



**City of Mount Vernon  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2023  
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Brice, Finance Director Volesky, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Human Resources Director Keator, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Phillips, Development Services Director Groth, and IS Director Thomas

Citizens Present: 16

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Public Comments - Comments sent to Community Comments were read aloud by Mr. Donovan

- Dale Abbott, Neighbors In Need, spoke about the closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and traffic safety concerns.

Public Comments - None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of February 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of February 17, 2023, payroll checks numbered 111883 - 111896, direct deposit checks numbered 92516 - 92764, and wire transfers numbered 1185 - 1189 in the amount of \$1,372,013.44.
- C. Approval of January 22, 2023, Claims numbered 20734 - 20885 in the amount of \$3,851,477.61.
- D. Approval of agreement – Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County

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

## **REPORTS**

- A. Committees
  - 1. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
  - 2. Development Services – deferred to the March 8, 2023, meeting.
- B. Councilmember Comments
  - Councilmember Hulst informed the community that Chief Cammock takes traffic safety seriously and that he had already addressed the traffic safety concern that was discussed during public comment.
- C. Mayor's Report
  - Mayor Boudreau gave a Mount Vernon Library Commons construction update including information about joint rope rescue training on the project's crane.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
  - None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Ordinance – Limited Tax General Obligation Bond (LTGO) Anticipation Note: Mr. Volesky requested approval of Ordinance 3866 to allow the issuance and sale of a LTGO Bond Anticipation Note to provide interim financing for the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project (MVLC).

**Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Ordinance 3866 for interim financing for the MVLC Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.**

- B. Approval of Resolution – Set Public Hearing Date: Mr. Groth requested approval of Resolution 1028 to set a public hearing date for the vacation of portions of an alley located in the Gates 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plats.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Resolution 1028 setting the public hearing date for March 22, 2023, for the vacation of portions of an alley located in the Gates 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plats. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Approval of Agreement Addendum – Skagit County: Chief Cammock requested approval of an addendum to agreement 4355, adding \$5,000 for programming supplies for the Embedded Social Worker.

**Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an addendum to agreement 4355 adding \$5,000 for programing supplies. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.**

- D. Design Review Discussion: Mayor Boudreau gave an update on the status of the review of the Design Review process and opened up the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Donovan read comments from the following:

- Ellen Gamson, Mount Vernon Downtown Association
- Julie Blazek, HKP Architects
- Dan Mitzel
- Paul Woodmansee, BYK Construction

Councilmember Brocksmith asked for clarification that this topic is for the Downtown Design Review Board and not the residential design standards. Mayor Boudreau confirmed the clarification and thanked Councilmember Brocksmith for addressing the difference.

Public Comments – In person

- Kathleen Bisagna
- Christian Carlson
- Dale Reagan
- Dave Prutzman
- Rex Orkney
- Allen Youngsma
- John Piazza
- Jody Boyden
- John Ravnik

Mayor Boudreau then closed the public comment session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Volesky, Finance Director

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Boudreau, Mayor