



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Molenaar called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Project Development Manager Donovan, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Development Services Director Phillips, Capital Programs Manager Bullock, Human Resources Director Keator, IS Implementation Manager Thomas, Information Services Director Kleppe, and Library Director Huffman

Citizens Present: 2

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of March 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of March 18, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111297 - 111311 direct deposit checks numbered 87015 - 87259, and wire transfers numbered 1075 – 1079 in the amount of \$1,269,429.
- C. Approval of March 23, 2022 Claims numbered 16988 – 16992 and 16996 - 17125, in the amount of \$1,272,248.35.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. 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.
- B. Public Comments - Email
- Public Comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan.
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick Bullock addressed maintenance of the Division Street bridge.
- C. Public Comments
- none
- D. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Brocksmitth announced that the Kiwanis Salmon BBQ is taking place this year at Hillcrest Park on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays April 1 – May 1, 2022.
 - Councilmember Hulst addressed the comment made during community comments clarifying that the City does not own the Division Street Bridge and cannot maintain the bridge. The Bridge is owned by the State of Washington.
 - Councilmember Morales addressed a drug arrest that took place recently.
- E. Committee Agenda Requests
- Councilmember Beaton requested a discussion of providing a digital viewing of future July 4th fireworks displays.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Agreement – Wilson Engineering, LLC: Mr. Bullcok requested approval of an agreement with Wilson Engineering, LLC to provide design, plans, and specification for the 2nd and Gates and 6th and Lawrence Intersection Improvements Projects.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wilson Engineering, LLC to provide design, plans and specifications for the 2nd and Gates and 6th and Lawrence Intersection Improvements Projects in the amount of \$44,196. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of Street Closure Request: Ms. Berner requested approval of a

street closure request submitted by the Mount Vernon Downtown Association (MVDA) for the closure of downtown streets from April 15 - to April 17, 2022 for the 2022 Tulip Festival Street Fair.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the closure of downtown streets for the 2022 Tulip Festival Street Fair taking place April 15-17, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement – Association of Washington Cities: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) for Summer Experiences & Enrichment for Kids (SEEK) grant funding provided by the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for free summer recreation programs. The grant will provide funding for Leaders In-Training and Supervised Playground programs.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with AWC to receive SEEK grant funds in the amount of \$42,250. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement – Western Display Fireworks, Ltd.: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with Western Display Fireworks, Ltd. to provide the July 4th fireworks display.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Western Display Fireworks, Ltd. to provide the July 4th fireworks display in the amount of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement – Mount Vernon Police Services Guild: Ms. Keator requested approval of the 2021 – 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Mount Vernon Police Services Guild for Non-Commissioned staff. The agreement includes updates to work schedules, vacation accrual, VEBA contributions, disability hours, health club reimbursement, and cost of living adjustments.

Councilmember Hulst moved authorize the Mayor to enter into the 2021 – 2022 CBA with the Mount Vernon Police Services Guild for Non-Commissioned

**staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales.
Motion carried 7-0.**

- F. Approval of Ordinance – Solid Waste Rates: Mr. Phillips requested approval of an ordinance setting solid waste collection rates effective June 1, 2022. The rate schedule includes the elimination of 20-gallon carts and a four-year phase in of rates for 35-gallon carts to reach cost-of-service.

Councilmember Hulst moved to adopt Ordinance 3845 setting the rates for solid waste collection. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- G. Ratification of Mayoral Proclamation: Mr. Donovan requested the ratification of a Mayoral Proclamation of Termination of Civil Emergency that was enacted March 11, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilmember Morales moved to ratify the Mayoral Proclamation of Termination of Civil Emergency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting convened into Executive Session at 7:51 for a period of five minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to the selection of site for lease or purchase when public knowledge would cause a likelihood of increased price and to discuss matters of enforcement action, litigation, or potential litigation when public knowledge of the discussion would likely cause adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor