



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA**

**January 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place

**To virtually attend the meeting, the public may:**

1. **Watch the meeting live on TV10:** Comcast/Xfinity Channel 10
2. **Watch the meeting live, online:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob\\_hcQUmd4S93YkletdrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob_hcQUmd4S93YkletdrA)

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of Councilmembers

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**A. Public Comments**

(This is an opportunity for Mount Vernon residents to address their City Council. Please limit comments to three minutes or less. Under normal circumstances, the Mayor and Council will not respond immediately to Community Comments. If you would like someone to follow up with you regarding the topic of your comments, please leave your name and contact information on the form at the entrance of the Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make your comments via Zoom, please submit a request to speak via email to [communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov) or by telephone at 360-336-6211. Requests must be received by 4 p.m. on January 24, 2024.)

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of January 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of January 19, 2024, payroll checks numbered 112345 - 112356 direct deposit checks numbered 98235 - 98488, and wire transfers numbered 1295 - 1299 in the amount of \$1,460,699.87
- C. Approval of January 24, 2024 Claims numbered 24540 - 24714 in the amount of \$3,952,331.76
- D. Approval of agreement 4512

**V. REPORTS**

- A. Committees
  1. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services

- B. Councilmember Comments
- C. Mayor's Report
- D. Committee Agenda Requests

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services                      6:00 p.m.

Next Ordinance	3886
Next Resolution	1052



**DATE:** January 24, 2024  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Peter Donovan  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC DEFENSE CONFLICT COUNSEL AGREEMENT RENEWAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

In the normal course of events, conflicts will arise which prevent the City's primary public defense provider (Mountain Law) from representing a particular client. The City maintains a roster of skilled, experienced criminal defense attorneys who can and will conform to the standards and practice for the provisions of public defense services developed by the City.

**FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS:**

Stephen Jackson has proven to be a highly competent, skilled and experienced criminal defense attorney; and I would recommend that the City renew his public defense conflict counsel agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Alex Ransom for public defense conflict counsel services.

**ATTACHED:**

Existing Agreement  
Signature Page of Renewed Agreement