

City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020
(Virtual Meeting)

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

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

Excused: Councilmembers Hudson and Moberg

Staff Present: Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Brice, Finance Director Volesky, Development Services Director Phillips, Project Development Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Bell, City Engineer/Capitol Programs Manager Bullock, Engineering Manager Chesterfield, Senior Planner Lowell

Citizens Present: 1

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of June 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of July 2, 2020 payroll checks numbered 110124 – 110151, direct deposit checks numbered 77642 - 77851, and wire transfers numbered 864, 865, 871– 873 in the amount of \$1,038,014.06
- C. Approval of July 8, 2020 Claims numbered 9600 – 9601 and 9603 - 9730 in the amount of \$957,226.42

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

- A. Review of Emails from the Public:
 - Brian Hill – Mount Vernon – Thanked Mayor and Council for the signal at College Way and 30th St. Believes more work is still needed to create a safe College Way.
 - Shawn Fitzpatrick – Mount Vernon – Expressed concern with fireworks in City Limits.
- B. Councilmember Comments
 - Brocksmith – Mentioned recent peaceful demonstrators. Thanked them for protesting peacefully and thanked Mount Vernon Police Department for efforts. Mentioned he had drafted a resolution for Mayor and Council around racial justice and equity.
 - Hulst – Would like to discuss options concerning illegal fireworks with council.
- C. Mayors Report.
 - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Collaboration with Skagit County for Shelter Funds Grant: Washington State Department of Commerce has released information about a grant program offering local governments funding for sheltering of homeless individuals. There is an opportunity for the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County to work collaboratively and apply jointly for a three-year grant from August 2020 to June 2023.
 - Sarah Hinman- Skagit County Public Health Community Services Division Manager

briefed the Council on the grant and addressed questions and concerns from Councilmembers.

- B. Public Hearing – 2020 Comprehensive Plan Docket: This is a public hearing for the City Council to make a decision regarding which Comprehensive Plan amendments and development regulation amendments will be considered during the 2020 amendment cycle.
- The public hearing was opened.
 - There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve resolution 978 on the Comprehensive plan amendments and developmental regulation amendments. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Adoption of Interim Regulations for Permits and Approvals: Senior Planner Lowell requested that Council declare an emergency and adopt an ordinance approving interim regulations to allow additional time before permits and approvals expire due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve ordinance 3805 to adopt interim regulations to allow additional times before permits and approvals expire due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Contract Amendment with Reichhardt & Ebe – College Way Widening: Capitol Programs Manager Bullock requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract amendment with Reichhardt & Ebe for the College Way Widening Project.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract amendment with Riechhardt & Ebe. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion Carried 5-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement – T-Mobile West, LLC: Engineering Manager Chesterfield requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal of the Utility and Access Easement agreement with T-Mobile for the Little Mountain Site.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract renewal with T-Mobile. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion Carried 5-0.

- F. Public Works Update: Mr. Bell, Mr. Chesterfield and Mr. Bullock gave an update on current public works projects and announced the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting will be held on August 18, 2020.

- G. For the Good of the Order: Mayor Boudreau reported on a meeting that Chief Cammock and herself attended organized by the Legislature with the Skagit County Mayors and Police Chiefs as well as Legislative members regarding police reforms

and policies currently being discussed in Olympia. The Mayor also reported on the Association of Washington's Legislative Priority Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Tyler Rude , Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor