



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmitth, 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, IS Director Kleppe, Development Services Director Phillips,
Engineering Manager Chesterfield, Capital Programs Manager Bullock,
Code Enforcement Officer Marker, and Librarian Alaniz

Citizens Present: 4

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of January 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of February 5, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111147 - 111170, direct deposit checks numbered 86281 - 86522, and wire transfers numbered 1060 - 1064 in the amount of \$1,034,177.18
- C. Approval of February 9, 2022 Claims numbered 16499 – 16502, 16509 and 16517-16637 in the amount of \$700,961.26
- D. Approval of Dark Fiber Lease agreement with NoaNet

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Department
 - 1. Library Update – Ms. Alaniz provided an update of library programs and activities.
- C. Public Comments - Email
 - Public Comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan.
 - Larry Hilliard, Mount Vernon resident, addressed growth management and affordable housing.
- D. Public Comments
 - none
- E. Councilmember Comments
 - none
- F. Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Boudreau invited citizens to attend the Stormwater Management Program meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March, 9, 2022.
 - Mayor Boudreau thanked the 40th and 10th District Legislators for their support of the Library Commons Project and encouraged citizens to contact them affirming their support of the project.
- G. Committee Agenda Requests
 - none

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022-2023 Action Plan: Mr. Donovan reviewed the 2022-2023 CDBG Action Plan and outlined the process for plan development. The grant funds can be used for community development and housing needs. The open record public hearing is to allow the views of citizens and other interested parties on the housing and non-housing needs within the city.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Melissa Self, Community Action of Skagit County, spoke about the resources and services offered to Skagit County residents in need that are funded in part by the CDBG grant.

- Rachel Kingsley, Housing Authority of Skagit County, spoke about the need for home repair funding for low-income residents in entitlement areas that do not qualify for CDBG funding.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

- B. Authorization to Purchase Cyber Security Services: Mr. Kleppe requested authorization to purchase cyber security services from Critical Insight.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the purchase of cyber security services from Critical Insight in the amount of \$40,105.81. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement with PH Consulting: Mr. Bullock requested approval of Amendment No. 2 to agreement #3624 with PH Consulting to provide additional services to finalize the N. 4th Street/Riverside Drive Railroad Crossing Improvements Project. The amendment is necessary to accommodate the design changes and delays due to COVID-19.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into Amendment No. 2 to Agreement #3624 with PH Consulting for the N. 4th/Riverside Drive Railroad Crossing Improvements Project in the amount of \$49,200. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the FY2021-2023 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology for the FY2021-2023 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of with Transpo Group: Mr. Chesterfield requested approval of Amendment No. 1 to agreement #4081 for Right of Way services on the Hoag/LaVenture Intersection Improvements Project. The amendment is necessary to cover additional work required to complete the right of way acquisition process.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into Amendment No. 1 to agreement #4081 with Transpo Group in the amount of \$47,629. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters 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 and to discuss matters concerning collective bargaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor