

Pastor Jay Peach, from the Faith Center gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Mayor Karnofski commented that the 1/17/23 Special Meeting minutes needed to be corrected to show that the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM and not 4:55 PM. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 1/17/23 Regular Meeting and the 1/17/23 Special Meeting with the noted correction.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

There were 15 citizens that spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Water Treatment Chemical Purchase Award Bids for Year 2023

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Consent Agenda.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Systemic Safety Improvements 2020, Consultant Services Contract: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the Consultant Services Contract with Wallis Engineering for \$64,523.86.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Planning Code Review and Update Consultant Agreement: Planning Manager Mike Murray briefed the Council on the code update and the agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Award the Consultant Agreement to Harper, Houf, Peterson & Righellis, Inc. and authorize the city manager to enter into the contract.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – 2023 Goals Setting and Planning: The consensus of the Council was to discuss this item in a special workshop on March 21, 2023, to allow time for adjustments on the priorities and goals list that was provided by the city manager.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – WSDOT CARB Loan Agreement toward funding assistance on Fuel Farm Improvements at the Southwest Washington Regional

Airport: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY AVIATION REVITALIZATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF KELSO FOR AID IN FINANCING THE COSTS OF FUEL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT.' Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 23-3990 – Updating the Unified Development Code: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 23-3990, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 17, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTERS 17.06, DEFINITIONS, 17.10, PERMIT PROCESSING, 17.18, ZONING, 17.22, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, 17.34, SUBDIVISIONS OF TITLE 17 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.' Planning Manager Mike Murray provided an overview on the proposed changes. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 23-3991 – Amending the Zoning Map for Certain Parcels: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 23-3991, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO REZONE PARCELS 21668, 21669, AND 21670 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RSF-5)'. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Wood, Hill, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Page, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 23-3992 – Amending KMC Chapter 17 relating to the Downtown Design Review Overlay Code: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 23-3992, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 17, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO REMOVE THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW OVERLAY AND ASSOCIATED DESIGN STANDARDS.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 23-1279 – Intent to Proceed with a Mixed-use, Low-income Housing and Community Center Project Partnership with Lower Columbia CAP: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by

Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Pass Resolution No. 23-1279, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO PROCEED WITH A MIXED USE, LOW INCOME HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOWER COLUMBIA CAP.' Planning Manager Mike Murray briefed the Council on the proposed Resolution. Lengthy discussion followed. Eight citizens spoke from the audience. Councilmembers Wood, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Page, Harvey, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Resolution No.23-1280 – Amending the Employee Handbook to reflect Employee

Recognition: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass Resolution No. 23-1280, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-1276 AND ADOPTING A NEW EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SECTION 2.18, AND AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK APPLYING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS INDICATED THEREIN.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 23-1281 – Kelso Highlander Festival: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass Resolution No. 23-1281, 'RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE KELSO HIGHLANDER FESTIVAL COMMISSION.' Lengthy discussion followed. One citizen spoke from the audience. Councilmember Wood was approved to speak a third time to the item by a unanimous vote moved by Councilmember Harvey and seconded by Councilmember Hill. Mayor Karnofski reiterated the motion. Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, Karnofski, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey, Lefebvre, and Page voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about meetings he recently attended. 2) At the request of Councilmember Harvey, City Manager Hamilton was directed to follow up with the Kelso Library Manager regarding meetings made public between the Kelso and Longview Public Libraries.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Reported on recent watermain breaks. 2) Provided a staffing update. 3) At the request by Councilmember Alexander, he spoke about the removal of worn-out street pole banners.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: At the request by Councilmember Harvey, he provided a progress update on the processing of permits

relating to a certain land development along the river.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: At the request by Councilmember Harvey, he provided an update on the legislative session as it related to law enforcement.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Spoke about his experience on a 'Ride Along' he had with the police department. 2) Provided an update regarding the vacant Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Executive Director position. 3) Spoke about the Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership Program recognition he recently received.

LaDonna Page: 1) Spoke about the Behavioral Health Unit Program utilized by the police department. 2) Commented that the Lower Columbia Professionals, has an 'Up, Up & Away' fund raising event this Friday to support their scholarship program.

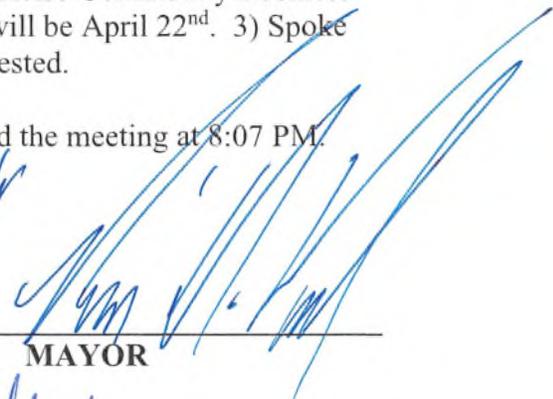
Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Brian Wood: Will be attending the upcoming Kelso High School Multilingual Night event.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Spoke about the cost for the pedestrian railroad crossing in Kalama. 2) Reported on who the newly elected officers were for the Kelso Community Business Association. He commented that a downtown cleanup day will be April 22nd. 3) Spoke about an upcoming grant writing course if anyone was interested.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

*ACTING
PRESIDENT*


MAYOR



CITY CLERK