



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Finance Director Volesky, Project Development Manager Donovan, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Development Services Director Phillips, Fire Chief Brice, Human Resources Director Keator, and Library Director Huffman, Information Services Director Kleppe, IS Implementation Manager Thomas, and Engineering Manager Chesterfield

Citizens Present: 20

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of April 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval April 20, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111361 - 11379 direct deposit checks numbered 87508 - 87752, and wire transfers numbered 1085 - 1089 in the amount of \$1,313,097.75.
- C. Approval of April 27, 2022 Claims numbered 17343 – 17646, 17370, and 17373 - 17511 in the amount of \$1,430,196.19.

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

REPORTS

A. Committees

1. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
2. Committee of the Whole – see committee minutes for details.
3. Development Services – report will take place May 11, 2022.

B. Public Comments - Email

- none.

C. Public Comments

- Miguel Perry, Arlington resident, and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the training center in Burlington and support of the Library Commons Project.
- Michael Petrich, Anacortes resident and Carpenters Local 70 Union member spoke about the training center and support of the Library Commons Project.
- Did not provide name, Mount Vernon resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member spoke in support of the Library Commons Project.
- Neil Davis, Skagit County resident, spoke about Leadership Skagit and the Carpenters Union and support of the Library Commons Project.
- Lisa Marx, Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union training program and support of the Library Commons Project.
- Robert Villagomez II, Mukilteo resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union and support of the Library Commons Project.
- Did not provide name, Mount Vernon resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke in support of the Library Commons Project.
- Loren Huggins, Skagit County resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union and support of the Library Commons Project.

D. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Boudreau thanked the union members for their support of the Library Commons Project.

E. Councilmember Comments

- Councilmember Morales thanked the union members for their attendance and their comments.
- Councilmember Carías thanked the union members for supporting the Library Commons Project.
- Councilmember Hudson expressed appreciation to the public attendees.

- Councilmember Hulst acknowledged the union members and thanked them for their apprenticeship program.

F. Committee Agenda Requests

- Councilmember Carías requested an item on the May 25th committee agenda for Dr. Gary Brown and Alfred Currier to share their art and photos in appreciation of farmworkers working in the tulip fields.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment to Planning Commission: Mr. Phillips requested approval of the appointment of Kirk Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the appointment of Kirk Johnson to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Appointment to Planning Commission: Mr. Phillips requested approval of the appointment of Morgan Curry to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the appointment of Morgan Curry to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Boudreau performed the swearing in of Morgan Curry to the Mount Vernon Planning Commission.

- C. Skagit Valley YMCA Update: Ms. Berner introduced Skagit Valley YMCA CEO Dean Snider who provided an update of the YMCA operations, facilities, and membership. He requested an amendment to the current agreement with the City include funding for the Oasis Teen Shelter.

Mayor Boudreau will add to an item to an upcoming committee agenda to discuss amending the current agreement with Skagit Valley YMCA.

- D. Public Hearing – 2022-23 Community Block Grant (CDBG): Mr. Donovan stated that this is an open record public hearing to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the draft CDBG 2022-23 Action Plan. Mr. Donovan reviewed the process, goals and objectives, requests for funding, and the proposed action plan. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the allotment and distribution of funds allowed for public services.

Mayor Boudreau opened the Public Hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Mr. Donovan read into the record comments received from Community Action of Skagit County regarding the proposed change in funding for 2022-2023.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the 2022-2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Brocksmith opposed.

- E. Approval of Agreement Amendment – Cowling & Company, LLC: Mr. Chesterfield requested approval of an amendment to agreement 4147 with Cowling & Company, LLC dba Widener & Associates to add BNSF Mainline Railroad Floodwall services.

Councilmember Molenaar moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to agreement 4147 with Cowling & Company, LLC dba Widener & Associates in the amount of \$105,400 to add BNSF Mainline Railroad Floodwall services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Approval of Ordinance – Mayor Salary: Ms. Keator requested approval of an ordinance establishing the salary schedule for the Mayor.

Councilmember Hudson moved adopt Ordinance 3849 establishing the salary schedule for the Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting convened into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating issues of collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor