

**Mount Vernon City Council
Joint Meeting with Skagit County Commissioners
March 28, 2018**

Present: City of Mount Vernon: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Lindquist and Molenaar

Skagit County: Commissioners Dahlstedt, Janicki and Wesen

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Dahlstedt and Mayor Boudreau.

After introductions were performed, County Administrator Tim Holloran provided an overview of the Interlocal Agreement that was co-drafted by the county and city. He discussed how the county, Port of Skagit, and City of Sedro-Woolley drafted a similar document 4 years ago when work began on a joint project in Sedro-Woolley (Northern State property/SWIFT Center).

Mr. Holloran said the county and city sometimes had competing interests due to Skagit County being seated in the City of Mount Vernon. Both parties wished to improve communications, strengthen their relationship, and partner on joint projects and programs which the Interlocal Agreement highlighted.

Discussion followed with comments from Commissioners and Councilmembers supporting the idea of the Interlocal Agreement and the intention to partner on a specific project: a facility that would serve both as a Senior Center/Community Center and Library.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon as presented. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau provided an overview of the Mount Vernon Library/Community Center joint project and described some of the details, ideas, funding sources, and potential site location for the proposed project. She requested a feasibility period be entered into for a term of 3 to 4 months and focus groups form to decide on building and space concepts. After the feasibility period, the City and County would reconvene and make additional decisions on moving forward.

Discussion followed with comments from Commissioners and Councilmembers supporting the idea of the joint Mount Vernon Library/Community Center.

Mayor Boudreau said that the Interlocal Agreement and supporting documents and information would be posted online and she encouraged the public to review the materials and provide comments about the joint project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the concept of the proposed Library/Community Center and authorize staff to work on the feasibility study with the City of Mount Vernon as described in the Project Concept paper. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to do the same and direct staff to work on the feasibility study for the proposed Library/Community Center concept with Skagit County. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

The PowerPoint provided by Mayor Boudreau and Tim Holloran, and, the Joint Project Concept Paper can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03262018/>

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.