

**City of Enumclaw
45225 288th Ave SE
Enumclaw, Washington 98022**

**City Council Retreat
Enumclaw Men's Golf Club
January 14, 2022, 8:00 am**

ATTENDANCE:

Councilmembers Thomas Sauvageau, Chris Gruner, Beau Chevassus, Chance La Fleur, Corrie Koopman Frazier, and Anthony Wright (arrived at 8:55 a.m.). Also present were Mayor Jan Molinaro, City Administrator Chris Searcy, and Deputy City Clerk Jessica Rose.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Molinaro began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the 2022 Council Retreat and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

2022 Goals and Discussion

Mayor Molinaro explained that he would go around the room asking each Councilmember what their goals are for 2022. Each members goals are as listed:

Sauvageau's goals include:

- Upgrade the Disc Golf Course – Farmers' Park.
- Visit Enumclaw website upgraded and maintained.
- Move forward on the Downtown Pavilion, possibly expand downtown corridor to include more businesses.

Chevassus' ideas include:

- Find a solution for the Visit Enumclaw website.
- Senior Center building, either upgrade the building or rebuild the Senior Center and sell the land.

Koopman Frazier's ideas include:

- Keep moving forward on the Downtown Pavilion
- Would like to do something with the Career Technical Education program at the school, whether it is to talk with the kids about careers within local government or an internship program.

La Fleur's goals include:

- Continue working with the Agricultural Community, such as the Livestock Shows and Farmers' Market.
- Continue to maintain Enumclaw's public safety independence, which includes continuing to increase jail revenue.
- Continue to move forward on the Downtown Pavilion and the Senior Center.
 - o Possibly building a new Community Center along with the Pavilion.
- Visit Enumclaw website.

Gruner's goals include:

- Moving forward with the Downtown Pavilion.
- Commit to Investments, but careful spending.
- Solutions to the substance abuse in the community.
- Accountability for those who received government funding.
- Comprehensive polling instead of surveys.

- Broadband projects – other possible competition.

Searcy confirmed Council's main goals for 2022 and provided some advice to Council, which includes:

- Pay attention to what is happening around Enumclaw to help keep Enumclaw's character intact.
- More noticeable congestion from increased tourism will impact quality life of the community.
- Build a relationship with Buckley's new Council and Mayor to work on traffic issues.
- Be engaged in the transportation process, such as the build out at Black Diamond.

Wright joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m. He briefly introduced himself and his goals include:

- Personnel: how many years left from those who are retiring; reviewing pay structures to attract new talent.
- Capital projects that are the right size for the City.
- Moving forward on the Downtown Pavilion, Senior Center, and Youth Center; additional stakeholders and funding.
- Pool received the \$1.2 million grant but could use on the Skatepark or Community Center instead.
- ARPA: what was and wasn't spent; what are the next steps when the new funding comes in April.

Mayor Molinaro provided updates, which includes:

- Traffic meeting with Buckley in about 5 months.
- Students on Council begins at the next Council meeting and the students may attend Committee meetings.
- Increased traffic issues with the Crystal Mountain 5-year plan, which includes a new gondola, sleeping accommodations, and parking area.

A quick discussion took place on how Councilmembers felt about Annexations.

Council consensus that they are not interested in annexations at this time.

Mayor Molinaro handed out an assessment for the Senior Center Building. A discussion took place which includes the following:

- Formal presentation will be presented to Council at the February 14th meeting.
- Possibly adding a new Community Center along with the Downtown Pavilion.
- Options of doing a bond, bank capacity advisory vote, or grants.
 - o Grants are not guaranteed.
 - o Bonds – will the voters say yes? 60% of votes are needed to pass.
 - o Banked Property Tax Capacity Advisory Vote – 50% of votes are needed but a levy may affect future budgets.
- What voters may be willing to vote on.
- Concerns of increased taxes from the different bonds that will be presented this year from King County.
- Another option is to build a two-story structure that could house the Parks Department and Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation, which will free up space at Stevenson-Yerxa building.

- Pavilion will need to be phased in; Building and prepping for remaining areas needs to be designed well for additions.
- Will cost roughly \$2.5 million to repair the Senior Center building; Senior Center has been waiting for a long time, need to fix the problem now.
- Costs \$30,000 to put a bond on the ballots. Public input and hearing would take place before going on the ballot.
- The costs can change depending on what is decided. A range of costs will be needed to present to the people.
- Let the Community decide if they would like to do a bond for both the pavilion and the Community Center or individually.

Council Consensus to wait for official presentation in February to proceed further.

A discussion took place regarding the Visit Enumclaw website, which includes the following:

- It will cost \$11,000 to redo the website, which will include 1 year of maintenance.
- \$40,000 of ARPA funds had been held for Crystal Mountain for advertising, who had decided not to use, but could be used for this project.
- Events are being advertised in multiple places and this website feels redundant.
- Would it be better to have this website house timeless content that directs people where to go for current content, such as the City website, Chamber, etc.
- Will Chamber of Commerce maintain the website or the new Media Technician; Alina willing to update events if process is simple to do.
- A written agreement needs to be in place to determine which party is in charge of which updates.
- To determine if this project is successful is to make the changes and reevaluate the project in two years.

Council consensus to have Searcy speak with City staff to see what the job duties are for the new Media Technician. Chamber of Commerce may not be involved in maintaining the website.

A discussion took place regarding the Pool and Skatepark, which includes the following:

- It is planned to do the first phase renovations to the pool in 2023; Renovations include the party room, changing rooms, offices, and outside facing. Pool will be closed for 6-8 months.
- Options to help keep the pool open during some of the renovations, such as temporary changing areas.
- Skatepark would be completed in 2024-2025 while the next pool phase would be completed in 2025-2026.
- Another \$2-\$3 million will be needed to complete the next pool phase. A discussion with Parks is needed to see if the next phase is needed.
- Parks is applying for another grant for the Skatepark, which was previously applied for and denied.
- Liability is growing with the park deteriorating and may need to be closed.
- Community gave input on the skatepark in 2018 and were in favor of the changes that were discussed.
- Not comfortable with waiting on grant since it was previously denied three times.

Council consensus to review the skatepark to see the level of hazard it presents before deciding to close and demolish or repair.

Wright gave an update on the Expo Center which included:

- Fieldhouse repairs that include replacing the Cedar shake roof; locker room; repairing the heater; making the basement more useful; replacement of the playground.
- Football field needs to be reurfed; quotes were given to expand the seating which will be done through the AG grants.
- Rodeo grounds needs more repairs.
- Water deployment system for the animal barn.
- Concession stand needs to be repaired.
- Grant was awarded for the rabbit barn restrooms.
- The footing in the covered arena needs to be replaced.
- A \$30,000 - \$40,000 grant was applied for to enclose the arena to protect the infrastructure and could be rented out.
- RV Park is currently packed, which usually doesn't happen until the summer.
- Does the RV Park need a sewer system?
- Crystal Mountain is adding 700 additional parking spaces to its facilities, so the relationship for parking with Expo may need to change.
- Possible revenue loss when Covid is over since school uses Expo for their events.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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