



City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021
(Virtual Meeting)

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar and Morales

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Development Services Director Phillips, Public Works Director Bell, Project Development Manager Donovan, Fire Chief Brice, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Police Chief Cammock, Engineering Services Manager Chesterfield, Solid Waste Manager Hanson, and Capital Programs Manager Bullock.

Citizens Present: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of December 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of December 16, 2020 Study Session Minutes
- C. Approval of December 18, 2020 payroll checks numbered 110428 - 110449, direct deposit checks numbered 80025 – 80242 and wire transfers numbered 924 – 928 in the amount of \$1,277,117.61
- D. Approval of January 5, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110452 – 110479, direct deposit checks numbered 80243 – 80464 and wire transfers numbered 930 – 934 in the amount of 1,109,568.03
- E. Approval of December 23, 2020 Claims numbered 11704 and 11725 - 11917 in the amount of \$1,443,952.53
- F. Approval of January 13, 2021 Claims numbered 11923 – 11924, 11926 – 11933 and 11938 - 12088 in the amount of \$1,506,593.83

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the Consent

Agenda items A-F. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Review of Emails from the Public - Public comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan:
- Charlotte Scofield, asked the City to consider providing a fiber internet utility to Mount Vernon residents.
 - Dale Ragan, Mount Vernon resident, does not support bond financing for Fire Stations upgrades.
 - Steve Johnson, Mount Vernon resident, supports bond financing for Fire Stations upgrades.
- B. Department Updates
- Public Works – Public Works staff provided updates on the following topics:
- Energy Plan - Electronic Vehicles & Charging Stations
 - Energy Plan - Facilities
 - Stormwater Outfall on Freeway Drive
 - Kulshan Trail Safety Lighting Update
 - Grant Award for Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Improvements
 - WWTP Admin Building Remodel/Addition Update
 - New Waste Management Recycle Contract
 - Briefing of East Parkway Property
- C. Councilmember Comments
- In response to the public comment regarding fiber internet, Councilmember Brocksmith noted a discussion on the topic would take place in the near future.
- D. Mayor's Report
- Mayor Boudreau provided an update of the City's State Legislature Representatives, contact information and read an excerpt from their recent newsletter.
 - Mayor Boudreau addressed community concerns surrounding the recent events at the state and federal Capitols. Mayor Boudreau spoke about law enforcement, staff planning and response planning as well as first amendment rights versus criminal activity. Citizens may contact law enforcement staff with concerns.
- E. Council/Committee Agenda Requests – none.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Building Inspector Services: Mr.

Phillips requested approval of a contract with MTC, Inc. for 2021 building inspection services in the amount of \$50,000.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MTC, Inc. for 2021 Building Inspection Services. Seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Commercial Cold Storage Parking Lot Lease Extension: Mr. Bell presented an amended lease agreement with Commercial Cold Storage for the use of the parking lot located at 1011 South 1st Street. This amendment extends the term and amends the monthly payment.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter an amended agreement with Commercial Cold Storage for the use of a parking lot located at 1011 South 1st Street. Seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Project Acceptance – North 19th Street Stream Rehabilitation Project: Mr. Bullock requested acceptance of the work performed by Oceanside Construction for the North 19th Street Stream Rehabilitation Project.

Councilmember Beaton moved to accept the work performed by Oceanside Construction for the 19th Street Stream Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Project Acceptance – College Way/30th Street Intersection: This item was withdrawn; it will be presented at a future meeting.

- E. Bid Award – Maintenance Shop Canopy Addition Project: Mr. Bullock presented an agreement for the Maintenance Shop Canopy Addition Project and requested approval of the bid award to R&R Excavating. R&R Excavating submitted the low bid of \$250,010. Mayor Boudreau and Mr. Volesky discussed the funding sources for the project.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with R&R Excavating for the Maintenance Shop Canopy Addition Project in the amount of \$250,010. Seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Continuation of Fire Infrastructure Discussion: Chief Brice and Mr. Volesky

presented five funding options for the remodel and update of Fire Stations 2 and 3. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the design and engineering services so that decisions can be made regarding the amount of bond funding required. A discussion ensued on ways to encourage and receive public input on these projects.

G. For the Good of the Order:

- COVID-19 pandemic response and discussion – Mayor Boudreau reviewed the Skagit County Public Health update and the distribution of vaccines.
- Chief Brice stated that the County testing site is in the process of transitioning to offering more hours for vaccinations, which will reduce the hours of operation for testing.
- Mayor talked about the effects on staffing as employees have quarantined or become ill.
- Mayor Boudreau and Chief Cammock have prepared a letter addressing the concerns brought forth from the downtown business community.

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate for lease or purchase when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in increased price. And to discuss enforcement action, litigation or potential litigation to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an either adverse legal or financial consequence to the City. The duration of the Executive Session is estimated to be twenty-five minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor