

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Agenda
City Hall - Council Chambers
January 8, 2008 9:00 a.m.

9:00 - 9:15 Trust for Public Lands - Connie Krueger

Peter Hill, representing the Trust for Public Lands, will be here to discuss two projects with the Council. The first is the wetland/hydric soil property in the Urban Growth Area. The second is a property which has been acquired on Mountain Home Road. This is an update on their plans and a discussion regarding potential future partnerships.

9:15 - 9:30 Blackbird Lodge: Amendment to Ordinance No. 1139 - Connie Krueger

Blackbird Village LLC is in the process of obtaining development permits for a condominium project on land directly south of Blackbird Lodge. In 2000, the Council passed Ordinance No. 1139 which vacated an alley in exchange for funds which would then be used to purchase property on which the applicant would construct a trail, with improvements such as a graveled surface, stepping stones, landscaping, benches, and a kiosk. It appears this was done to maintain public access and views to the Shoreline pursuant to the Shoreline Management Act, the conditions of the applicant's recent Shoreline Permit, and Vacation statutes in areas with access to shorelines. Since that time, the feasibility of creating the trail in this location has been deliberated on and this has been determined as a less than ideal location because of the steepness of the current slope and the proximity of the proposed access point to the existing trail system directly to the west entering into the promenade area of Waterfront Park. Blackbird Village LLC plans to transfer ownership of the property to the City via a conservation easement and to build the headway stairs to an alternate access trail which is currently used by the public. To do this, Ordinance No. 1139 will need to be amended to allow the transfer of property and the development of an upper access point to the existing trail in lieu of the development of the trail as detailed in Ordinance No. 1139.

9:30 - 9:50 Obstadt Development Agreement - Connie Krueger

Chuck Reppas will be present to further discuss a potential development agreement for the old fruit warehouse property. A summary of the draft development agreement will be sent to Councilmembers via e-mail by Monday.

9:50 - 10:00 LID-Downtown Master Plan Reimbursement Resolution - Connie Krueger

The purpose this reimbursement resolution is to establish a project "start date" for federal tax purposes. If the City spends money on purchasing property, or construction, after the date it adopts this resolution, the City can later reimburse itself from tax-exempt bond proceeds and that reimbursement will constitute an "expenditure" from the IRS' standpoint. This relates to IRS arbitrage rules. Money spent for planning, architectural, and engineering services, and certain other predevelopment costs, can be reimbursed without having such a resolution passed first.

10:00 - 10:05 John Wagner: Leavenworth Summer Theatre (LST) Request

John Wagner will be present to request placing beams in the Festhalle for upcoming LST performances.

10:05 - 10:10 Directional Sign Request - Rich Brinkman

The Upper Valley Museum would like to add a museum directional sign to the existing directional signs located along Highway 2.

10:10 - 10:50 Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County for: Misc. and Transportation Planning; Discussion on Water/Sewer Infrastructure Plans - Connie Krueger, Dave Schettler, & Mark Varela

A review of the draft infrastructure plans and scheduling of future meetings regarding remaining items on the timetable

1. Development Standards and System Development Charges (Estimate one 2 hour meeting in early February)
2. Water Rights Policies/Financial & Development Policies (Estimate three 2 hour meetings and possible follow-up meetings from February 15--March 15)

10:50 - 10:55 Joint Meeting with the City Planning Commission - Connie Krueger

The City Council and Planning Commission hold a joint meeting each year, specifically to consider City sponsorship of proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This year, the joint meeting is scheduled for the January 22 City Council meeting.

10:55 - 11:00 DEC Conference - Rich Brinkman

The State Delta Epsilon Chi Conference will take place in mid-February this year, with Councilmembers invited to serve as judges for the student competition. The Conference will be held February 20-23, and Judges will need to attend the welcome/orientation on February 20 from 4-5:30pm, and then perform actual judging on February 22 from 8am until mid-afternoon. 30 judges are needed for the State Conference.

11:00 - 11:10 No Parking on the south portion of the 200 Block of Benton Street

At the December 11 City Council meeting, Mayor Wyles requested that this be added to the Study Session agenda. New Public Works Director Dave Schettler will be investigating this issue and report to Council at the Study Session.

11:10 - 11:15 2009 Budget Planning - Rich Brinkman