

August 1, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Work Session at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Liedkie; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Kleeburg;

Councilor Kleeburg moved to remove Item IV. C. Weed Ordinance. Councilor Liedkie seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken Jacks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jolene Grinstead, Lewiston resident, expressed concern over a Councilor's actions related to a social media post over the weekend.

Ada Eldridge, Lewiston resident, said she sent an email regarding Councilor Liedkie's actions and would like the issue to be dealt with. Leadership should not be biased and if the issue is not dealt with, she will take further action.

Rick Eldridge, Lewiston resident, spoke to the same concern and said he and his wife want a clean City Council and County Commission that works for the people and not select agendas. Mr. Eldridge feels that Councilor Liedkie is County Commissioner Doug Havens' puppet and should be removed.

Ken Jacks, Lewiston resident, came to address the weed control issue, which was removed from the agenda. He has been trying to get action taken for a full month on some noxious weeds in a vacant lot, but nothing has been done. Community Development Director Von Tersch responded that Nez Perce County has statutory authority to address noxious weeds that are identified by the state. Captain Klone responded that Code Enforcement has been overwhelmed with animal abuse issues and they are working to address the complaints.

Johanna Musseid Frank, a Lewiston resident, commented regarding complaints of the Community Development Director being paid by the Urban Renewal Agency. She also voiced her disapproval to the Councilors who voted against the homeless shelter.

IV. WORK SESSION ITEMS:

A. CDBG-CV FUNDING AND 2019 ACTION PLAN THIRD AMENDMENT:

Deputy City Clerk Brocke explained that, per the memo provided in the Council packet, the Innovation HUB CDBG-CV funding is behind in its timeliness for expending the funds. The goal of the discussion is to determine if Council wants to reprogram the funding from the Innovation HUB to two new projects, Water Improvements and the Foodbank.

After discussion, Councilors Schroeder and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, to accept the CDBG-CV funding and third amendment to the 2019 Action Plan Amendment. *ROLL CALL: Voting Aye: Liedkie, Tousley, Forsmann, Schroeder, Kleeburg. Voting Nay: None.*

B. CITY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Assistant City Attorney Hermann explained that there was previous discussion regarding the reappointment process for board and commission members. The purpose of the item is to have Council discuss any changes they may want to make to the process. Ms. Hermann presented four options for the Council to discuss:

- Option 1: Must request reappointment within 60 days of end of term; If reappointed, position would not be advertised to the public; This reappointment process could happen for an indefinite number of terms (unless term limits are adopted separately); and No term limits.
- Option 2: Must request reappointment within 60 days of end of first term; If reappointed, position would not be advertised to public; Position must be advertised to public once a member has served two terms; Member could reapply for third term, but would have to go through same application and interview process as others who are interested in the position; and No term limits (unless term limits are adopted separately).
- Option 3: Must request reappointment within 60 days of end of term; If reappointed, position would not be advertised to public; This reappointment process could happen for an indefinite number of terms; Reappointment process not available to P&Z members (4 years), EMSAB members (4 years), or Library Trustees (5 years); and No term limits (unless term limits are adopted separately).
- Option 4: Sets term limits; this option would be in addition to one of the options listed above, or some other option created by Council.

After discussion of the options, Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Option 2 regarding reappointments to city boards and commissions. Councilor Kleeburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

C. WEED ORDINANCE:

Councilors Kleeburg and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, at the beginning of the meeting to remove this item from the agenda, as staff was unable to attend the meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

D. 10th AND THAIN:

Public Works Director Johnson explained that the project is to determine the overall functionality of 10th and Thain. He introduced T-O Engineering consultant, Rebecca Fouts, who has been looking at potential options to make traffic control better.

Ms. Fouts provided an update and overview of the project along with the scope elements and deliverables of the Thain corridor. Current conditions are 10 one-way access points at Thain Road and from Stewart to Burrell there are 32 conflict points every 72 feet. Ms. Fouts concluded her presentation by outlining several strategies.

E. SANITATION RATES:

Public Works Director Johnson provided background information related to the enterprise funds. He explained that in fiscal year 2020, a \$2.10 recycling service charge was implemented. After analyzing the sanitation rates, Director Johnson said they have enough money to cover any emergency issues and he recommends ending the \$2.10 recycling service charge. In doing so, the forecasted rate can be lowered to 2% until fiscal year 2025 and Lewiston sanitation customers will see a reduction in fiscal year 2023.

F. STORMWATER UTILITY RATES:

Public Works Director Johnson requested feedback and direction from Council regarding the stormwater level of service. Director Johnson provided an overview of the recent history of stormwater, along with the benefits of having a stormwater system in place. He then outlined two primary components to the funding and concluded his presentation with the six Stormwater Utility Rate options.

Councilor Schroeder moved to direct staff to proceed with Option 6 at full capital at 100% compliance. Councilor Forsmann seconded. After additional discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Kleeburg apologized for his absence from the July 25, 2022 meeting, as a friend of his had passed away.

Councilor Liedkie addressed the concerns related to the citizen comments. She apologized to the Council for her decision to share a screen shot from a critic on her personal social media related to the City of Lewiston being renamed to Liedkie, Idaho. Councilor Liedkie apologized to Ms. Grinstead, as the post was not directed at her. Councilor Liedkie understands that she will be criticized for her work, but she stands by her rights to stand up for herself. Councilor Liedkie serves the city with her entire heart and is no one's puppet.

Councilor Forsmann thanked the staff for their presentations.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

None.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson commented regarding an email received from Luke Antonich on July 28, 2022. The City Engineering Division received funding notification of \$250,000 from the Child Pedestrian Safety Program for sidewalks along 19th Avenue from 15th Street to 16th Street. Funding for \$500,000 was also received for sidewalk improvements on 17th Street from 13th Avenue to 15th Avenue.

D. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

Councilor Forsmann moved to add the Marsh Separation Agreement to a future active agenda for consideration. Councilor Schroeder seconded. The motion failed 2-3 with Councilors Liedkie, Tousley and Kleeburg voting nay.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Kleeburg and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the August 1, 2022, work session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.