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CONVENE: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Pete Kmet and Councilmembers Joan Cathey, Eileen Swarthout, Ed Hildreth, Debbie Sullivan, Tom Oliva, and Neil McClanahan.

Excused: Councilmember Nicole Hill.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Ursula Euler, Assistant City Administrator Heidi Behrends-Cerniwey, Community Development Director Michael Matlock, Public Works Director Jay Eaton, Fire Chief Scott LaVielle, Police Chief John Stines, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, and Recording Secretary Tom Gow.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

SAINT MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY 10TH ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL: Genevieve Chan, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Saint Martin's University, thanked the Council and the City for ongoing support of the annual Dragon Boat Festival. This year's festival is scheduled on Saturday, April 25 at the Port Plaza in downtown Olympia. The festival has grown to be one of the largest and most anticipated community events in the area with attendance anticipated to be more than 5,000 people. Forty-seven teams registered this year, a record number participating in the festival with more than 1,000 paddlers participating in the races. The festival attracts teams from Seattle to Portland with several local teams competing in addition to two teams from Shanghai, China. The festival is free to the community.

PROCLAMATION: NONPROFIT IMPACT MONTH, APRIL 2015: Councilmember Oliva read a proclamation declaring April 2015, as "Nonprofit Impact Month." The proclamation encourages all citizens to recognize citizen volunteers and the hardworking employees of nonprofits who strive each day to improve the quality of life for all.

Mayor Kmet presented the proclamation to Councilmember Cathey in recognition of her work with nonprofits over the years. Councilmember Cathey shared information about the number of nonprofits and the range of services provided by the organizations to the community.

PROCLAMATION: EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2015: Mayor Kmet read a proclamation declaring April 22, 2015, as "Earth Day." The first Earth Day was 45 years ago on April 22, 1970. That day is considered by many to be the birth of the modern day environmental movement. Gaylord Nelson, a US Senator from Wisconsin, is credited with founding Earth Day. Senator Nelson envisioned Earth Day as a national

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teach-in on the environment intending to bring environmental protection to the front of the national political agenda. He selected Dennis Hayes, raised in Camas, Washington, to organize the first Earth Day. Mr. Hayes still resides in Washington today.

The proclamation calls upon citizens to reflect on the benefits gained because of this unique moment in history and to look for opportunities to reduce the impact on the environment and support the City's efforts to create a more sustainable community.

Manager Anderson introduced several students from Black Hills High School and Tumwater High School. The students participated in Earth Day activities this year. Mayor Kmet presented the proclamation to the students to display at the schools.

Mayor Kmet and Councilmembers Sullivan and Cathey recounted their participation in activities for the first "Earth Day" in 1970.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

Connie Allison, Tumwater Farmers Market Manager, introduced Alyssa Auvinen, a new Boardmember. Ms. Auvinen shared that she is a new resident of Tumwater and works for the Department of Health. She was previously a farmers market manager at a health department in Montana. Local food and agriculture are important to her, as well as promoting health and wellness of everyone in the community. As the Healthy Eating Coordinator at the Department of Health, she plans to work with state employees working in the Tumwater area to promote attendance to the Tumwater Farmers Market.

Ms. Allison shared some posters and rack cards promoting the Tumwater Farmers Market. The market is celebrating its 10th season this year. All vendor positions have been filled at the market for this season. Support and sponsorship has increased from last year. The market is reaching out to the community to solicit volunteers to serve on the Board with a goal to add a Saturday market sometime in the future. Opening day is Wednesday, May 6. This year, the market is opening a month earlier because of the mild winter. The market season is now May through September.

Councilmember Hildreth asked about the potential of opening the market on Saturdays. Ms. Allison said the Board's discussion on a Saturday market has been tabled until next year; however, ongoing discussions have occurred with vendors about the potential of opening the market on Saturday, July 4.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, April 7, 2015
- b. Payment of Vouchers
- c. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Use of Neonicotinoids

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- on Partner Properties
- d. Tumwater Farmer's Market Operating & Lease Agreement

MOTION: Councilmember McClanahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to approve the consent calendar as published. Motion carried.

Mayor Kmet reviewed the items approved on the consent calendar.

**COUNCIL
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**T STREET PARK
COMPLETION:** Director Denney presented the proposal to complete T Street Park as recommended by the General Government Committee.

The park property was purchased as part of the golf course purchase in 1996. The City considered the property, a hillside above the 13th and 14th fairways, as a potential park site because of the bench on the hill and the connectivity of the site for a future Deschutes Valley Trail segment. In 1998, the property was designated as a future southeast neighborhood park.

During the planning for reclaimed water at the golf course, approximately \$50,000 of an irrigation project was allocated to the installation of "purple" pipe to take advantage of reclaimed water in the future for irrigation of the course.

In 2010, LOTT Clean Water Alliance extended reclaimed water piping from the downtown plant to the golf course maintenance shop. In 2014, the City broke ground on the park project in conjunction with LOTT to complete phase 1 of the park/LOTT reclaimed water tank at the end of T Street. LOTT invested \$4 million in the project to store, provide reclaimed water, and complete some park infrastructure. The main element of the park was the construction of a million gallon precast concrete reservoir. A booster station was added at the bottom of the hill next to the golf course with piping completed between the tank and the golf course. Park construction included the entryway, parking lot, pathways, turf areas, landscaping, preliminary work on the Deschutes Valley trailhead, retaining walls, seating areas, stormwater treatment areas, and fencing.

Phase 2 completes the park. The engineer's estimate is \$356,000 to include a 20% contingency. Staff proposes using park impact fees as a source of funds.

Director Denney reviewed the elements proposed for completion during phase 2:

- Installation of benches next to the railing on top of tank overlooking

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the golf course

- Installation of artificial turf on tank top
- Curbing, surfacing, and installation of a play toy
- Park sign - the department initiated a community process for naming the park, which is reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission forwards a park name recommendation to the City Council for consideration.
- Small restroom facility
- Information kiosk
- Bike racks and trash receptacles
- Entry gateway into the park
- Replacement of existing fence

Approximately \$40,000 of LOTT's project budget was allocated to public art. A juried process selected a local artist to complete a tile mosaic depicting the history of Tumwater, importance of water, sea life, and Native Americans for installation on the lid of the tank.

Director Denney displayed photographs of the park site. Staff is seeking approval for expenditure of park impact fees to complete the park. If approved, staff anticipates completion of the park by early fall.

Councilmember Cathey recapped the General Government Committee's review and recommendation of the proposal. The committee's questions centered on the cost of the park, community questions regarding replacement trees to serve as a buffer between the park and T Street, and promotion of the park to the citizens of Tumwater because of its isolated location.

Director Denney addressed questions. During the public outreach with the neighborhood, staff defined the areas for tree replanting. Several dozen cedar trees were planted along T Street and White Hawk Lane. Space is limited for planting of trees between the sidewalk and the retaining wall for the Deschutes Valley Trail. He reviewed the City's portion of costs for completing the park. A substantial portion of the total cost was paid by LOTT as part of the reclaimed water tank project. Maintenance of the park for the first year is provided by the contractor as part of the warranty. The department will be managing use of the park and restroom maintenance. The year-long warranty affords adequate time for the department to plan for long-term maintenance resources required for the park. Additionally, promoting the park to the community requires a balance because the park is a neighborhood park. As more people learn about the park, visits will increase over time. Because of the setting, the park likely will attract wedding parties for photos and other kinds of special events. In addition to signs at the park and listing the park on the City's website, there are no

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plans to install a sign on Capitol Boulevard directing visitors to the park.

Councilmember Oliva spoke to the partnership with LOTT affording the City an opportunity to complete a major infrastructure project. The main feature of the park is the reclaimed water tank, which will be used by the golf course to irrigate the course during the summer season rather than irrigating the course with 600,000 gallons of drinking water a day. Although the City doesn't plan to proactively promote the park, it likely will become a destination as people seek out the park because of the amenities and the art.

MOTION: Councilmember Oliva moved, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to approve the expenditure of park impact fees to complete the T Street Park as designed. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 5 at 9 a.m. rather than May 12.
Ed Hildreth

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: The next meeting is scheduled on May 12 at 11 a.m. rather than May 5.
Joan Cathey

PUBLIC WORKS: There was no report.
Neil McClanahan

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Future meetings are planned of the committee.
Pete Kmet

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kmet shared information on his attendance and planned attendance to several community events on behalf of the City.

City Administrator Doan shared several notes of appreciation and thanks received by the City acknowledging the work and efforts of Tumwater City staff members.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORTS:**

Neil McClanahan : The next meeting of the Association for Healthy South Puget Sound is Thursday, April 23 followed by a meeting of the Association for United States Army on Friday, April 25.

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At the last meeting of the Thurston County Housing Task Force, members discussed the homeless count reflecting a downward trend in spite of feedback from community service providers indicating the number served continues to increase.

HOME Consortium members discussed the disparity of not including rural county homeless individuals within the homeless count because over the last several years during the one-day outreach event, homeless individuals from rural areas haven't attended because the events are primarily held in the City of Olympia. The HOME Consortium contributes \$30,000 for the homeless count. Next year, the intent is expanding the coverage to include rural areas to increase participation in the outreach events.

City Administrator Doan volunteered to review HOME Consortium funding applications on behalf of Councilmember McClanahan this year.

Councilmember Cathey commented that homeless events were also held in Yelm and in Rochester. Councilmember McClanahan noted the main events were held in the City of Olympia. A more concentrated effort is planned in future years to extend the count beyond one-day events in communities to include visiting encampments to help ensure a more accurate count.

Councilmember Cathey asked whether there are plans to address the increase in homeless teenagers. Councilmember McClanahan said accuracy of the count has improved since the opening of Community Youth Services' Pear Street housing facility. Additionally, accurate counts have been provided by schools. The school district defines a homeless youth as having no permanent address.

Tom Oliva:

Councilmember Oliva participated in the City's Earth Day with the work crew at Historical Park to remove English ivy.

LOTT Clean Water Alliance is preparing for the Septic Summit scheduled on Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. The Council is encouraged to attend. The plan to convert septic to sewers in the urban area would take approximately 400 years under the current level of effort. The intent is increasing that effort through discussions, planning, and action.

Ballots for Tumwater's Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 are due by Tuesday, April 28. Councilmember Oliva encouraged Tumwater citizens to vote.

Debbie Sullivan:

The Intercity Transit Authority reviewed the Village Van Program. The director of the program is retiring soon. The program has been successful in creating careers for many people. Members discussed the Olympia

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Transit Center expansion and the partnership with Greyhound Bus. The center will host Intercity Transit buses and Greyhound Bus service. The Authority scheduled a retreat in August to review the agency's strategic plan.

Ed Hildreth: There were no meetings and no report.

Councilmember Cathey asked about the Visitor and Convention Bureau's reaction to the announcement by the City of Olympia to create a visitor center in the downtown area. Councilmember Hildreth said the Board would likely schedule a discussion on the issue. The VCB Board did not meet last month.

Eileen Swarthout: Councilmember Swarthout participated in the City's Earth Day event as part of the work crew removing English ivy. Many volunteers and families participated in the work.

At the Thurston County Emergency Medical Services Council meeting, members discussed the preliminary ALS data report figures.

Joan Cathey: The Community Investment Partnership (CIP) held two meetings to review grant applications with a final meeting of the panel scheduled to review seven more applications. The CIP is scheduled to rank the applications on April 29 for review by the Executive Committee.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee is embarking on its five-year review of the Solid Waste Plan. The plan was disseminated to each city for comment and to solicit feedback on whether there is a desire to remain in the plan.

Mayor Kmet commented on the importance of all cities participating on a collective basis as each jurisdiction is served by the same facility. It would have been beneficial if the City of Olympia elected to participate in the plan; however, the city decided to pursue a different course.

Councilmember Cathey encouraged the Council to submit any comments as the review will be initiated at the beginning of May.

Previous questions by the Council on the status of the plastic bag ban prompted a reply advising the Council that the results are posted on the county's website.

Councilmember Cathey referred to a recent newspaper article recognizing 15 schools in Thurston County as top performers with four of the schools located in Tumwater. The picture accompanying the article was of Black Hills High School, which continuously receives awards as top performer for

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the last three years. Both middle schools in Tumwater received the same honor in addition to East Olympia Elementary School.

Councilmember Cathey represented the Mayor during a meeting at the Masonic Lodge as the keynote speaker. Councilmember Cathey shared information on the discussion with Masonic Lodge members regarding the name of the wife of Tumwater founding member George Bush, which was Isabel Bush. She had previously asked the Superintendent of the Tumwater School District why no schools have been named after a woman. She supports naming the next elementary school as Isabel Bush Elementary School. Councilmember Cathey shared some little known history about the efforts of Isabel Bush while traveling to Tumwater in 1844. She ensured covered wagons carried over 100 books, seeds, and tree seedlings to their new home. She was also privileged during the meeting to sit next to a woman who is a member of the first African-American family to move to Olympia.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Mayor Kmet adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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