

City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.
(Virtual Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 6:00 PM.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmit, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Moberg and Molenaar

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Project Development Manager Donovan, Finance Director Volesky, Fire Chief Brice, Police Chief Cammock, and Public Works Director Bell

Citizens Present: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of May 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of June 5, 2020 payroll checks numbered 110068 – 110090, direct deposit checks numbered 77227 - 77435, and wire transfers numbered 859 - 863 in the amount of \$899,329.04
- C. Approval of June 10, 2020 Claims numbered 9314 – 9318, 9325 – 9450 in the amount of \$1,216,416.71

Councilmember Moberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. 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 Mayor Boudreau.
 - Jason Griffith (Mount Vernon) – expressed his appreciation to the Mount Vernon Police Department.
 - Kathy Roche-Zujko (Mount Vernon) – inquired what the City status was on shelters for the homeless and what the City was doing regarding the Police and Black Lives Matter.
 - Andra Heath (Mount Vernon)– inquired what the City is doing for the protection for people of color.
 - Jim Bauman (Mount Vernon) – expressed his support for Mount Vernon’s law enforcement.
 - Danny Richards (TNT Fireworks) – informed the Council and Mayor on how his company would be doing curbside deliveries and following all the Phase II guidelines while selling fireworks.
- B. Councilmember Comments:
 - Councilmember Hudson - expressed her support of the Mount Vernon Police Force.
 - Councilmember Beaton – Thanked the Mayor and department heads for all their time spent during this stressful time, also thanked the community for all the feedback she has received.
- C. Mayor’s Report:

- Mayor Boudreau – referenced the City’s website to find detailed information about the City’s Police Department, including a June 6, 2020 Statement and Information on Use of Force and Mount Vernon Police Department Frequently Asked Questions document.
- EDASC is now excepting applications for microenterprise grant applications.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CDBG Sub Recipient Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County: Mr. Donovan requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce for Coronavirus Relief Funds: Mr. Volesky requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for federal Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Authorization for SHB 1406 – Local State-Shared Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing: Mr. Volesky requested that Council approve an ordinance that would authorize the collection of tax for SHB 1406 – local state-shared tax for affordable and supportive housing.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Ordinance 3804 that would authorize the collection of tax for SHB 1406 – local state-shared tax for affordable and supportive housing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Fireworks Stands in Mount Vernon: Fire Chief Brice requested that Council approve the retail firework stand applications received for the sale of fireworks from June 28, 2020 – July 4, 2020. The stands will be located at Haggen, Walmart and Safeway parking lots.

Councilmember Moberg moved to approve the retail firework stand applications received for the sale of fireworks from June 28, 2020 – July 4, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. For the Good of the Order:

- Public Works Update:
 - Mr. Bell gave an update on all the projects the City is currently working on including:

1. College Way Widening beneath I-5 – Completed
 2. College Way / 30th Street Signal – Completed by the end of June
 3. N 19th Street Culvert Emergency Repair
 4. Riverside Drive Railroad Crossing Improvements – Completed, except wayside horn
 5. College Way/Riverside Drive Signal Upgrades
 6. 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining Project
 7. Freeway Drive Improvements – Upcoming
 8. Kulshan Trail Lighting Project - Upcoming
- COVID-19 pandemic response and discussion:
 - Mayor Boudreau informed Council that the City Library will be moving to Drive Thru Service now since we are in Phase II.

F. Executive Session: A discussion with legal counsel on matters relating to enforcement actions, 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 adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 6:48 p.m. and was estimated to last 30 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor