1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Councilmember Lowry led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger (Not voting), Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Councilmember Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Rosanne Tomyn, Councilmember Nate Lowry. Excused: Councilmember Stephanie Shook.
Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Eric Phillips, Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, Acting City Clerk Jane Montgomery, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

Additions/Deletions to the agenda.
Mayor Eidinger asked to add the selection of the Deputy Mayor to the agenda.

Motion: Suspend the rules and add item under #5B, a motion for Council to select a Deputy Mayor. Action: Approve, Moved by, Councilmember O'Ravez, Seconded by, Councilmember Meyers. Motion passed unanimously.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENT
David Halpin - Edgewood, WA
Mr. Halpin and his family were present at the Council Meeting. Mr. Halpin is the future home owner of a property in Edgewood which is being constructed by JK Monarch. Mr. Halpin has had issues with the completion of the home. Mr. Halpin is reaching out to the City. There will be a request to vacate the right of way that with be forthcoming, and a conditional request for a variance. He wanted the Council to put a name and face to the request.

Steve Richfield, Edgewood, WA
Mr. Richfield came to talk about Efficient Governance. He brought 2 books which he handed out to the Council and he requested that Council consider reading the book.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Eidinger briefed the Council on the following topics:
- Cleanup at City Hall records room;
- Meeting with Banner Bank;
- Starbucks demo permit;
- Development north of Les Schwab for 46 single family homes;
- The Arbors hopes to start renting in March;
- No applicants for the senior engineer position;
- Pierce Transit will be coming soon to speak about their 2040 Comprehensive Plan;
- Letter from Pierce County Cities & Town Association;
- 25th Street Closure.
The Mayor reminded Council that Emergency Management training is scheduled for next Tuesday’s Council meeting at 7:00pm. The Mayor handed out a letter from Pierce County Cites and Town Association.

Assistant Administrator Phillips handed out a sheet which showed all the current development projects, and then he spoke about the following:

- The City’s Snow and Ice Plan;
- The 36th and Meridian Avenue Park Community Workshop, Feb 10, 2016;
- Upcoming Movie Night on February 4, 6:30pm at City Hall;
- Completion /submission of paperwork- funds for the storm event of December 9-12, 2015;
- Jovita Boulevard slope cleanup.

Mayor Eidinger asked Fire Chief Backer if he wanted to address the Council.

Chief Backer greeted the Council and then discussed the following topics:

- Passage of the 2016 Budget;
- Additional firefighter hired;
- Re-chasse of two medic units;
- Replacement of two brush engines;
- Future hiring outlook due to retirements;
- Expanding community outreach;
- Collective bargaining project;
- Future Levy.

Chief Backer invited Council to meet with him individually if they had any questions or concerns.

Councilmember Christopherson complemented the Chief on a recent fire call to his neighborhood, and for the Santa event this past Christmas. Mayor Eidinger thanked Chief Backer for his participation in the Edgewood Tree lighting event.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion. Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.

The following items are presented for Council approval:

A. Special Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2016.

Motion: As read, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilmember Meyers, Seconded by Councilmember Lowry. Motion passed unanimously.
5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Council Retreat Topics.
Mayor Eidinger began the discussion about potential retreat topics. The Mayor asked Council to let him know what their priorities were.
Council responses were:
➢ Councilmember Tomyn- Marketing;
➢ Councilmember O’Ravez- Reader Board on Meridian Avenue & City Hall Re-finance;
➢ Councilmember Christopherson- Fireworks; Signage on roads in and out of Edgewood,
➢ & Code Enforcement;
➢ Councilmember Lowry- Town Center Development;
➢ Councilmember Meyers- Town Center Development & Transportation.

Mayor Eidinger stated that he will send out a potential list of retreat topics by the end of the week. He reminded Council that the Council Retreat is scheduled for Sunday February 21, 2016 at 9:00am.

B. Deputy Mayor
Mayor Eidinger explained that the Council typically appoints a Deputy Mayor at the beginning of the year. He invited anyone who wanted to be the Deputy Mayor to speak up. The Mayor then asked if the Council wanted to nominate anyone. Councilmember O’Ravez nominated Councilmember Christopherson and that nomination was then seconded by Councilmember Meyers.

Councilmember Christopherson stated that it would be an honor and a privilege to serve as Deputy Mayor.

**Motion:** As read, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by,** Councilmember O’Ravez, **Seconded by,** Councilmember Meyers. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS
No additional Council comments were made.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor Eidinger announced that there would be an Executive Session and he stated the following:

“Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the City Council will now convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel. Please let the record show that the City Attorney will be participating in the executive session telephonically. The executive session will last approximately 10 minutes, after which the Council may take action in open session when it reconvenes.”

Mayor Eidinger recessed the meeting to Executive session at 7:31pm.

7:31 pm - Recessed to Executive Session.
7:41 pm - Extended session for 5 minutes.
7:46 pm - Extended session for 5 minutes.
7:51 pm - Extended session for 5 minutes.
Mayor Eidinger called the meeting back to order at 7:56 pm.

No additional comments were made by Council.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Jane Montgomery, Acting City Clerk

Daryl Eidinger, Mayor