

CLE ELUM SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2024

6:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET

CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

John Glondo - Councilmember
 Ken Ratliff - Councilmember
 Beth Williams - Councilmember
 Steven Cook - Councilmember
 Steven Harper - Councilmember (present not voting representing Grace Baptist Church)
 Jerred Weis - Councilmember
 Audrey Malek - Councilmember via zoom

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
 Rob Omans - City Administrator
 Debbie Lee - Clerk
 Ben Annen - HLA
 Alex Kenyon - Attorney via zoom
 Becki Ashbaugh - Attorney via zoom
 Kenneth Harper - Attorney via zoom

- a. March 18, 2024 Special Meeting Sign In Sheet

2. Executive Session

Mayor Lundh informed the Council that they will be going into Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(i) for 20 minutes starting at 6:03 p.m. until 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Lundh came out and informed the public that the Executive Session would be another 15 minutes until 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Lundh returned and informed the public that the Executive Session would be an additional 10 minutes lasting until 6:48 p.m.

The Council is expected to make a decision after the Executive Session.

- a. Executive Session under the authority of RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence for the agency.

Ben Annen of HLA informed the Council that he spoke with the program manager as well as the program director from CDBG yesterday. They were pleased with the update and

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supported the forward movement and certainty of the grant. Ben Annen felt that he got positive feedback from CDBG. Ben asked if there was a chance that the expiration date of the grant could be pushed out. CDBG stated that it has to be January 31, 2026, as the end date. CDBG informed Ben that there is the potential for additional funding to fill the gap from the bids that were received 2 years ago. CDBG was in favor of adding a design speed variance. CDBG also supported a 15 mph speed limit.

Councilmember Glondo asked what the difference was between a design speed variance and a regulatory speed limit. Ben Annen explained that an engineer would recommend a design speed variance, the City could further add chevrons to the corners and other safety measures. The City could in the future lower the speed limit if the design speed variance was not working.

Councilmember Ratliff asked if it was the grade of 11% or the corner that was driving the design speed variance. Ben Annen answered it was the curve that is driving the variance.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Stafford Avenue Improvements - Mayor Lundh

MOTION: Councilmember Williams made a motion to move forward with the CDBG grant with a design speed variance, consider getting the grade to be somewhere between 8-11%, and fixing the waterline; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

4. New Business

5. Other Committee Comments

6. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk