



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Study Session
March 30, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Molenaar called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Mayor Boudreau was present via Zoom

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Project Development Manager Donovan, Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Brice, and Library Director Huffman

Citizens Present: 6

- A. Mount Vernon Library Commons Project Update: Mayor Pro-Tempore Molenaar introduced Julie Blazek and Christine Baldwin of HKP Architects, who provided an update of the Library Commons Project. Ms. Blazek reviewed the schedule, including permitting, bidding, and construction timelines. Thermal and hydro modeling are currently taking place. Ms. Blazek reviewed the potential alternates that could be added if funding is available.

Ms. Baldwin discussed the design, sustainability, environmental issues, electric vehicle charging stations and furnishings. A virtual tour of the exterior and interior of the building was viewed.

Mayor Boudreau stated that final cost estimates are still being refined. The City has secured 38.75 million dollars and is working on an additional 10 million dollars of funding. Mayor Boudreau will present a funding update within a month, noting that the final cost estimate is on target with the budget.

- B. Mount Vernon Police Department Update: Chief Cammock discussed the Integrated Outreach Services Program (IOS). The program focuses on behavioral health and substance abuse and is person centered rather than illness centered. It is aimed at restoring quality of life. Program costs, agency partnerships, and funding were reviewed. The program staff would include a Program Supervisor, two Case

Managers, two Outreach Specialists and a Nurse Practitioner. A financial plan for the budget of this new division was outlined for Council and includes a grant, HB 1590 funding, and ARPA funding to begin program in 2022.

- C. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Mr. Rogerson requested approval of an MOU with Washington Municipalities for the allocation and use of funds being distributed as a result of litigation against a pharmaceutical supply chain. This is not a settlement agreement, and the distribution of funds is not based on population, but rather focused on the actual harm caused to the community by opioids.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an MOU. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor