

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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CONVENE: 5:36 p.m.

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

Excused: Councilmember Michael Althausen.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Police Chief Jon Weiks, Assistant City Administrator Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, Public Works Director Jay Eaton, Community Development Director Michael Matlock, Water Resources Program Manager Dan Smith, Planning Manager Brad Medrud, Communications Manager Ann Cook, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

AUTHORIZATION FOR STREET CLOSURE – DESOTO STREET STABILIZATION & REHABILITATION PROJECT:

Director Eaton reviewed the request to close Desoto Street during a project to stabilize and rehabilitate the street.

At the time the Council awarded the project contract for the Desoto Street project, a request for street closure should have been included. The Public Works Committee and the Council was previously briefed on the proposal for the road closure, as it is not possible to reconstruct the street without a road closure. The pending closure has been discussed at public meetings, through notices, and during discussions with property owners. The closure would impact access to Old Town Center because of the need to close a portion of 2nd Avenue. However, alternate access would be available to the Old Town Center. Drivers exiting I-5 at the ramp would have access as well; however, the closure would restrict access to one-way traffic.

Director Eaton addressed questions concerning the length of the closure and possible extension of the road closure. The road closure is scheduled beginning August 6, 2018 and ending November 2, 2018. Because the road would be closed, the project would likely not encounter any delay, as the earth work would be completed during the early phase of the project during the summer months. Several owners of properties with driveways within the project area have been contacted about the closure; they will have access during the road closure. Message boards will be installed on the road within the next week. The detour route on Tumwater Hill is 5th Avenue.

MOTION: Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember McClanahan, to authorize the closure of the portion of Desoto Street and 4th Avenue between 2nd Avenue and Emerson Street, and restrict access to a portion of 2nd Avenue between Custer Way and Desoto Street for a period beginning August 6, 2018, and ending November 2, 2018.

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Councilmember Cathey noted that emergency response would not be impacted by the road closure because of the availability of alternate routes.

MOTION: **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Mayor Kmet adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.**

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