



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Volesky, City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief
Cammock, Project Development Manager Donovan, Human
Resources Director Keator, Parks and Enrichment Services Director
Berner, and Library Director Huffman

Citizens Present: 2

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of January 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of January 20, 2022 payroll checks numbered 11112 - 111146, direct deposit checks numbered 86047 - 86280, and wire transfers numbered 1055 - 1059 in the amount of \$1,269,673.69
- C. Approval of January 26, 2022 Claims numbered 16330, 16335, and 16338 – 16498 in the amount of \$1,546,402.83

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Development Services – see committee minutes for details.
 - 3. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.

B. Public Comments - Email

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

- Larry and Patricia Hillard, Mount Vernon residents, thanked Council for approving a resolution opposing Fully Contained Communities.
- Marilyn Miller thanked Council for approving a resolution opposing Fully Contained Communities.
- Mary Ruth Holder thanked Council for approving a resolution opposing Fully Contained Communities.

C. Public Comments

- Barbara Nitis, representing U.S. Small Business Administration spoke about disaster assistance available for private and nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters who suffered losses due to the recent flood event.

D. Councilmember Comments

- none

E. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Boudreau spoke about the State's recently approved Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. Mayor Boudreau met with Congressmembers Suzan DelBene and Rick Larsen, Burlington Mayor Steve Sexton, and WSDOT Deputy Secretary Amy Scarton this week to discuss infrastructure maintenance and construction needs in Skagit County and Washington State.
- Sign up on the City's website to receive the Mayor's monthly e-newsletter.
- The eighth Illuminight event will take place on January 28th. The free event will take place on the Riverwalk Plaza from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will include music, art, and poetry.

F. Committee Agenda Requests

- none

NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Action of Skagit County Annual Update: Mr. Donovan introduced Bill Henkel, Director of Community Action of Skagit County who discussed activities that occurred in 2021 as well as activities and plans for 2022.

B. Approval of Agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC: Mr. Volesky requested approval of an agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC to provide assistance in the preparation of the city's financial statements and other general accounting processes.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter an agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC to provide accounting services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement with Skagit Watershed Council: Mr. Volesky requested approval of an agreement with Skagit Watershed Council for the receipt of 2022 Lodging Tax Funds. Councilmember Brocksmith has a remote interest in the agency and therefore recused himself from this item.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit Watershed Council for the receipt of 2022 Lodging Tax Funding. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Councilmember Brocksmith abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting convened into Executive Session at 7:43 for a period of forty-five minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to the selection of a site or acquisition of real estate for lease or purchase when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in increased price. And to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor