

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
March 18, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Juan Villalpando, Council Member Brulee Hoskins, Council Member Kate Schooler, Council Member Debby Kooy, Council Member Julia Schooler, Council Member Patty Neff, City Planner Alex Kovach, City Engineer Mike Meskimen; City Clerk Amy Grace; City Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez; City Public Works Superintendent Aaron Harwood; City Attorney Kait Schilling.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Juan Villalpando called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

City Clerk Amy Grace requested removal of Agenda item 8D Installation of fence at City Hall.

Council Member Brulee Hoskins made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Council Member Julia Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizens wishing to speak under items 8 or 9 identified themselves as follows: none

Public comment: none

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19034 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19071 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19073-19107 in the amount of \$70,851.95 and electronic checks in the amount of \$29,319.96. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey presented to council the West Montmorency Multi-Use pathway project and its location for the proposed sidewalk that will run parallel to and in front of the George Community Hall. Mr. Woodkey stated that the placement of the sidewalk would be on the Community Hall's property and that the City would need an easement. The George Community Hall manager Debby Kooy, said the Community Hall would have no objections to an easement on the property for the placement of the sidewalk. Mr. Woodkey recommended to council that they request G&O to draft an easement with the Community Hall for the placement of the sidewalk.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize G&O to draft an easement with the George Community Hall for the placement of the sidewalk in front of the Community Hall. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. 4-0 (abstentions from Council Member Debby Kooy)

City Engineer Jamin Ankney updated the council on the DWSRF application for the Well 3 Project. Mr. Ankney explained to Council that because the Well 3 project is not in the 2018 Water System Plan the City is ineligible for construction funding at this time. Mr. Ankney recommended three different options for the City to proceed.

- 1) Amendment to the 2018 Water System Plan to gain DWSRF eligibility this fall. With recommendation of preparing the DWSRF funding agreement to include \$200K for well drilling.
- 2) Start the full Water System Plan process for a new plan that will replace the current 2018 plan that expires in 2026
- 3) The City can apply to other funding agencies to try and obtain the funding needed to complete the funding for the new Well 3 drilling and also apply to other funding agencies and re-apply to DWSRF to fund the Well 3 re-equipping.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approved Amendment No. 5 to Contract Professional Engineering Services in the amount not to exceed \$23,400 for work on a water system plan amendment and directing G&O to pursue additional funding opportunities for the Well 3 project phases 3-5 when available. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez presented to council an approved application for a Corporate Grant / Buy down for AED purchase. Mayor Juan Villalpando recommend the Council authorize the purchase of three AED's. The Mayor recommended an AED be stationed at City Hall, City Shop and the George Community Hall. Council discussion took place.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 for purchase of two AED's and if assessed by legal to purchase a 3rd AED for the George Community Hall. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez updated Council on the final steps of the new City Website design and recommended to Council that the City purchase SSL security through GoDaddy and a back-end Website Maintenance Plan through CHP (Website designer).

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion directing City staff to pursue getting SSL through go daddy for the proposed \$70. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion directing City staff to pursue a contract with CHP for a Back-End Maintenance Plan to bring back to Council for review. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

NCW librarian Jeana Rushton presented to the council a special event application in regards to a ReSource Fair community event. She asked the council to authorize waiving the application fee.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to waive the special event application fee. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Council Comments and Questions: Council Member Julia Schooler updated the Council that she reached out to the Human Society for resources and training for City staff safety when handling animals. She provided the clerk with material for City Staff to read through Fear Free Shelter Program.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
_____ of April, 2025.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer