

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Lindquist, and Molenaar

Absent: Councilmember Brocksmith (excused)

Staff Present: Chief Dodd, Solid Waste Manager Hanson, Library Services Director Huffman, Parks and Enrichment Director King, Assistant Public Works Director Love, City Attorney Rogerson, and Finance Director Volesky

Citizens Present: 10

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of May 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of June 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. Approval of June 20, 2018 payroll checks numbered 108348 - 108381, direct deposit checks numbered 66239 - 66454, and wire transfers numbered 675 - 676 in the amount of \$1,043,725.00
- D. Approval of June 27, 2018 Claims numbered 155442 – 155444 and 155446 – 155641 in the amount of \$1,694,817.46

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

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports:
 - Public Safety – removed from agenda.
 - Finance Committee and Parks & Enrichment Services – for details see Committee minutes.
 - Development Services – for details see Committee minutes.
- B. Community Comments
 - Al Lyon came forward to talk about the impacts transients have on the downtown community. The aggressive individuals and drug dealing activities negatively impact the businesses. He is advocating for continued work on this issue as a partnership between the business community and government.
 - John Stowe also came forward to discuss the blatant drug deals that take place on a regular basis downtown. He recounted experiences that his customers have had. He also supports cooperative work on this issue
 - Sarah Parker came to address Council regarding the transient activity that has had negative impacts on her business. She has had customers tell her that they felt compelled to leave the waterfront promenade due to the aggressive nature of individuals in that area.
 - Elizabeth Welder came forward to support the comments of the previous individuals.

C. Councilmembers Comments:

- Councilmember Hulst responded to some of the previous comments and reported that he had just attended a meeting with Mayor Boudreau, Councilmember Molenaar and the Board of Directors of Friendship House. The Friendship House is dealing with the same type of issues that the local business owners face. Council wants the community to know that they hear their concerns, and want businesses and individuals to report problems to the Police Department.
- Councilmember Molenaar is also a downtown business owner and is in total agreement that this is a serious problem.
- Councilmember Hudson attends a meeting every Friday with Councilmember Carías with a group that is trying to address ways to help alleviate some of the issues facing the homeless community.

D. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Boudreau thanked the community for coming forward and sharing their concerns. She stated that Mount Vernon can be a compassionate community but it will not tolerate criminal behavior. She directed interested individuals to the City's website which has reports on what is underway regarding this issue.
- Mayor Boudreau announced that the City has had another clean audit which confirms the good stewardship of public funds.
- July 4th celebration at Edgewater Park with food vendors, music and fireworks at dusk. Reminder that legal fireworks, those sold within City limits, are only allowed between noon and midnight.
- Mayor's Coffee Hours times and locations were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2018 Budget Amendment Establishing Solid Waste Laborer and Associated Budget: Mr. King presented a request for Council to adopt an ordinance amending the 2018 budget to add the position of and associated budget for a Solid Waste Laborer position. This position will work closely with the Parks Community Works Program on cleaning up transient encampments.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Ordinance 3755 adding a Solid Waste Laborer position and amending the 2018 budget for this position. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. GOVQA Mater Services Agreement: Mr. Volesky presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into a contract with GovQA for the purchase of a Public Records Requests Management System for \$12,890. This system will enable the City to meet the requirements of the Public Records Act. The City has been awarded a Washington State Archives Local Records Grant of \$8,900 which will supplement the cost of this software.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GOVQA for the purchase and implementation of software. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. On-Call Engineering Services Contract – Change Order 3: Mr. Love presented a request for Council to authorize Change Order 3 to the existing on-call engineering services contract with HDR Engineering to add \$175,580. HDR Engineering will assist in bid

processes related to pump stations and will review the Wastewater Combined Sewer Overflow system to determine future treatment plant improvements to meet the Ecology Consent Decree and treatment permit requirements.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into Change Order 3 of an agreement with HDR Engineering. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Public Records Act Policy: Mr. Rogerson presented a request for Council to adopt an ordinance setting forth the City of Mount Vernon's Public Records Act Policy authorizing the Mayor to update as needed, providing severability, and an effective date. This ordinance will fulfill the requirements of Chapter 42.56 RCW, Public Records Act, by adopting and enforcing reasonable rules and regulations to provide full access to public records.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Ordinance 3756 establishing the City of Mount Vernon' Public Records Act Policy. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 7:45 p.m. and was estimated to last 10 minutes.

- E. Executive Session: Potential litigation and real estate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Amanuensis

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor