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Roslyn City Council -SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm

122 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Roslyn, WA

(Post Office Building in Roslyn)

SPECIAL MEETING

This is a joint meeting between the Roslyn City Council and Kittitas County Commissioners. Additional information is available through the Kittitas County Commissioners webpage via the following link:
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1. Call to Order

Attachments:

- Joint Meeting Flyer

Minutes:

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The Roslyn City Council Special Meeting, in collaboration with Kittitas County Commissioners and Staff was called to order by Mayor Brent Hals at 5:00 p.m.

Roslyn Councilmembers Gruber, Uren, Weis, Brodine, Cook, and Adams were in attendance as well as Mayor Hals. Commissioners Osiadacz, Wright and Wachsmith were present as well as Director Mark Cook and other Roslyn and County staff, including Cle Elum Roslyn Police Chief Albo and Kittitas County Sheriff Myers.

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit)

Minutes:

There were no citizens that asked to comment.

3. Discussion - Regional Planning and Land Use

Minutes:

Commissioner Wright opened the floor and spoke about the mutual importance of urban growth areas and stated that it is important that Roslyn think about issues and make goals. Roslyn's Public Works Director, Bubba Simplot, spoke about seasonal congestion and concerns about pedestrian safety and Roslyn's City engineer also spoke about parking issues. There were also concerns about emergency evacuation being an issue on 903. Commissioner Osiadacz spoke about the County having conversations with the State and potentially gaining control of 903 and that there has been thought about widening it to help with corridor congestion. Commr. Osiadacz said that WSDOT has reached out and they are working on a partnership. Commissioners discussed that there should be more conversations that involve the City about this and that they are looking at other cities in the State as an example of how to plan and organize, regionally and to work together as one County. Director Cook and Commissioners reiterated the importance of Roslyn's voice being heard and that their input is needed so that they will have a voice. Sheriff Myers added that Roslyn needs to think about the future now and make adjustments if they are needed while they are able to.

4. Discussion - City and County Infrastructure and Facilities

Minutes:

Roslyn's engineer, Theo Leonard and Councilmembers spoke about the City's infrastructure projects. Commissioner Wright spoke about sustainability in conjoined facilities in a district, such as law enforcement and public works. Director Cook added that sharing resources would help everyone. Commr. Osiadacz reminded everyone that it would have to be voter approved. Director Cook also spoke about a feasibility study that was done and the advantages for interested municipalities within a district.

5. Discussion - Countywide Economic Strategy Plan

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Minutes:

Commr. Wright spoke about revenues generated within the County and the need for an economic strategy plan. Councilmember Cathy Cook spoke shared concerns regarding the designation of Upper County in the County's Economic Plan. She stated that there was nothing in there for Upper County other than tourism and that it is not sustainable and that that model would create unaffordable housing and low paying jobs. Commr. Wright said that there needs to be a plan developed to reflect the needs of Roslyn. Commr. Osiadacz said that she has been working hard to advocate, but that she can't do it alone. Councilmember Weis echoed Mayor Hals thoughts about industry being needed and said that he has been talking to Amy McGuffin from the Chamber of Commerce and that they are brainstorming about light industrial in Roslyn. Commissioners stated again that they need Roslyn's collaboration and vision so that they can amend the strategy plan.

6. Discussion - Emergency Management and Response**Minutes:**

Sheriff Myers spoke about emergency services and training to plan for events and potentially having an emergency facility for all entities. Director Cook talked about the importance of prioritizing an evacuation route and that conversations with Suncadia need to happen. Sheriff Myers said that events are what dictate evacuation routes, not the County. He said that there needs to be a plan. Roslyn City Planner, Michelle Geiger shared concerns about more development along 903 that will also need evacuation accommodations. Commr. Wright spoke about the need to draft a map to update old DNR maps. He stated that the way is through prevention, not evacuation. Coordinating people, resources, communication like a Fire District and be proactive. City Engineer, Theo Leonard, suggested maps similarly to the snow plow routes that were done previously and Sheriff Myers stated that it would have to be flexible because an event could be in conflict with the route if a fire is in the middle of an evacuation route. Any plans should be coordinated with the County. He stated again that with limited resources, there should be collaboration with other entities and facilities that would allow entities to share costs and resources with a joint facility. He said that this is not talk about merging, just collaborating.

7. Discussion - SR 903 Future**Minutes:**

Commissioners and Council discussed the events of snow in January of 2022 and past issues that could be better-planned for in the future if they were able to work together. Councilmember Adams said that he would like to discuss among members of Council before formulating a plan with Commissioners. Commissioner Osiadacz spoke about operation funds that the County would be able to assist with. Sheriff Myers said that there needs to be emergency mitigation. Councilmember Cook also brought up the need to have sidewalks installed for kids getting to and from school, which City

Planner, Geiger and County Director Cook said was something that they had also been trying to make happen in years prior.

8. Discussion - Future Steps

Minutes:

Commr. Osiadacz thanked everyone for coming and appreciated the discussion. She said that she hopes this will continue to make progress on the subjects discussed. Commissioners and Councilmembers agreed to continue forward with annual joint meetings.

Commr. Wachsmith said that she appreciates the partnership between Roslyn and the County and sharing a vision.

Commr. Wright thanked everyone for their hospitality and hoped to do it again.

Council thanked everyone for coming.

9. Other Business

10. Concluded

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