aseem Prakash to the CEDC for a term expiring March 31, 2018. She thanked Council President Johnson for the enjoyable 1½ day retreat where Councilmembers and staff got to know each other better.

Councilmember Nelson announced his appointment of Stephen Clifton to the CEDC, remarking he could think of no citizen more suited to this position, having served the City for over 14 years, working closely with the community, and his breadth and depth of experience. He will be an asset to the commission and he looked forward to working with him. He thanked Council President Johnson for the organized, structured and fulfilling Council retreat.

Councilmember Buckshnis announced her appointment of Nicole Hughes to Position #5, term expiring March 31, 2019. Ms. Hughes is a software engineer who has fresh ideas, is youthful and will be a great representative on the CEDC.

Councilmember Buckshnis announced the Edmonds Tree Board is presenting The Seven Myths of Site, Selection and Care of Trees by Cass Turnbull on Thursday May 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Ms. Turnbull is a well-known and popular speaker, author and teacher. She is a Washington State Certified Landscaper, a Certified Arborist and Master Gardner and founder of Plant Amnesty. The free presentation will be videoed and refreshments will be provided.

Councilmember Buckshnis thanked Council President Johnson, Council Assistant Sandy Chase and Camera Operator Jerrie Bevington for their work on the retreat. The retreat was great fun, fun the Council has needed for a couple years.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson said she promised Councilmembers they would have fun and learn a little at the retreat. She expressed appreciation to staff that were present both days.

8. **CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

This item was not needed.

9. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. POTENTIAL ACTION AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This item was not needed.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.