



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021
Police Court Campus
1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Development Services Director Phillips, Police Chief Cammock, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, Capital Programs Manager Bullock, and Library Director Huffman

Citizens Present: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of July 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of August 5, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110865 - 110892, direct deposit checks numbers 83417 - 83656, and wire transfers numbered 1000 - 1004 in the amount of \$993,702.64.
- C. Approval of August 11, 2021 Claims numbered 14710, 14715 and 14726 - 14850 and 14575 - 14708 in the amount of \$685,115.85.
- D. Approval of Agreement 4104.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Public Comments - Email

Public Comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan

 - Teri Wikowsky, Norm Conrad, Bruce Wade each submitted an identical form letter regarding climate change and public health.

Public Comments - none

C. Councilmember Comments

- Councilmember Carías , invited the community to attend the Skagit County Fair August 11 -14, 2021.
- Councilmember Brocksmith announced that the Skagit Housing Consortium has cancelled their August meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 1 p.m.

D. Mayor's Report - none

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- Councilmember Hudson requested an update of the First Steps Shelter Program.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Contract Amendment – PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc.: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an amendment to Agreement 3903 with PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc. for additional design services required to finalize the Freeway Drive Improvements Project. The additional services will be an amount not to exceed \$498,834.00.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to Agreement 3903 for additional design services for the Freeway Drive Improvements Project in the amount of \$498,834.00 Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of Agreement with Paul Schissler & Associates: Mr. Donovan requested approval of a one-year agreement with Paul Schissler & Associates to assist with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing and Urban Development (HUD) compliance, coordinate with Skagit Consortium Consolidation Plan, and to assist in planning and implementation of issues related to past and present CDBG, CDBG-CV and CDBG-VC-3 funding efforts in the amount of \$63,700.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Paul Schissler & Associates to assist with the CDBG HUD Compliance, as stated above, in the amount of \$63,700. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0

- C. Approval of Abandonment Resolution: Mr. Rogerson requested approval of a Resolution formally confirming that the City abandons any interest it may have in Tract P-2 of Skagit Highlands.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Resolution 1000 confirming the abandonment of interest in Tract P-2 of Skagit Highlands. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for a period of 10 minutes. for 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 executive session will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into regular session and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor