

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2017**

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

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Bryce, Police Chief Dodd, Project Development Manager Donovan, Library Services Director Huffman, Parks and Enrichment Services Director King, Senior Planner Lowell, Development Services Director Phillips, and Finance Director Volesky

Citizens Present: 36

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of April 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of April 15, 2017 payroll checks numbered 106827 - 106873, direct deposit checks numbered 60283 - 60486, and wire transfers numbered 611 - 612 in the amount of \$762,629.41
- C. Approval of April 26, 2017 Claims numbered 149333 – 149334 and 149341 – 149569 in the amount of \$1,217,440.48

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports:
 - Finance Committee – for details see Committee minutes.
 - Development Services Committee – for details see Committee minutes.
- B. Community Comments
 - Tim Manns came forward to express appreciation for the City's financial support for a new YMCA building
 - Scott Correa came forward to suggest that the Washington State Extension Agency be contacted to determine if they could possibly broadcast information on the Tulip Festival on their radio station in the future.
 - Roger Ragusa came forward on behalf of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation. The Foundation is expressing their concern that the process for determining a location for a new library has been set aside.
- C. Councilmember Comments
 - Councilmember Fiedler indicated he would like a committee to be formed with Council, foundation and citizens to reinstate the move towards a new library.
- D. Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Boudreau reviewed Mayor's Coffee Hours.
- E. Committee Agenda Requests
 - Councilmember Ragan indicated that he would like to see the response policy on ambulances at the next public safety committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Regulations to Allow Development of Permanent Supportive Housing: Ms. Lowell provided background on the process that has taken place for a proposed addition of a new chapter to the City's zoning code named Chapter 17.67, Permanent Supportive Housing. These new regulations allow for the development of a permanent supportive housing facility. The intent is to improve health outcomes and provide housing for chronically homeless. Supportive housing results in significant cost savings to public systems, particularly health care, shelters and jails. The Planning Commission held an open record hearing on April 18, 2017 and unanimously recommends Council approve the accompanying Ordinance.

Councilmember Molenaar commented that he would like to have the supervisor be a required element. Ms. Lowell responded that the current applicant for this type of housing project is Catholic Community Housing and they have a very proactive process for ensuring residents compliance with rules and regulations.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Bill Hinkle, Skagit County Community Action Agency, expressed his support of this Ordinance and the positive effect it will have on the homeless community.
- Joan Penny came forward to express her support for this Ordinance.
- Dan Mitzel came forward to express his support for this Ordinance.

There being no further testimony Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing

Councilmembers had the following wording changed on page 8 of the proposed ordinance: "The PSH Facility shall be permitted only on property where the City has made a financial commitment to participate at some level in the purchase of said property; or for which the City has made a commitment to assist with funding of infrastructure improvements to serve the property."

Councilmember Fiedler moved to adopt Ordinance 3712 adding Chapter 17.67, Permanent Supportive Housing with the outlined change. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Update – Permanent Regulations for Adult Entertainment Uses: Ms. Lowell presented information on proposed regulations for Adult Entertainment Uses. An Adult Entertainment Zoning and Licensing Committee was formed to study and make recommendations to the City on permanent regulations for adult entertainment uses. Committee member Rudy Kirkvliet came forward to urge Council to support the recommendations of the committee. The Committee has determined a geographic area that adult entertainment uses should be limited to. Staff will bring a proposed ordinance for possible Council adoption in May.
- C. Renewal of HOME Consortium Interlocal Cooperative Agreement: Mr. Donovan presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Skagit Island Whatcom HOME Consortium. This Consortium allows the region to access HOME funds to help homes and low income individuals acquire housing across the region. Requested that this be tabled to May 10th.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to table this item to May 10. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Contract for Services – Fire District #1: Chief Brice indicated that Fire District #1 has sent the contract to their attorney therefore it is not ready for Council approval.

Councilmember Hulst moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Agreement with Mount Vernon Downtown Association: Mr. Volesky presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Downtown Association to receive funding as a Main Street designee for downtown revitalization.

The City would like to commit \$40,000 of funding to the Downtown Association. This commitment would then give the City a 75% tax credit.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Downtown Association for Main Street Program funding. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 8:21 p.m. and was estimated to last seven minutes.

F. Executive Session: Potential litigation and real estate

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Amanuensis

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor