

**CITY OF GREEN LAKE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE MEETING – APRIL 14, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Raymond Radis. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted on April 11, 2025.

Roll Call: Danielle Reysen, Mark Wilton, Jon McConnell, Steven Utecht. Absent: Christopher Foos. Note: one position is vacant. Also Present: City Attorney Jesse Spankowski, Police Chief Jason Reysen, Public Works Director Jason Carley.

Agenda: Motion made by Utecht, second by McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Boards, Commissions, Committees Minutes: Motion made by McConnell, second by Utecht to receive Minutes from Fire Commission – 2/26/2025; Plan Commission – 3/10/2025; Ad Hoc for Economic Development – 3/12/2025 & 3/27/2025; Park & Recreation – 3/19/2025; Historic Preservation – 4/2/2025. Motion carried.

Committee & Department Head Reports: Jon McConnell gave an oral report regarding the Park & Recreation/Tree Board. On June 29th is the celebration for the 75th Anniversary for the Starlight Stage. Green Lake Association is purchasing informational signs to be placed along the causeway by Hattie Sherwood Park. Boy Scouts camped out at Hattie Sherwood Park this past weekend which is an annual event. Looking into new signs for the parks. Will be painting the restrooms in Deacon Mills and Playground Parks.

Mark Wilton gave an oral report regarding the Ad Hoc Committee for Economic Development & Revitalization. Committee is meeting twice a month regarding the updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan including housing updates. Final draft should be done shortly. Are planning to have all of it completed by September for consideration by the Council.

Jason Reysen gave an oral report regarding the Police Department. Reported on training for officers, CTU sniper shoots, etc. Written report was also submitted.

Jason Carley gave an oral report regarding the Public Works Department. Preparing for the summer season, new LED lights have been installed in the shop (should see cost savings on electricity), working with contractors for Water and Wastewater Projects, finishing report to DNR & EPA regarding lead service pipes, will be taking delivery of snow plow truck chassis and get it ready for next season, and floating pier for Park Drive Boat Launch is anticipated to be installed by the end of May.

Special Event Fees: Mark Wilton addressed the Council. He gave information on estimated amounts of money visitors spend in this area, and in particular what is spent as it relates to various Chamber events, but is hard to quantify. City does not directly benefit (other than for

room taxes) but the businesses benefit. There was discussion on what triggers event fees, what kind of scale for fees there should be depending on what is asked for from the Police and Public Works Departments, and will need resolution to establish new fees.

Sign Ordinance: Jesse Spankowski addressed the Council. More amendments are needed to the draft Sign Ordinance and are being review to be presented for next month's meeting.

Temporary Street Privilege Permit Requests: Chops Restaurant put in another request for 2025 to put out deck in the city street for outside dining. Deck should come out earlier than requested, at least by October 5th.

Cost Savings Due to Referendum Failure: There was discussion on either additional revenue or cut expenses in order to comply with State imposed levy limits. Clerk was asked to have a resolution presented next month to consider un-assigning amounts of fund equity in the general fund. Other possibilities include: review and consider charging fees for all groups using the gymnasium, eliminate bulky waste and dumpsters at the compost site during the summer months, review all fees charged for different services, investigate into a simplified rate increase for the Water Utility, sewer rates should be reviewed and adjusted appropriately, and look at increased development for long term solutions.

Safe Routes to School Project: Ten plus years ago, the City was given a grant for the "Safe Routes to School" Project to continue the multi-use path from State Highway 23 along North Street to the public school. However, Council decided that the City's share of the cost was prohibitive and therefore declined to follow through with the project. The agreement signed at the time stated that the City would reimburse the State Department of Transportation for expenses incurred if the City did not follow through with the project. There remains an amount of \$17,379.44 which is owed to the State DOT. Based on advice from the City Financial Advisor, this could either be paid with surplus funds at the end of this year if any, or budget for it in 2026.

Reports: Motion made by McConnell, second by Utecht to receive March 2025 Reports from Clerk-Treasurer, Police Department, Fire Department, Green Lake/Brooklyn First Responders, Building Inspector; April 2025 Report from Library; and 2024 Annual Report for LOSA Program. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented, Email from DOT Representative Matthew Bronson dated 4/3/2025 regarding Safe Routes to School Project.

Agenda Items: Various Fees

Motion made by Utecht, second by McConnell to adjourn. Motion carried. (5:55 pm)

Barbara L. Dugenske, Clerk