



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Via Zoom Teleconference

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Ben Giant
Jason Hartmann
David Lindley
Ashley Post
Jim Ransier

Staff Present:

Marla Keethler, Mayor
Pat Munyan, City Administrator
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Russ Avery, Public Works Operations
Manager
Mike Hepner, Police Chief
Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Marla Keethler, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were approximately 15 members of the public in attendance via teleconference.

II. Changes to the Agenda

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer requested that Items J and K be removed from the Consent Agenda and that items B, C. and D. be removed from the Business Items. She said these will be presented at the January 19 city council meeting.

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to remove items J. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2021 and K. Approval of Meeting Minutes December 15, 2021 from the Consent Agenda and remove items B. Collectively Bargained Agreement, Police Department, C. Collectively Bargained Agreement, Municipal Employees and D. Resolution 2022-01-533, Adopting salary Matrix for 2022. CARRIED 5-0.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Water Vendor Agreement with Washington Gorge Action Program, Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)
- B. Subscriber Agreement, Public Safety Testing 2022-2024 (\$552 annually with annual increase of 3%)
- C. Agreement for Incarceration of City Prisoners (2021-2022, \$13,000 per year)
- D. Public Works Contract Change Order, Klickitat Tree – Increasing Amount by \$7,525 and Extending Contract Date to March 31, 2022
- E. Resolution 2022-01-534, Authorizing Childcare Stipend for Volunteer Members of City Public Bodies

- F. Memorandum of Understanding, Bingen-White Salmon Police Department and Comprehensive Healthcare and Business Associate/Qualified Organization Agreement
- G. Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2021
- H. Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 29, 2021
- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2021
- ~~J. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2021 (REMOVED)~~
- ~~K. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2021 (REMOVED)~~
- L. Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 5th day of January 2022.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	12/30/2021	37693	37730	271,005.60
	1/5/2022	37731	37742	192,392.27
			Claims Total	463,397.87
Payroll	12/20/2021	EFT	EFT	73,577.07
	12/20/2021	37674	37681	2,945.34
	1/5/2022	EFT	EFT	116,263.96
	1/5/2022	37691	37692	787.70
			Payroll Total	193,574.07
Manual Claims	12/22/2021	37682	37685	2,569.10
	12/28/2021	37686	37690	12,045.68
	12/31/2021	EFT	EFT	8,180.10
			Manual Total	22,794.88
			Total All Vouchers	679,766.82

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jim Ransier.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0.

- IV. **Public Comment**
There was no general public comment.

V. **Presentations**

- A. **Gorge Pass**
Kathy Fitzpatrick, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District; Sharon Carter, Mt. Adams Transportation Services; Patty Fink, Columbia Area Transit made a presentation

about the newly developed Gorge Pass which allows residents to access transit on both sides of the river and to travel into Portland.

VI. Business Items

A. Proposed Amendments to White Salmon Municipal Codes Related to Short-term Rentals

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner provided an overview of the process to date to update the city's short-term rental codes and identified the meetings and public hearings held with the planning commission and city council. He said tonight the city council is holding a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Title 17 Zoning related to short-term rentals and to WSMC 5.02. Conboy said the council can make recommendations to the city council to prepare ordinances for adoption on February 2. Conboy said the ordinance amendments must also go through the State Environmental Protection Act process. He noted that an ordinance providing for a six-month extension of the short-term rental moratorium will be presented at the next city council member in order that the council can complete the ordinance amendment process.

Jim Ransier, Council Member thanked Conboy for including the feedback and that the simplified comparison was very useful.

Ashley Post, City Council Member asked if the extension of the moratorium would be for a full six months.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said state statute requires that the extension be for a minimum of six months, but the city council can it end sooner.

WSMC 5.02 Short-term Rentals

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said a definition of "queue" has been added to the proposed amendments. He reviewed the proposed definition.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said there had been some discussion about when to enter the queue and was wondering if that was defined in the definition or somewhere else in the codes.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that he believes it is identified elsewhere but will include a cross reference.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if there would be separate queues for hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals. He said he does not think the council discussed whether there should be separate permits for hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that the city got rid of the percentage split between hosted homeshares and vacation rentals and therefore there are not two queues.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if a property owner would be permitting a hosted homeshare or a vacation home rental.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that the rules are the same for hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals but you have to choose one or the other.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said he is worried about trying to create two sets of rules. He said the distinction needs to be made clear.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said that under the current proposed rules an applicant would identify whether they are applying for a hosted homeshare – a part of the main home or the use of an accessory dwelling unit or a vacation home rental – the rental of the entire home. She said a vacation home rental is limited to a certain number of nights per year and the hosted homeshare has unlimited nights for rental. Brending said the permit issued would identify the property as a hosted homeshare or a vacation home rental and would note any limitations.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if there are any concerns in that process.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said that is why the city has purchased tracking software.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if the tracking software will be able to make the distinction.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said yes.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said that then means there is one queue or are two queues needed to keep track of the two types.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said just one because the city is not distinguishing between the two types for the total number of permits to be issued. He said this would apply in residential zones.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if there would be a separate queue for commercial zones due to 30% of residential units.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said not necessarily because the 30% of residential units applies to the units on a given property not all residential units within the commercial zones.

Marla Keethler, Mayor noted that council members can come back to any of the sections if the public comments raise questions or concerns.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer suggested adding the language that the queue applies to hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals in residential zones.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said the council can talk about the fee schedule at a different meeting if the city council wants to. He reviewed the exemption process for a legacy permit holder.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said there are a number of short-term rental permits in 2021 but a certain number of them were fully permitted prior to the moratorium and then a certain number of them were issued during the amnesty period of the moratorium. She said it was her understanding the legacy short-term rentals were those that were in existence prior to the moratorium. Brending said that comes from a discussion back in December.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that if someone came in legally during the amnesty period than they should be considered a legacy also.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said he is supportive of that.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if they were issued a permit.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said yes.

Ashley Post, Council Member and David Lindley, Council Member said they are both supportive of all 2021 permit holders becoming a legacy.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said the “legacy” should be added to the definition section.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said he can do that.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said the public hearing deals with four sections related to Title 17 Zoning. He reviewed the proposed amendments.

WSMC 17.08 Definitions

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said he will add a note to add the definition of “legacy short-term rental” to the definitions. He said he added a clarifying sentence to the definition of “dwelling unit” noting that the definition of “dwelling units” in WSMC 5.02 is different than this definition. Conboy said a definition of hosted homeshare was added.

Ben Giant, Council Member asked if legacy does not distinguish between owner-occupied and second-home owner.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said it does not. He said it applies to anyone that held a permit in 2021.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said there are a number of short-term rentals in the commercial zones that were permitted as outright use and they are vested and the 10-year limitation does not apply. He said that if you had a commercial operation and you applied for a commercial use cannot take away the vested right.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said vesting applies to the land use codes in affect at the time an approved building code permit or approved land use decision was made. He said they are entitled to having the laws apply at the time the building permit application or land use application was submitted. Woodrich said the short-term rental permit has to be part of the building permit or land use application and decision.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said the definition was clarified to include hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals.

Marla Keethler, Mayor asked if the definition needs to address short-term rentals in the commercial zones.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said the word “residential” should be removed because it adds confusion.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said the wording might need to be slightly refined to address all three variations of short-term rentals including those in commercial zones.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer suggested eliminating “residence owner” and use “property owner.”

David Lindley, Council Member asked if there is a third use related to commercial zones because the use in a commercial zone is not a hosted home share or vacation home rental.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that in a commercial zone it makes more sense to just issue a short-term rental, i.e. it would not be a hosted homeshare or a vacation home rental. He said to include the term “short-term rental” as one of the lodging uses.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer suggested use the wording “Short-term rental means a lodging use per Chapter 5.02 and Chapter 17.57 that is not a hotel or more or bed and breakfast....”

There was consensus to use that language.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said is the words “or operator” being left in or deleted.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said the words should be left in because the operator could be making the application for the property owner.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner reviewed the definition for vacation home rental.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if it should include the wording “in a residential zone.”

Marla Keether, Mayor said it appears to clarify it.

Ben Giant, Council Member said he does not see the harm in adding it and it provides more clarity.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said that a hosted homeshare includes accessory dwelling units. He asked if a vacation home rental that has an accessory dwelling unit also. Ransier asked if the accessory dwelling unit could not be rented or could it be included.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that he believes that the proposed code only allows the property owner to get one permit but the vacation home rental could include the accessory dwelling unit.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that a property owner with an accessory dwelling unit will have to make the decision to apply for a hosted homeshare and identify whether they want to rent out a portion of their home or the accessory dwelling unit or apply for a vacation home rental to rent out the entire house and occupy the accessory dwelling unit while renting out the house.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that the property owner who applied for a vacation home rental could also put more people in the accessory dwelling unit if they wanted to. He asked if the city care or not.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer asked a clarifying question that if a property owner owned a home that also had an accessory dwelling unit. She asked if a property owner chose to do a vacation home rental would it include both the main home and the accessory dwelling unit.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that a property owner has to choose either a hosted homeshare or vacation home rental permit.

Ashley Post, Council Member said that she thought if a property owner was selecting a vacation home rental, they could do both together but could not have two separate permits, i.e. that the accessory dwelling unit would be part of the main home rental but could not have two separate listings.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that was not his intent when developing the codes and suggested including language that a vacation home rental does not include accessory dwelling units.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member could see that an individual could live in the accessory dwelling unit and renting out the entire home and calling it a hosted homeshare.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that if they want to rent out the entire main home they would need to apply for a vacation home rental. He said that if a property owner chose to live in the accessory dwelling unit they could rent out the main home as a vacation home rental.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner added clarifying language to the definition.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said it might be helpful to state that an accessory dwelling unit it not recognized as a primary residence. She said this might be an issue to come back to after public comment.

WSMC 17.48 General Commercial Districts

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner reviewed the proposed changes to WSMC 17.48 General Commercial districts specifically to 17.408.020 E adding language that “hospitality” does not include short-term rentals with a reference to condition use in residential districts. Conboy said language was added to 17.48.030 related to conditional uses in commercial zones. He said short-term rentals were added as a conditional use in commercial zones.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said that in commercial zones the permit is for a short-term rental and not a hosted homeshare or vacation rental.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that it appears the city will be doing away with the terms hosted homeshare or vacation home rental in commercial zones and just referring to short-term rentals.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that is the consensus.

WSMC 17.57 Hosted Homeshares and Vacation Home Rentals

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said reviewed the new addition to Title 17. He noted that he will change the title to include the term “short-term rental.” He said the language is similar to the proposed changes in WSMC 5.02 Short-term Rentals. Conboy said the language has been added regarding parking and cross referencing with other zoning codes related to parking. He reviewed the language regarding short-term rentals in commercial zones noting that the percentage of residential units allowed for a short-term rental is based on parcel and not building.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer noted that when it talks about short-term rentals in the commercial zones it should delete the wording hosted homeshare and vacation home rental and only use short-term rental.

There was a consensus to make sure that language addressing both commercial and residential refer to all three types of short-term rentals.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member suggested using “short-term rental” as it includes all three.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that 17.457.060 Prior Existing (Nonconforming) Use, Section A added language stating that it is not apply to existing “legacy” uses in commercial zones which were permitted by outright use.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said there is one section that she would like to flag for discussion later in that residential zones includes the Mobile/Manufactured Home Residential District (MHRP). She said she is concerned that it would be open to short-term rentals and that it could potentially take away homes for affordable housing. Keethler asked if this is a zone that should be included for short-term rentals or should it be excluded.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said previously the council has discussed the other residential zones and commercial zones. He said the Planning Commission determined that to be fair and equitable that it should be allowed as an owner occupied.

Marla Keethler, Mayor noted that a manufactured homeowner would not own the underlying land. She said the land is rented.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that it would be the tenant of the mobile home space but the owner of the mobile home who would be applying. He said the idea of allowing this quasi-commercial use in a residential zone is to allow for some extra income. Hartmann asked why a mobile homeowner couldn’t be afforded the same opportunity. He asked if it is not allowed wouldn’t that be inequitable.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said that a developer could clear a property and put in a tiny home village and then possibly want to rent them out for vacation home rentals and takes out them out of long-term rentals.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that per the proposed code the property owner/developer would only be allowed to get one permit for one unit.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said that in amending the MRHP zone the city council identified an area that was available for affordable housing. She said she is worried that there is a loophole that the area would be used entirely for short-term rentals.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that with the proposed codes he does not think that it could occur.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer suggested that only owner-occupied vacation home rentals would be allowed to address Jason Hartmann’s suggestion.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said that this might need to be revisited including looking at the manufacture home code.

David Lindley, Council Member said closing the loopholes should be considered first prior to excluding the district from short-term rentals.

Ashley Post, Council Member said she agrees with David Lindley. She said she would not be comfortable including MRHP zones unless it had language clearly protecting it.

WSMC 17.40 Conditional Uses in Residential Districts

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that one line in H has been struck related to renting of rooms and replaced it with the accessory use of the residence per codes related to hosted homeshares and vacation home rentals requires a conditional use permit.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer asked if the renting out a room for long-term purposes is now permitted outright and is no longer a conditional use permit.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that is correct.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member asked if requiring a business license means someone has to get a conditional use permit.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said no.

Marla Keethler, Mayor opened the public hearing.

Dan Baier, White Salmon suggested legacy permits be limited to 8 years versus 10 years so that it is equitable with new short-term rentals. He also suggested that the cap for the number of short-term rentals per residential units of 10% is too high and said 6 or 7% would be better. He said with 10% that one in ten homes could become a short-term rental. Baier said that due to HOAs that might not allow short-term rentals other areas may see more than 10% of the homes being used for short-term rentals.

Tao Berman, White Salmon asked if there is a distinction between fees that are in commercial zones versus residential zones. He said that a short-term rental in a commercial zone is no different than a hotel use. Berman said that a permit fee of \$400 per unit in a commercial district that is an outrate use he suggested considering a different fee structure because they would be paying all the same fees that a hotel or motel would pay.

Marla Keethler, Mayor noted that there was a power surge/outage and that recording of the meeting has been transferred to Erika Castro-Guzman.

Marla Keethler, Mayor and Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner read email comments regarding the proposed codes.

Lisa Evans said she would like to see (1) the council continue to bring short-term rental owners into the process; (2) the council lift the moratorium and enforce the current ordinances as written and not to demand more of people who are doing everything right; and (3) the council reconsider the purchase of tracking software which is expensive and questionably accurate. She referenced an article from the Harvard Business Review about seeking the balance between regulations and STR owners.

Ben Berger, White Salmon said he is a homeowner and 10-year resident of White Salmon and has rented his some several times during extended travels and trips over the last five years. He said the short-term rental income has helped his family's ability to afford extended vacation and travel. Berger said limiting short-term rentals is an important step towards curbing home price escalation that is making home ownership unattainable for residents that live and work locally. He said the process the city council and planning commission have taken is commendable and the resulting regulation is both thoughtful and well-balanced. Berger said that it seems unfair that there is a different set of rules for people that were simply early adopters. He said that the city should have the strength to stand up for what is best for the community, even it means that some people who bought homes in White Salmon as income properties will not be able to extract the fullest rents that the otherwise could. He said the ability to use residential properties for commercial purposes is not a right.

Barb Robison, White Salmon said she is against short-term rentals. She said she is aware of several people who cannot find long-term affordable rentals and that young people with moderate incomes who grew up in White Salmon cannot afford to buy a home. Robison that short-term rentals only make the matters worse as that type of rental serves a wealthier population who can command more fund. She said that feels the infrastructure currently does not support the city's growth including safe pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, the lack of traffic lights at major intersections, and highways becoming more dangerous. Robison asked the council to keep our small town a community and to build hotels along Highway 14.

Jordan Lahti said she strongly believes a 10-year grace period for existing short-term rentals is 7 years too long. She asked the council to consider to reduce the grace period to 3 years for the following reasons: (1) that the majority of the 10% allowable inventory will come from nonconforming pre-existing short-term rentals; (2) permitting nonconforming short-term rentals will delay the city's well-intended much need new short-term rental ordinance; and (3) a common argument by absentee homeowners is that short-term rentals will pay for their second or third house which is a weak argument because of the limitation on the number of nights the home could be rented. Lahti said she thinks the city can work smarter and more creatively to balance the loss of housing it is condoning by allowing nonconforming houses to lawfully rent short-term for any period of time. She suggested encouraging and facilitating nonconforming homeowners to create a 200-400 square foot studio on or within the short-term rental property that must be rented only long-term and to a local resident. Lahti suggested for this idea to be possible the city would need to consider waiving permitting fees and barrier-type ordinance.

Marla Keethler, Mayor closed the public hearing.

David Lindley, Council Member said that we have received several public comments regarding the short-term rental software and we should clean up our language by not calling it tracking software as it does much more.

Jim Ransier, Council Member asked what fellow council members think about the 10 years versus 8 years for legacy permits. He said he does not support 3 years.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said the council is not locked. He said he agrees that 10 years is too long and likes the idea of 8 years. Hartmann said that is longer than he would like and that he originally was thinking 5.

Ashley Post, Council Member said that it should be opened to discussion. She said she would not want to go lower than 8 and has no problem in keeping it at 10. Post asked if the software of how many listings there are under a single owner. She said that it would be helpful to know how many people have multiple short-term rentals.

Ben Giant, Council Member said his thoughts have evolved since has jumped into the conversation. He said he thinks he is in agreement that the current existing permits were substantially a low number and that non-owner occupied is even smaller and that is why 10 years made since. Giant said he is more in favor of reducing it now and supports 8 years. He said he is not in favor of reducing the percentage of housing stock that could be used for short-term rentals.

David Lindley, Council Member said he agrees that legacy and new permits should be the same – 8 years. He said if it is possible to get information on the breakdown of the 36 legacy permits.

Marla Keethler, Council Member said that with the 10% cap that the council could adjust it in the future. She said having it higher and then taking it away could be troublesome while setting it lower would allow some growth.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said staff can look through the 36 permits and provide some data about the permits.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner noted that at the last meeting Jan Brending had noted that approximately 30% of the permits were not owner occupied.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said the reason he remembered why the 10% cap was reasonable is because it is owner occupied.

Ashley Post, Council Member said that in a previous public hearing the majority of people asked the council to have the 10-year period.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said that because the power is surging that she would recommend following up on more information on the 36 permits and the council may be open to considering lowering the 10 years for legacy permits and did the council want to discuss lowering the 10% cap.

Ashley Post, Council Member asked if the council will discuss the fees.

Marla Keethler, Council Member said that is correct.

Ben Giant, Council Member said that based on the current proposed ordinance if a homeowner has an ADU and they long-term rent the main residence they would be classified as non owner-occupied if they wanted to rent the short-term rental.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said they need to establish that the home is your primary residence.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney agreed.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said that the long-term rental of the main structure is exactly what the city wants.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said that someone could rent out a room long-term in the home and then could short-term rent the accessory dwelling unit.

Ashley Post, Council Member asked if the mobile home district would be for future discussion.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said yes.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said staff can bring the 4 or 5 items back to the city council on the 19th for more discussion so that it can be adopted on the 2nd.

Ben Giant, Council Member said he thought there was an automatic extension.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said it requires a public hearing before the council can extend the moratorium.

VII. Reports and Communications

A. Department Heads

Pat Munyan, City Administrator said he has been on vacation. He said all of the engineered documents except for the illumination study have been sent to the state for the Garfield Street and roundabout project. Munyan said he has been working with the public works crew because Russ Avery has been out sick. He said they have working on clearing road to Buck Creek and in the city.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner said he is excited about making progress on the short-term rentals. He said this is the eleventh meeting that has been held on the topic. Conboy said he is working on backlogged applications that need to go the planning commission and is he is also actively working on grants for affordable housing and future bluff trail. He said Jeff Speck will be coming to the speak to the council on the 20th.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said that the audio for Brendan Conboy is much improved.

B. Council Members

Jim Ransier, Council Member said that the CityLab Board met last week, and it is slow moving but will put in some standards for handling the meetings in the future due to the size of the group.

David Lindley, Council Member said the Tree Board will meet on Monday will include discussing planning for Arbor Day, planning for tree planting and Underwood Conservation District grant through DNR addressing tree of heaven and possible partnership with the city.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said the posts of trying to track tree of heaven had a lot of enthusiastic response.

Ashley Post, Council Member asked if the grant would be for private property as well.

David Lindley, Council Member said it appears to be pretty open.

Council Members thanked public works and private contractors on the work to remove snow.

C. Mayor

Marla Keethler, Mayor said snow has been the focus point lately. She said that the city had intended to launch the Voyent Alert application later this month but because of the weather decided to launch it early. Keethler said Conboy mentioned the presentation with Jeff Speck. She said there is still some hope that there could be a small in person component. She said Governor Inslee has announced there is a state-wide push to deliver at home COVID tests to residents. Keethler said the council has now passed a childcare stipend for non-council members who sit on boards and hope to make that available to council members in the future.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said he has enjoyed the application and finds it very useful.

Brendan Conboy, Land Use Planner asked if a motion was needed to bring back motions.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said a motion is not needed.

VII. Executive Session (if needed)
There was no Executive session

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Marla Keethler, Mayor



Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer