

*We provide professional, efficient services to create a lifetime positive difference for our Community.*

## Getting to Know Your City Government

City policies and programs affect residents, visitors and the business community on a daily basis. We are a mission-driven organization. We are committed to providing the most effective and efficient basic services, and to working with our community in a respectful and collaborative manner.

The City of Mount Vernon is organized as a non-chartered code city with a strong mayor-council form of government.

The **Mayor** is the City's Chief Executive and Administrative Officer and is:

- in charge of all departments and employees
- responsible for preparing and proposing the annual City budget
- responsible for implementing legislation passed by the Council
- presiding officer at Council meetings
- active in intergovernmental relations and projects, among many other things.

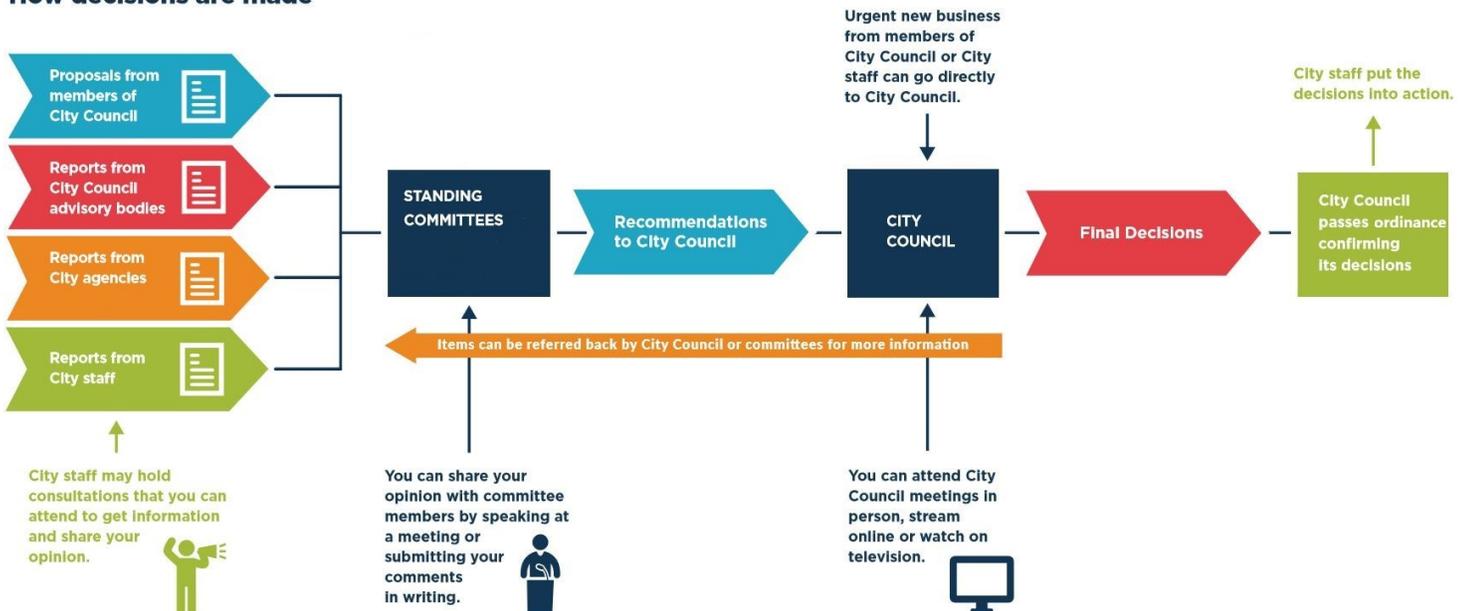
The mayor serves a 4-year term with no term limits.

**City Council** exercises the legislative power of the City and:

- determines matters of policy, which often takes the form of passing ordinances or resolutions
- adopts the City budget
- Councilmembers attend standing Committee meetings focusing on issues in departments such as Public Works, Public Safety, Development Services, etc.

The City Council is comprised of two members from each of the three wards within the city, and one member that represents the city at-large. Councilmembers serve 4-year terms with no term limits.

### How decisions are made



### Mayor's Coffee Hours

**Saturday, February 10, 10:00am**

Join Mayor Boudreau and the NW Tulip Trekkers on a 5K Walking Mayor's Coffee Hour. Meet at Ristretto Coffee Lounge, 416 S. 1st Street

**Friday, February 23, 10:00am**

Skagit PUD  
Aqua Room  
1415 Freeway Drive

## 2018 Mayor's Wellness Challenge

This year the Mayor's Wellness Challenge will focus on increasing community awareness and conversation about mental health. We hope you'll join us at one of our free monthly events highlighting this important topic.

### FEBRUARY EVENT

#### Changing the Tide on Opioid Use in Skagit County

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30pm  
Mount Vernon City Library  
315 Snoqualmie Street

Learn what community partners in Skagit County are doing to diminish the harmful impacts of opioids. Join the Opioid Workgroup Leadership Team for a conversation about what has been learned, our Community-wide "Call to Action Plan", and progress made to date.

### MARCH EVENT

#### Free Community Film - "Angst"

Thursday, March 8, 6:30pm  
Lincoln Theatre, 712 S. 1st Street

This film is part of the 3rd Annual Spotlight Film Festival - a series of six documentaries that shine a light on issues important to our community.

"Angst" explores anxiety, its causes, effects, and what we can do about it.

The film features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as help, resources, and tools.

#### Mayor Jill Boudreau

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## How to Get Involved

- **Attend a City Council Meeting** - Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. In addition, Council occasionally holds Study Sessions on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays to discuss items of importance to the City.

Meetings take place at 7pm at the Police/Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place. Be sure to check the Council agenda online or call (360) 336-6211 to confirm the meeting is taking place and find out what will be discussed.



- Can't make it to a Council Meeting? **View it online** by clicking "Video Center" at [www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov) or **watch it on television at TV10**.
- **Discover a wealth of information** on the City website, [www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov), including upcoming events, agendas & minutes, the City's 2018 goals, efforts to address homelessness, City Ward map, Mayor & Councilmember bios and so much more! There are also numerous services available - you can sign up to receive newsletters or alerts from specific departments, pay your utility bill, reserve a parks rental facility, or sign up for a recreation program.

- **Voice your praises, concerns or opinions** at a City Council meeting (the public is able to address City Council briefly on non-agenda items at the beginning of each meeting). Or come to a Mayor's Coffee Hour held weekly at different areas throughout the city!

- **Volunteer** your services and help the City further our mission to "create a lifetime positive difference for our Community." Volunteers provide a broad source of expertise and talent, and there are many different ways that citizens can lend a hand through ongoing, group or one-time activities. Examples include the Adopt a Trail Program, Trail Builders Program, Library opportunities, and more.

## City of Mount Vernon facts

About 34,590 people



138 miles of roads



9000+ utility customers



101 Block Watch Groups



856 building permits issued



866 parks acres maintained



Annual circulation of library 330,000

