

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 PM.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Hudson, Hulst, Moberg, Molenaar, and Mayor Boudreau.
Councilmembers Brocksmith and Carías were excused from attendance.

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Bell, Finance Director Volesky, City Attorney Rogerson, Development Services Director Phillips, Library Director Huffman, Parks and Enrichment Services Director William King, and Police Lieutenant Cammock

Citizens Present: 10

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of June 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of July 5, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109346 - 109396 direct deposit checks numbered 71967 - 72206, and wire transfers numbered 749 – 753 in the amount of \$1,104,603.73
- C. Approval of July 10, 2019 Claims numbered 4537, 4540 – 4550 and 4553 - 4678 in the amount of \$645,787.38

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the consent Agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

A. Committees

- Public Works and Library - see Committee minutes for details
- Public Safety - see Committee minutes for details
 - 1. Mayor: Informed the community that material shortage at College Way intersection could cause delays up to 4-6 months.

B. Community Comments

- Mary Townsend – Mount Vernon
 - 1. Expressed concerns she and her neighbors were having about a car dealership on the corner of Widnor Dr and Division.
- Robert Knoll – Seattle
 - 1. New local government liaison to PSE. Introduced himself and provided a brief background. Mentioned a potential pilot program for electric vehicles. Expressed that he was looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council in the future.
- Danny Pickering – Mount Vernon
 - 1. President of Mount Vernon Parks Foundation. Gave an overview of their organization and background including previous projects and hopes for the future.

C. Councilmember Comments

- Councilmember Hudson – The Riverwalk concert series starts tomorrow July 11th. Invited everyone to attend the Highland Games scheduled for this weekend.
- Councilmember Beaton – Talked about a housing seminar she recently attended where she learned about Seattle’s market influence on our local housing market and its effects on first time buyers and the rental market.

D. Mayor’s Report:

- None

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Street Closure Request – 2019 Festival Familiar: Special Projects Manager Peter Donovan requested council approve a temporary closure of South Ball Street from 9:00 a.m. July 21, 2019 until 1:00 a.m. on July 22, 2019 for the Festival Familiar event at Edgewater Park.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the street closure. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Public Hearing – Solid Waste Service Rate Change: Public Works director Esco Bell requested Council open a public hearing regarding a rate change in the Solid Waste Utility. Effective June, 3 2019, Skagit County increased the disposal fee from \$88 per ton to \$96 per ton.
- Public Hearing opened
 - There being no comments the Public hearing was closed.

- C. Approval of Agreement – BNSF Railway: Public Works Director Esco Bell requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway for all work related to the installation of crossing signals and activation equipment for North 4th Street/Riverside Drive BNSF Railroad Crossing Project.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Resolution 967 and Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway, Motion Seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement – Mount Vernon Parks Foundation: Parks and Enrichment Services Director King requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Parks Foundation for the design and build of the Little Mountain Park Bicycle Skills Park.

- Mayor – Thanked the parks foundation remarking on the difference they have made to the community.

- Councilmember Molenaar – Former Parks Foundation Member expressed support for the organization and thanked them for their services to the City.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Parks Foundation for the design and build of the Little Mountain Park Bicycle Skills Park, Motion Seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Approval to Continue the Public Hearing for Proposed Street Vacations: Development Services Director Phillips requested that Council continue the public hearing to consider vacating a portion of 6th Street and an unnamed alley to July 17, 2019.

Councilmember Hulst moved to continue the Public Hearing to consider vacating a portion of 6th Street and an unnamed alley, Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Approval of Revocable Right of Way/License Fence Agreement -Tony Cook Development Services Director Phillips requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tony Cook for a revocable right of way/license fence agreement.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tony Cook for a revocable right of way/license fence agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Rogerson invited the Mayor and Council to attend an executive session with no further action needed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Tyler Rude, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor