



Utility Committee Meeting

March 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING:

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Agenda

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Roll Call (2.17ⁱ)**
- 3. Public Forum** – Non-action items (please limit comments to 3 minutes)
- 4. Project Review (4.20)**
 - a. Sewer District Rate Study: In Depth Discussion
 - b. Accessory Dwelling Units: In Depth Discussion

Action Items:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes-February 22, 2022
- 5. Next Meeting (7.2)**
- 6. Adjourn**

ⁱ City of Lake Stevens and Lake Stevens Sewer District Unified Sewer Services and Annexation Agreement, May 23, 2005



**Utility Committee Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022 4:00 pm**

City of Lake Stevens / Lake Stevens Sewer District
By remote participation via GoTo Meeting, Lake Stevens, Washington

1. **Called to Order:** 4:02 PM by Commissioner Dan Lorentzen.
2. **Roll Call (2.17):** Lake Stevens Sewer District – Mariah Low, Johnathan Dix, Melonie Grieser Commissioners Dan Lorentzen and Kevin Kosche, City Administrator Gene Brazel and Councilmembers Gary Petershagen and Marcus Tageant. Absent-Mayor Brett Gailey.
3. **Public Forum –** Non-action items (please limit comments to 3 minutes) There were no prior comments received or from attendees.
4. **Project Review (4.20)**
 - A. **Civic Center-** Gene Brazel stated there was discussion at the council retreat on where the city wanted to go with the civic center project. The City put out a community survey to gauge citizen interest in the civic center project and library services. The library has decided to build their own building so the budget line item for the civic center was reviewed and may be larger than needed. Many options are on the table for a lower cost option including repurposing other buildings or city facilities. Discussion only on this item, no action taken.
 - B. **Costco Roundabout Construction (Begins 2/25/22)-** Gene Brazel stated construction has begun and congestion is anticipated but it's exciting the project is starting. The Sewer District has not heard much from WSDOT on coordinating schedules. Not a lot of communication so they are waiting to hear from WSDOT. Discussion occurred; no action taken.
 - C. **Hartford Storm Drain-** Gene Brazel stated The City has been looking at different options on how to handle storm water in the downtown area. There was a study done prior to doing dredging on the outfall channel of the lake. The City wants to look at what a feasibility study would cost to reestablish a channel off of Hartford. This is the old channel that goes through the wetland which goes NW of Hartford to create more storage area and help move water through downtown. Discussion occurred; no action taken.
 - D. **Adding a GFC specific to ADU-** Gary Petershagen stated there has been an increase in talk about affordable housing and one of the things that is a component of addressing affordable housing is allowing for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Discussion occurred and centered around needing specific data about the currently allowed size of an ADU per The City and a picture of how many properties would qualify to build such a structure. Discussion occurred within the group and Gene Brazel stated he would send over the ADU data this coming week. Discussion occurred; no action taken.

E. Sewer Rates and Utility Tax Discussion- Mariah Low shared a presentation showing capital improvements coming down the pipeline that could affect rate increases. A power point presentation was given showing data and projections around upgrade and expansion costs and revenue statistics that are related to sewer rates and utility tax. Discussion occurred within the group as concerns were raised about infrastructure repairs and improvements that need to occur which could greatly affect rates. It was agreed that the sewer district and city staff need to meet to review all data and create recommendations for how to move forward addressing the issues while being mindful of rate increases. Discussion occurred; no action taken.

5. **Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2022, Minutes-** Commissioner Kevin Kosche made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Commissioner Dan Lorentzen, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Schedule the Next Meeting (7.2)** Monthly meetings were agreed upon and will be the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4pm. Next meeting is March 22, 2022.
7. **Adjourn –** Commissioner Dan Lorentzen, made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mariah Low seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

2022 Utility Committee Chair:

Marcus Tageant, City of Lake Stevens