CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeffery Hogan, Deputy Mayor Mike Kelley, Jr., Councilmember Dave Olson, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember Donna J. O'Ravez, Councilmember Steve Cope.

Staff Present: City Manager Bauer, Assistant City Manager/Municipal Services Eric Phillips, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Debbie Zabell, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. City Council Additions to the Agenda

City Manager Bauer provided Council an overview of the agenda items scheduled for discussion and requested Council review the agenda for additional items they would like to discuss. There were no changes to the agenda.

B. City Managers Review of last Years Accomplishments

City Manager Bauer updated Council on the 2012 accomplishments noting the completion and implementation of significant capital improvement projects, as well as the new organizational structure.

C. This Years Program of Work

1. Assistant City Manager Zabell provided Council with an overview of the responsibilities of Administrative Services, the 2013 Work Plan for Administrative Services, as well as provided Council with an update on the City's technology update and conversion.

2. Assistant City Manager Phillips provided Council with an overview of the 2013 Work Plan for Municipal Services, noting the increase in building activity as well as planning and community development in 2012 and anticipates the increased activity to continue into 2013. He noted a key area for staff in 2013, will be the start of the two-year process to update the City's Comprehensive Plan, the number of infrastructure improvements projects planned throughout the City in 2013 as well as the work involved in completing the Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
D. Public Safety Review

Police Chief Knutson provided Council with an overview of the Department's 2013 Work Plan and the accomplishments of 2012, which include Police Crime Statistics, Police Staffing and Priorities as well as the Jail and Court Budgets.

E. Where do we stand?

1. Budget: City Manager Bauer and Assistant City Manager Zabell provided Council with an overview of the Budget, the use of reserves, the need to maintain staffing and service levels, as well as the need for road maintenance funding.

2. LID Financing: City Manager Bauer provided Council with an update on the efforts of staff in closing out the LID construction loan with US Bank. He noted the breakdown of the debt owing for the sewer construction, the amount of collectable assessments, the guarantee fund required for the USDA Rural Loan and the balance of payments received since the Preformation period. He further noted USDA would not include the assessments under appeal. He also noted other some expenses not covered under the USDA Rural Loan such as administrative costs, are covered by the Public Works Trust Fund Loan. City Manager Bauer noted that if the City were to use the balance of the funds collected to pay down the construction loan and close out on the USDA Rural Loan for those assessments not under appeal, the City would still have a large debt requiring funding. Due to the unknown timeframe of the Appeal settling, obtaining long-term funding at a reasonable interest rate will be nearly impossible. He further noted the best alternative right now is for the City to work with US Bank to see if they will continue with financing until the Appeal is settled.

   Council discussed the item.

3. Sewer Connection Information: City Manager Bauer briefed Council on the item, noting that a citizen expressed concern to Council as to why the City did not have sewer connection information available at City Hall. He explained that due to the complexity of commercial connections only Lakehaven Utility District could determine the design and construction requirements of those connections.

   Assistant City Manager Phillips noted that representatives from Lakehaven Utility District attend pre-application meetings and provide information to applicants specific to the project.

4. SR 161 Widening Project/Six-Foot Sidewalk fronting the Suelo-Marina, City Manager Bauer briefed Council on the item noting the owner of the Suelo-Marina property expressed concern to Council about the sidewalk fronting his property. City Manager Bauer noted the SR 161/Meridian Enhancement Project designed and constructed with a four-foot planter strip, ten-foot sidewalks and an easement for Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company water
mainline. He further noted Washington State Department of Transportation was not able to negotiate the necessary easement with the Suelo-Marina property owner, leaving the area fronting the property without enough area needed for the planter strip, sidewalk and water mainline easement. He further noted the options now are no planter strip and the water mainline running under the sidewalk, which the property owner would then be responsible for any damage caused to the sidewalk in the future or having the frontage reconstructed when the property developed in the future.

Council discussed the item.

F. Economic Development - moved to a future study session
1. Funding for Economic Development Initiatives
2. Council Economic Development Considerations
3. Consideration of Sale of City Owned Land

G. Review of the Following Priorities
1. Parallel Road Network: City Manager Bauer provided a brief overview and noted the item would require a lengthy discussion and moved to a future study session.

2. SR 161 from 24th Street to 36th Street: City Manager Bauer briefed Council on the portion of the SR 161 Widening Project between 24th Street to 36th Street by noting the Washington State Department of Transportation does not have this portion of the project on their work plan for the next twenty years. He further noted that under the State's current widening plan development along that portion of SR 161 is required to establish a frontage of 25 feet to allow for right-of-way for the expansion of SR 161 to five-lanes. City Manager Bauer noted staff is seeking Council's direction to revisit the possibility of that section being three lanes instead of five. Staff has looked at traffic flows and has the data to go back to the State for discussion.

Council discussed the item.

3. Jovita Canyon Stabilization: No discussion on this item.

4. Speed Study: City Manager Bauer noted the City had invested in a speed study a number of years ago as the result of the concerns for the speeds within the neighborhoods. The Report was finalized with no action taken. He further noted that due to the sight-distance issues caused by the humps and dips in the roads that from a policy standpoint, implementing the recommendations of the Study could provide some flexibility until the roads are fixed.

City Manager Bauer further noted that staff is seeking direction from Council on pursuing lowering the speeds on Meridian.
Council discussed the item.

5. **Park and School Impact Fees:** City Manager Bauer briefed Council on the item noting that Staff had done a significant amount of work on the Park Impact Fees and is now seeking direction from Council on the priority of the School Impact Fee.

Assistant City Manager Phillips noted that Puyallup School District has not lowered their capital plan requirements. He further noted the neighboring jurisdictions have gone through the review process and lowered the requirements.

Council discussed the item.

H. Council discussed properties within the LID that do not have a sewer assessment and referred the items to a future Study Session.

I. Council discussed the collection of latecomers fees for properties outside the LID.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Debbie Zabell, City Clerk Jeff Hogan, Mayor