

**Mount Vernon  
City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Fiedler, Hudson, Hulst, Lindquist, Molenaar, and Ragan

Absent: Councilmember Quam (excused)

Staff Present: Human Resources Director Bartlett, Fire Chief Brice, Engineering Manager Chesterfield, Police Officer Cohen, Police Chief Dodd, Project Development Manager Donovan, Library Services Director Huffman, Parks and Enrichment Services Director King, Development Services Director Phillips, Special Projects Administrator Stendal, City Attorney Rogerson, and Finance Director Volesky

Citizens Present: 14

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes
- B. Approval of March 8, 2017 Study Session Minutes.
- C. Approval of March 15, 2017 payroll checks numbered 106676 - 106723 direct deposit checks numbered 59874 - 60073, and wire transfers numbered 607 - 608 in the amount of \$739,159.70.
- D. Approval of March 15, 2017 claims numbered 148834 – 148837, 148847 and 148850 - 149047 in the amount of \$2,041,005.90.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.**

**REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports:
  - Finance Committee – for details see Committee minutes.
  - Development Services Committee – for details see Committee minutes.
- B. Community Comments
  - Scott Corea, Mount Vernon resident, asked that front counters at City offices have a method for citizens to sign up for information or to be on committees.
  - Christopher Deile came forward to report on his opposition on proposed grizzly re-introductions into the Cascade mountain range.
- C. Councilmember Comments
  - Councilmember Fiedler reminded citizens of an open house that will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Fire Station 2 regarding the proposed roundabout that is to be located at Division and Waugh. Input by residents is encouraged during this planning stage.
- D. Mayor's Report
  - Mayor Boudreau reported on a recent tour of Francis Place in Bellingham that Councilmembers, County Commissioners and various staff attended recently.

- A volunteer cleanup at the Library will occur in April with members of Emmanuel Baptist Church coming forward to spearhead this activity.
- Representatives from the 10<sup>th</sup> district state legislative will be in town on Saturday, March 28, 2017 and residents are welcome to meet with them.
- Mayor's Coffee Hours times and locations were reviewed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Interlocal Agreement for Public Defense Auditor Services: Mr. Stendal presented a request for Council authorization for the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Burlington for public defense auditor services.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Burlington for public defense auditor services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.**

- B. Public Defense Auditor Contract: Mr. Stendal presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Snohomish County Public Defender Association for provision of public defense auditor services. This agreement is for a four year term with Mount Vernon being responsible for 60% of the fees and the City of Burlington will be responsible for 40%.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Snohomish County Public Defender Association for the provision of public defense auditor services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 6-0.**

- C. Ordinance Continuing Interim Land use Regulations Relating to Transitory Accommodations: Mr. Rogerson presented Council with a proposed Ordinance continuing an interim land use regulation related to transitory accommodations. Following public testimony Council will be asked to determine whether to continue Ordinance 3707 for a six month period or until repeal or when permanent regulations are adopted that would repeal and replace that ordinance. These regulations set basic health, sanitation and safety standards among other guidelines.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Christopher Deile came forward and stated that he has been unable to get on waiting lists for affordable housing.
- Sister Susan Wells came forward to encourage reducing the constraints on homeless encampments.
- Scott Corea came forward and stated that he had read the ordinance and it is not creating restrictions other than those that would be a provision of basic health and safety guidelines.

There being no further testimony Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Ordinance 3710 continuing Ordinance 3707 regarding transitory accommodations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Presentation on Gang Activity: Chief Dodd introduced Officer Cohen who presented an overview of gang activity in Mount Vernon. The most important part of the definition of a gang is a group of three or more with identifiable members whose main focus is criminal in nature. The amount of gang activity that has occurred in the past year is consistent with prior year's activities. Police and the Community Works Program react quickly to clean up graffiti and discourage counter graffiti tagging. The Department of Corrections

and the FBI work with the Police Department to help with issues when gang members are released from jail.

- E. Interlocal Technology Service Agreement with Skagit County: Chief Dodd presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Skagit County for Technology Services related to agency access to Public Safety Services utilizing the Spillman Public Safety System.

**Councilmember Ragan moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Skagit County for Technology Services related to Spillman Public Safety System. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.**

- F. Easement Agreement with TENN 4, LLC: Ms. Chesterfield presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with TENN 4, LLC for an easement allowing access and parking for the business at 100 E. Washington Street.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an easement agreement with TENN 4, LLC, Inc. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 6-0.**

- G. Agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC: Mr. Volesky presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC for consulting services related to upgrades in the payroll software system.

**Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC for consulting services related to upgrades in the payroll software system. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was convened into executive session at 8:04 p.m. and was estimated to last 35 minutes.

- H. Executive Session: Potential litigation, collective bargaining and real estate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Amanuensis

ATTEST:

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Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

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Jill Boudreau, Mayor