MINUTES CITY OF STEVENSON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING July 02, 2025 6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

Attending:

Elected Officials: Mayor Scott Anderson; Councilmembers Pat Rice, Chuck Oldfield, Dave Cox, Michael Johnson, Lucy Lauser.

City Staff: Wesley Wootten, City Administrator, Ben Shumaker, Community Development Director, Cody Rosander, Stevenson Public Works Director, City Attorney Robert Muth.

Public participants: Unidentified

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG: Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were received

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no objections.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2025-454 Personnel Policy Update

City Administrator Wootten introduced the Personnel Policy Update. He is requesting several new positions to be added to staff: a finance director and a seasonal part time facilities and grounds maintenance worker.

A discussion took place on who would be responsible for code enforcement, and human resource tasks, and how the grounds position would be funded. Further questions arose regarding the process of eliminating the position of deputy clerk treasurer. **City Attorney Muth** will research if any RCW's address the question.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-454 was made by **Councilmember Rice**, seconded by **Councilmember Oldfield**.

Voting aye: Councilmembers Cox, Rice, Lauser, Johnson, Oldfield

b) Resolution 2025-455 Personnel Salary Schedule Amendment

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-455 was made by **Councilmember Johnson**, seconded by **Councilmember Lauser**.

Voting aye: Councilmembers Cox, Rice, Lauser, Johnson, Oldfield

c) Resolution 2025-456 Interlocal Agreement with Skamania County for Public Works and Planning Duties

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City Administrator Wootten explained the fee to contract with Skamania County has risen from 11% to 15%. **Public Works Director Rosander** shared details on the services Skamania County provides, and answered questions regarding the reasoning the county provided for the increase. Much of the rise is from the county opting to begin using the federal de minimis rate to cover administrative costs.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-456 increasing the Interlocal Fees with Skamania County from 11% to 15% was made by **Councilmember Lauser**, seconded by **Councilmember Johnson**.

Voting aye: Councilmembers Cox, Rice, Lauser, Johnson, Oldfield

5.EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Anderson announced the Council would enter into an Executive Session under RCW 4242.30.1101-I. The Council will reconvene into open session at 6:57 p.m. At 6:57 p.m. the City Council reconvened into open session. The City Attorney shall take direction as given during executive session.

Prior to adjournment **Councilmember Oldfield** requested an update on the transfer benefit district sales tax.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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