

CALL TO ORDER:
February 16, 2021

Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley, Councilmembers Neal, Henderson, Franklin and Smith. Mayor Lucas was excused. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Yabe, Public Works Director Burlingame, and Administrative Assistants Bollman and Gibelyou.

Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

1. Pierce Transit – Alexander Mather, Government Relations Administrator and Lindsey Sehmel, Principal Planner
2. Union Avenue Roundabout – Tani Stafford, Gray and Osborne

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Smith moved and **Councilmember Neal** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of February 2, 2021.
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #115333 - #115341 in the amount of \$205,219.82
3. Approval of Claims Checks #115343 - #115384 in the amount of \$246,056.76

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

NEW ITEMS:
Sunnyside Beach Seawall Repair, Engineering Scope of Work Gray & Osborne Inc. (AB 3052)

Public Works Director Burlingame delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Neal moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to approve the submitted scope of work to Gray & Osborne Inc. to facilitate repairs to the existing seawall at Sunnyside Beach, and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents.

Yes: All

REPORTS:
Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Pro Tempore Crumley had no comments.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- On February 22, the Planning Commission will have a meeting to discuss a proposal for the mill site. All are invited to listen to the discussion.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Yabe reported the following:

- They are continuing background investigations of potential new hires. They have a very experienced lateral candidate that they are excited to consider for joining the team.
- He cited another example of the even-tempered approach that our officers embody throughout their work that took place last summer.
- Over the snowy weekend they responded to several disabled motorists at the bottom of our hills, and additionally transported them to areas of assistance. First and foremost, your officers are helpers, and this is another example of them doing what they do best. As another example, just prior to the meeting, one of our officers assisted a person experiencing homelessness get to shelter for the night.
- There were no issues with moving accidents in the snow. A few people slid into parked vehicles.
- Lastly, regarding the roundabout discussion, he hopes everyone will remember that they've had two past successful years of partnering with Pierce County Ferries during their peak ridership times during peak summer months, resulting in dramatic reductions in traffic congestion, queue disturbances, and queue cutting. They are expecting to conduct similar emphasis patrols this summer.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- He shared the efforts Public Works took to mitigate the impacts of the snowstorm on transportation within the Town. They were low on personnel and he thanks those working for their dedication.

Council

Councilmember Franklin had no comments.

Councilmember Neal reported the following:

- The Association of Washington Cities will decide if they hold their June conference virtually or in person this month.
- He gave everyone a legislative update and highlighted a number of bills that may have an impact on the Town.
- He thanks Director Burlingame and his crew for their work during the snowstorm. He thinks they did a great job.
- He will be running for re-election next year.

Councilmember Henderson reported the following:

- She thanks Chief Yabe for his work on editing the animal control ordinance.
- Following up on a letter regarding electronic leashes, she shared her conversation with the gentleman who submitted it. She advises we do not change our laws to allow electronic collars for a host of reasons.

Council Cont'd

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- He echoes the sentiment that the Public Works crew did a great job clearing the streets of snow.

ADJOURNMENT:

The February 16, 2021 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 7:17 p.m., Councilmember Smith moved and Councilmember Neal seconded to go into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 paragraph (1) (g) and Real Estate Issues in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 paragraph (1) (c). No decisions would be made in Executive Session and no additional action would be taken by the Council this evening after the Executive Session. The session adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor