

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Lefebvre led the flag salute. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, Mike Karnofski, and Kimberly Lefebvre.

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Brian Butterfield swore in the following individuals to the Kelso City Council:

- Brian Wood, Council Position 1
- Mike Karnofski, Council Position 2
- Kimberly Lefebvre, Council Position 3

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

City Clerk Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Hill nominated Mike Karnofski. Councilmember Alexander nominated Keenan Harvey. There being no other nominations, City Clerk Butterfield closed the floor for nominations. Councilmembers Hill, Karnofski, Lefebvre, and Wood voted for Mike Karnofski. There being four votes, **City Clerk Butterfield declared Mike Karnofski as the new mayor.**

City Clerk Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Harvey nominated Lisa Alexander. Councilmember Hill nominated Kimberly Lefebvre. There being no other nominations, City Clerk Butterfield closed the floor for nominations. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted for Lisa Alexander. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted for Kimberly Lefebvre. **City Clerk Butterfield declared Kimberly Lefebvre as the deputy mayor.**

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Amend the agenda to move into executive session prior to the vote on the draft minutes to discuss complaints against an elected officer, qualifications for candidate appointment, and potential litigation.' Lengthy discussion followed. Mayor Karnofski restated the motion, 'Amend the agenda to change the order of council business.' Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 4.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/21/21 Regular Meeting.' Councilmember Harvey raised the question about if the meeting was called to order. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Move to table the

approval of the 12/21/21 Draft Minutes until the upcoming executive session and allow time for the clerk to review the recording of the meeting.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Karnofski read a proclamation declaring January 23-29, 2022 as “Kelso School Choice Week” in the City of Kelso.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Kirsten Markstrom, from Kelso, spoke about the recent forfeiture of Council Position No. 7.

Robin Schulthies, from Kelso, spoke about reappointing Nancy Malone to Council Position No. 7.

Larry Crosby, from Castle Rock, spoke about the recent forfeiture of Council Position No. 7.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2022 City Council Standing Committee/Board Assignments: The assignments were as follows:

- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee**
 - Mike Karnofski, Keenan Harvey, and City Manager Hamilton
- **Southwest Washington Regional Airport Authority**
 - Brian Wood, and Alternate Mike Karnofski
- **Lower Columbia CAP Board**
 - Kim Lefebvre and Alternate Jim Hill
- **Cowlitz Economic Development Council**
 - Keenan Harvey
- **City Audit**
 - Lisa Alexander, Jim Hill, and Alternates Keenan Harvey and Brian Wood
- **River Cities Transit Authority Board**
 - Lisa Alexander, and Alternate Mike Karnofski
- **Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments**
 - Mike Karnofski and Alternate Kim Lefebvre
- **Disability Board**
 - Mike Karnofski
- **Fire Pension Board**

- Mike Karnofski, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield and Deputy Clerk Traci Howard
- **Cowlitz 911 Public Authority**
 - City Manager Hamilton and Alternate Chief Kirk and Jim Hill
- **Library Board Liaison**
 - Kimberly Lefebvre and Alternate Jim Hill
- **Lodging Tax Advisory**
 - Brian Wood
- **Multi-Agency Coordinating Group**
 - City Manager Hamilton, Alternates Keenan Harvey and Chief Kirk
- **Park Board Liaison**
 - Jim Hill and Alternate Brian Wood
- **Cowlitz County Public Health**
 - Jim Hill, Alternate Brian Wood
- **Sewer Operating Board (TRRWA)**
 - Community Development Director Mike Kardas and Utility Operations Manager Devin Mackin
- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**
 - Jim Hill, Alternate Keenan Harvey

At 6:31 PM, Mayor Karnofski recessed the meeting for approximately 5 minutes due to disorderly conduct.

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization**
 - Community Development Director Mike Kardas and Senior Engineer Paul Klope
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization**
 - Mike Karnofski and Alternate Brian Wood
- **Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Oversight Board**
 - Brian Wood and Mike Karnofski
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Keenan Harvey, Staff Appointee City Manager Hamilton

Discussion – Vacancy Council Position No. 7: Councilmember Harvey voiced some concerns relating to the July 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting where he believed a violation of the city charter took place. City Attorney Janean Parker addressed the special circumstances of said meeting and determined that there was no violation of any prohibition in the city charter. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Reappoint Nancy Malone to Council Position No. 7’. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Table the discussion of the council position vacancy to be brought back at a future meeting.’ Councilmembers Lefebvre and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey, Karnofski, Wood, and Alexander voted no. Motion failed, 4 to 2. Mayor Karnofski reiterated the motion to ‘Reappoint Nancy Malone to Council

Position No. 7.’ Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 4. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Direct the Staff to use the same process that was used for filling the last vacancy.’ Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

At 6:49 PM, Mayor Karnofski recessed the meeting for approximately 6 minutes due to disorderly conduct.

Professional Services Agreement - Longview Water Intertie Upgrade, RH2, Inc:

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Approve the agreement.’ The contract was in the amount of \$85,000. Councilmembers Harvey, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project Surplus

Property: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 23562 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE, WITH RESERVED EASEMENTS FOR THE CITY,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Move to amend the agenda to add a potential litigation discussion item to the executive session,' motion passed, all voting yes.

At 7:00 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Potential Litigation. The session was estimated to last 20 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:16 PM, the council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

*Revised and approved
Jan. 18, 2022 TH*