

**City of Enumclaw
1339 Griffin Avenue
Enumclaw, Washington 98022**

**City Council Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
January 14, 2019, 7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Molinaro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem LaFleur announced that Councilmembers Binion and Wright were absent.

LA FLEUR MOVED TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS BINION AND WRIGHT. JACOBSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ATTENDANCE:

Councilmembers Kael Johnson, Kyle Jacobson, Hoke Overland, Kimberly Lauk and Chance LaFleur were present. Also present were Mayor Jan Molinaro, City Administrator Chris Searcy, City Attorney Mike Reynolds, City Clerk Maureen Burwell, Public Works Director Jeff Lincoln, Community Development Director Chris Pasinetti, Parks Director Michelle Larson, Finance Director Stephanie McKenzie, Police Chief Bob Huebler, and Information Services Technicians Travis Rose and Daniel Aaron.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor removed 13.A, New Business; and added 5.D, Discussion on Puget Sound Energy Project. Council consensus to approve the agenda as amended.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

A. Council Minutes, 12/10/18

JACOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2018, MINUTES AS PUBLISHED. OVERLAND SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

4. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY - STUDENTS ON COUNCIL:

- a. Finn Carter, Thunder Mountain Middle School
- b. Matthew Law, Enumclaw Middle School

Mayor welcomed the two students who will represent their respective schools on Council for the winter term. He recognized the two teachers who facilitate this program: Karl Karkainen from Enumclaw Middle School (EMS) and Kamele Kimball from Thunder Mountain Middle School (TMMS).

Mayor administered the oath of office to Carter, who stated he looks forward to learning about the topics discussed and the decisions made by the Council. His interest is in government and he appreciates the opportunity to be a Student on Council. He noted two programs recently implemented at TMMS: The Smile Program and Mix-it-up Day at Lunch. The 8th graders have just completed Suicide Prevention Week.

Mayor Pro Tem administered the oath of office to Law, his nephew. Law thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as a representative for his school and to serve his community. He asserted that the Enumclaw community is like a family because individuals care for each other and it is the same for EMS. He noted two events: an 8th Grade Open Mic Poetry Reading held recently; and an EMS Band Concert at the Chalet Theater, on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019, to commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
2. Boards and Commission Open Positions – Design Review Board, Library Board, Park Board and 2 Arts Commission positions. Please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 360-615-5627 for an application or more information.

Mayor noted the office closure and open positions.

B. PRESENTATION

1. Legislative Update by Representative Morgan Irwin

Irwin congratulated the Students on Council and noted that his first two oaths of office were taken as an Enumclaw City Councilmember. He gave an overview of the discussion items for the 2019 Legislative Session, which began today:

- Governor’s Budget - increases tax burden by approximately \$3.7 billion. The House and Senate’s job will be to pare it down.
- Although there has been tremendous fiscal growth in Washington State, he and his fellow Representatives are concerned about how spending policies will affect Washington State in the next 2, 5 or 10 years.
- Transportation King County - he has contacted KC Councilmember Reagan Dunn’s office about KCDOT’s intent to close a road to right-hand turns during peak commute hours to ensure the closure is based on science.
- Transportation Washington State - Traffic light retiming project in Buckley should be completed within the year by WSDOT.
- Transportation Study - WSDOT allocated \$300,000 to study traffic between Griffin Avenue in Enumclaw along SR 410 into Pierce County. White River Bridge will be problematic going forward (actually two bridges as there is a flume bridge); it would be difficult to increase the lanes.
- Indigent Defense Fees - mostly affects the counties of Washington State but can affect cities as well. The State mandates that all indigent defense fees are covered. For King County the amount is approximately \$100 million per year; the State only contributes \$1 million.

Irwin noted that he is the ranking member on the Judiciary Committee. Two topics they will cover during the Session are tenant-landlord legislation; and hospital billing and liability. He is also on the Capital Budget Committee, which can allocate for projects like a Fairground building roof. He hopes to bring that and other projects to the 31st District.

LaFleur thanked Representative Irwin for keeping the Enumclaw Council informed.

Overland noted that our region's gas tax is very high; it appears that more of the transportation funding goes to the eastside communities rather than the south even though there is a higher population in the south. He asked Irwin if there is some relief in sight for those areas of Highway 18 where there is only one lane or it is undivided. Irwin stated that there has been continuous construction on Highway 18 as well as SR 167 for more than 35 years. Highway 18 is a high fatality route and the State has failed to address some of the key traffic issues. It is on the list to complete, but not as high as the Highway 167 improvements. A large parking garage is slated to be constructed near the light rail station in Sumner. Other long-term projects are: 167/509 interchange; offramp by Airport; and Snoqualmie Pass expansion.

Mayor thanked Irwin for presenting at the Council meeting, especially as it is the first day of Session.

Mayor noted the two new television screens and thanked Information Services for installing them. This will make presentations more visible to Council and the community.

C. COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. Time Capsule Dedication, Sunday, January 27, 3:00 p.m., City Hall

Mayor invited the community to the dedication.

D. DISCUSSION ON PUGET SOUND ENERGY (PSE) PROJECT

Julien Loh, Puget Sound Energy's Government Affairs Manager, thanked the community for their patience during the recent storm with electric outages. He stated a presentation on the Enumclaw transmission project will be made at the February 11th Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their patience as the project progresses.

The Mayor opened up the floor for information that Council would like Loh to bring back to in February. Council and staff made the following requests/points:

- Options besides the proposed plan on Garrett Street.
- Project stopped until resolved amicably.
- Tourism Advisory Board's goal is to beautify Enumclaw; 75 foot poles near the center of town goes against this. The TAB is against the proposed line down Garrett Street.
- Puget Sound Energy's notification process appears to be lacking on businesses impacted. What is the notification process?
- This project is not in conformity with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and the Economic Development Plan.
- Proposal of a \$10 million building that will be directly impacted by the power lines.
- Another building has a proposed large rooftop deck; which will no longer have an unobstructed view of Mt. Rainier as the power lines will be in the way.
- Another PSE project along Veazie Valley has a better process where King County is asking citizens for their comments. The City has not done this.

- The City’s right-of-way permit does not prohibit specific projects; it typically has requirements for traffic control and restoration of the street. The franchise agreement with the City gives PSE the right to put in transmission lines up to 115,000 volts. It does not specify or limit height.
- Easements have been requested by PSE for the City Shops area. Those have not been granted yet until the issue is resolved.
- There has been confusion on the height of the proposed transmission lines. Request to PSE to address the height issue.

Troy Couch, Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce, stated that the business community is lacking information on the power poles and is requesting PSE bring back specific information showing how the poles will look and what the City will gain with the project. He read a letter from the Chamber sent to PSE, attached as Exhibit 1 to these minutes.

Reynolds stated that many years ago, meetings were held with PSE regarding potentially placing underground power lines on Railroad Street. At that time it was not feasible due to the cost that the City would have been assessed. He noted that there is a large Railroad Street project where the street will be opened up. He suggested it may be time to revisit the potential for an underground conveyance system.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

7. CLOSED RECORD PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. Koopman Preliminary Plat, Ordinance No. 2649

Mayor detailed the procedures for the Closed Records Public Hearing.

MAYOR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:49 P.M.

Burwell confirmed that the City Clerk’s office received no communication from the public regarding the Koopman Preliminary Plat. Councilmembers confirmed that they also received no communication.

City Clerk read by Title Only

ORDINANCE NO. 2649

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON APPROVING THE KOOPMAN PRELIMINARY PLAT PROPOSED BY MR. JOHN KOOPMAN, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF WARNER AVE E AND WATSON STREET NORTH, CONSISTING OF 7.55 ACRES, PROPOSED TO BE SUBDIVIDED INTO TWENTY-SEVEN (27) LOTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Report:

Pasinetti gave a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary plat. The property is located on the north side of Warner Avenue and west side of Watson Street, currently zoned R-2.

Project includes 27 single-family homes with roadway access, stormwater pond and a stream buffer along the northern edge.

A Hearing Examiner Public Hearing was held on November 20, 2018. Citizen comments referenced wetlands, historical artifacts, and streams. The Hearing Examiner issued a recommendation for approval.

Pasinetti noted that lot sizes in the proposed preliminary plat range from 8,400 square feet to 14,023 square feet in size, with an average lot size of approximately 9,169 square feet for the 27 lots. Frontage improvements along Watson are required; frontage improvements have already been completed along Warner. An in-lieu mitigation fee will be paid as there is no open space planned. Services are provided by King County Fire and Enumclaw School District. The applicant will pay school, park, transportation and fire impact fees. All conditions for approval have been met.

Searcy noted that the enhanced buffer for stream includes trees. The City usually hears from the adjacent subdivisions when these types of buffers are planted because their view of Mt. Rainier is blocked. This is a requirement for environmental conditions.

Council Comments:

LaFleur noted that access for one of the ditches is difficult; and inquired whether access will be provided for the new plantings as part of the project. Pasinetti answered that typically hand tools are needed for maintenance.

Overland stated that a rectangular stormwater retention pond at Suntop is not aesthetically pleasing. He suggested that rounding the edges for a more lake-like appearance would be preferable for this project.

Public Input:

None.

MAYOR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:02 P.M.

8. TABLED BUSINESS:

None.

9. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmembers Overland, Chair; Johnson, Binion

Overland stated the Committee last met on January 14, 2019. They discussed the Planning Commission/Community Development work plan. Also discussed was the Expo lease agreement which will be presented at a future Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 5:00 p.m. at the Stevenson-Yerxa Building.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES – Councilmembers Wright, Chair; Binion, Jacobson
Jacobson stated the Committee last met on December 17, 2018. They discussed the arts director position and a future meeting with the Arts Commission and Arts Alive! Also discussed was the Aquatic Center: the proposed pool renovations; potential funding from the State; long-term goals and plans; and possibility of a conceptual plan for a pool/rec center. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. at Council conference room at City Hall.

C. FINANCE – LaFleur, Chair; Wright, Johnson
LaFleur stated the Committee last met on January 14. They discussed Ordinance 2650, Resolutions 1640 and 1641. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. in the Finance Department.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmembers LaFleur, Chair; Lauk, Jacobson
LaFleur stated the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 p.m. at the Police Department.

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Councilmember Lauk, Chair; LaFleur, Wright
Lauk stated the Committee last met on January 14. They discussed the transportation agreement with Northwest Pipeline; Jewell Street drainage improvements; Ordinance No. 2648; the goals for 2019 and accomplishments of 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 5:30 p.m. in the Council conference room at City Hall.

F. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Councilmember Binion, Liaison
No report as Councilmember Binion was not at the meeting.

G. SOUTH COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION BOARD (SCATBd) -
Councilmember Lauk, Liaison
Lauk stated that SCATBd will next meet on for Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. at SeaTac City Hall.

H. SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION (SCA) - Councilmember Wright
No report as Councilmember Wright was not at the meeting.

I. TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) - Councilmember Overland, Liaison;
Johnson, Binion
Johnson stated that TAB last met January 10. They discussed long term goals, attracting more visitors to Enumclaw, and reflected on accomplishments of 2018, such as *Sundays on Cole*. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, at the Chamber of Commerce.

J. ENUMCLAW EXPO AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION (EEEE) BOARD -
Councilmember Wright, Liaison
LaFleur gave the report provided to him from Councilmember Wright. Staff: active shooter training is occurring at the Expo Center; an event coordinator is now fulltime; a review of all positions is occurring; and final review of the lease agreement with the City. Grounds: Activity Hall bathroom updates/renovation are occurring; and a quote for rodeo fencing is

expected in March. Events: Wine & Chocolate; Samsarafest; Lantern Festival in fall; new RV Show in August; and plans for the King County Fair are underway. Grants: \$1,000 landscaping/beautification grant received. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. at the Expo Center Administration Building.

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. VOUCHER AND PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

1. November 2018 Accounts Payable Vouchers #186647-186822 - \$906,195.32
2. November 2018 Payroll Vouchers #28604-28618 - \$24,206.97; Payroll Direct Deposits - \$460,019.01; Payroll Tax and Benefits - \$463,114.56

B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

1. Extend Transportation Agreement with Northwest Pipeline

C. PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

1. Fenix Earthworks - Jewell Street Drainage

LA FLEUR MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. OVERLAND SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance No. 2648 - MCImetro Franchise Agreement

City Clerk Read by Title Only for the First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, GRANTING MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORP. D/B/A VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN, THROUGH, OVER AND UNDER THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW.

Staff Report:

Searcy stated that this is similar to the recently approved franchise with Astound Broadband. The term is 10 years and there is no compensation to the City. Primary purpose is to install fiber optic cable and to backhaul data into cell towers in preparation for 5G deployment. There are no plans to offer residential service and no new utility poles are proposed.

Committee Report:

Lauk stated the Public Works Committee is in support.

Council Comments:

In response to a question from Overland about receiving franchise fees similar to Comcast, Searcy stated the distinction is that Comcast's agreement allows them to generate revenue at the retail level. This is primarily to get data into cell tower systems.

2. Ordinance No. 2649 - Koopman Preliminary Plat

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Staff Report:

Pasinetti stated he had nothing further to add to the report given during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Council Comments:

Overland stated that the regional transportation infrastructure is deficient. He asserted that, if the applicant complies with the Comprehensive Plan, Council cannot oppose the plat and, therefore, there is no true choice given to Council. Reynolds confirmed this assertion.

Searcy explained that the Municipal Code ensures that transportation in the City meets an acceptable level of service with the added housing. The bigger issue is regionally, the State highway system is not subject to concurrency. As communities continue to grow there is no requirement that the State's transportation system improve to keep up with the growth.

LaFleur stated that the City is mandated by the Growth Management Act set by the State Legislature; the City can establish rules and policies but it needs to allow for growth. Reynolds stated that staff has recommended the Legislative Agenda include concurrency on the State highway system.

Johnson commented that small lot sizes have been discussed in the Community & Economic Development Committee and their recommendation is to increase lot sizes.

3. Ordinance No. 2650 - Amend 2019 Property Tax Levy

City Clerk Read by Title Only for the First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2650

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING ORDINANCE 2644, LEVYING THE GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019, ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Staff Report:

McKenzie stated that the final levy worksheet has been received from King County. The new construction amount decreased by \$53.00; and the total Assessed Value increased by \$13 million. This decreases the amount per \$1,000 assessed to homeowners.

Committee Report:

LaFleur stated the Finance Committee recommends approval.

Council Comments:

None.

Council Action:

LA FLEUR MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND APPROVE ON THE FIRST READING. JACOBSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

LA FLEUR MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2650, AMEND THE 2019 PROPERTY TAX LEVY. JACOBSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mayor gave the two students, teachers and their families the opportunity to leave at 8:24 p.m.

4. Ordinance No. 2651 - EMC Amendment - Civil Service

City Clerk Read by Title Only for the First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2651

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTION 2.72.020, CHAPTER 2.72 ENUMCLAW MUNICIPAL CODE, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR A COMMISSIONER CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Staff Report:

Searcy stated that the Enumclaw Civil Service Commission has three commissioners, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Commission has the duty to hear appeals of adverse employment action taken by the City against members of the Enumclaw Police Department. The City terminated a law enforcement officer in December 2018 and the officer has appealed to the Commission. One of the current commissioners is a retired EPD officer who was supervised by the terminated officer and thus has a conflict of interest in the appeal before the Commission. This Ordinance would amend the Code to provide a process for the mayor to appoint a commissioner pro tem to replace the conflicted commissioner. This would prevent the possibility of a tied vote of the Commission.

Committee Report:

The Ordinance will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee at its next meeting.

Council Comments:

Overland stated he has been concerned about the make-up of the Commission as it appears nepotistic within the police family. The Chief has worked very hard at changing the culture of the Department and is doing well. The Council may want to review the make-up of the Commission to ensure the appearance of fairness.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 1640 - Outside Agency Agreements

City Clerk Read by Title Only

RESOLUTION NO. 1640

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE AGENCIES PURSUANT TO THE 2019 BUDGET: VISIT RAINIER, ENUMCLAW EXPO CENTER, NEXUS - ENUMCLAW, PLATEAU OUTREACH MINISTRIES, RAINIER FOOTHILLS WELLNESS FOUNDATION, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, ENUMCLAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ENUMCLAW PLATEAU FARMERS' MARKET.

Staff Report:

Searcy stated these agreements are implementing the funds budgeted through the 2019 budget process. The 2019 total for all agencies is \$155,700. New for 2019 is funding for the Enumclaw Plateau Farmer's Market at \$2,000. He noted that funds were appropriated by Council for the Enumclaw Plateau Historical Society (EPHS) out of the Schlotfeldt Fund for utilities. The EPHS board has since indicated their preference is to use the funds for a capital project to renovate the façade of their building. That agreement will come to a later Council meeting.

Committee Report:

LaFleur stated that Finance reviewed and the Resolution is an administrative function firming up what was approved in the budget.

Council Comments:

None.

Council Action:

LA FLEUR MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1640, OUTSIDE AGENCY AGREEMENTS. JACOBSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2. Resolution No. 1641 - Commercial Lease Agreements

City Clerk Read by Title Only

RESOLUTION NO. 1641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COMMERCIAL LEASE

AGREEMENTS WITH THE ENUMCLAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ARTS ALIVE!.

Staff Report:

Searcy stated that this Resolution approves the annual lease agreements with Arts Alive! and Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce, reflecting the subsidy amounts and setting the leasehold excise tax responsibilities.

Committee Report:

LaFleur stated the Finance Committee recommends approval.

Council Comments:

None.

Council Action:

JACOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1641, THE COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENTS. LA FLEUR SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

C. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Informational Reports

- a. Municipal Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) by
Chris Searcy, City Administrator

Searcy stated the MSWMAC last met on January 11. King County Solid Waste gave a presentation on the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill and steps taken to protect the aquifer; they are meeting and exceeding the environmental regulations. The next step is to expand capacity. A final report was received from the Responsible Recycling Task Force. They presented 6 goals:

- 1) Establish responsible recycling policies
- 2) Develop local recycling infrastructure
- 3) Harmonize recycling programs and messaging to eliminate confusion
- 4) Increase demand for recycled materials
- 5) Create clean and marketable feedstocks
- 6) Improve upstream design - packaging

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8.

2. Routine Reports

- a. Community Development: Building Permits; City Planning
b. Public Works: Facilities; Equipment Rental; Solid Waste; Gas; Line
Maintenance, Streets; Wastewater; Water

Mayor noted the reports.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of 2019 Legislative Agenda

LaFleur suggested this discussion as well as scheduling of workshops be postponed until all Councilmembers are in attendance. There was Council consensus for postponing.

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Maureen Burwell
City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: _____

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City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 1-28-19

Julien C. Loh
Local Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager
Puget Sound Energy
355 110th Ave NE EST11W
Bellevue, WA 98004

January 14, 2019

Dear Julien:

We are writing this letter to express our strong opposition to what we understand to be the currently proposed version of the Puget Sound Energy Garrett Street transmission line project.

Given the growing need for increased local power capacity and an enhanced power grid infrastructure, we understand the importance of meeting the objectives of this project. However, we have great concerns about the current design and the process by which our citizens were informed of this project.

We are concerned that unsightly new 75-foot power poles/lines sited on Garrett Street will likely affect property values and inhibit future economic growth in our downtown core. In addition, the impact on our local skyline will forever change the small-town ambiance that is so important to us.

We are also concerned that this project has proceeded thus far without sufficient information provided to community members. We appreciate that you attempted to convene a public meeting, but it was poorly advertised and subsequently resulted in less than a handful of community members attending. Until recently, our local officials and Chamber of Commerce were uninformed about the nature and scope of this major project through vital downtown streets in our city.

The primary goal of the Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce is to enhance local economic development in a manner that is consistent with our small-town culture and lifestyle. Our 15-member Board of Directors recently discussed this Garrett Street transmission line project and unanimously expressed concerns about the current design and lack of available information about this project. We believe this project may very well threaten potential economic development and quality of life in our community.

Our specific request is for Puget Sound Energy to present information about this project to the Enumclaw City Council and our greater community and to work closely with our local officials to look at all of the options for this project in order to realize the best outcome for all concerned.

The Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to partner with Puget Sound Energy to facilitate and/or advertise a series of informational presentations throughout our community that will inform our citizens about local power grid needs, generate feedback and garner support for a mutually satisfying solution.

We look forward to working together in the coming weeks toward a resolution that will meet the long-term needs of our city and the best interests of Enumclaw and its citizens.

Sincerely,



Bert Tyler
Chairman of the Board
Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce



Troy Couch
Chief Executive Officer
Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Jan Molinaro, Mayor, City of Enumclaw,
Chris Searcy, City Administrator, City of Enumclaw
Chris Pasinetti, Community Development Director, City of Enumclaw
Council Members, City of Enumclaw
Board of Directors, Enumclaw Area Chamber of Commerce