



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023
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, and Morales
Absent: Councilmember Molenaar (excused)
Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Finance Director Volesky, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Fire Chief Brice, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Phillips, City Clerk Jensen, Library Director Huffman, IS Director Thomas, Development Services Director Groth

Citizens Present: 29

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Public Comments - Email

- none

Public Comments - In person

- Pinky Vargas, Bellingham resident, spoke about solid waste disposal.
- Doug Shepherd, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about disaster preparedness.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of April 26, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of May 5, 2023, payroll checks numbered 111979 - 112001, direct deposit checks numbered 93768 - 94023, and wire transfers numbered 1210 - 1214 in the amount of \$1,167,808.35
- C. Approval May 10, 2023, Claims numbered 21557 - 21711 in the amount of \$3,377,995.30

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Councilmember Comments
 - Councilmember Carías thanked the Mount Vernon School Foundation, Skagit Community Foundation, Mount Vernon School District, and Mount Vernon Library for making the Día: Children’s Day – Book Day event a success.
 - Councilmember Morales wished all mothers Happy Mother’s Day.
- C. Mayor’s Report
 - Mayor Boudreau provided an update of the Library Commons Project.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
 - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing - 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan: Mr. Donovan requested approval of the 2023-24 CDBG Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The plans include funding for public services, administration and planning, affordable housing, and facilities improvements. Council discussed the public services funding portion of CBDG plans.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Mr. Donovan read the names of individuals that sent emails expressing their support of Welcome Home Skagit and summarized their comments.

- Don Brian, Sedro-Woolley resident, spoke in favor of Welcome Home Skagit.
- Jere Lafollette, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of Welcome Home Skagit and Skagit Valley College programs.
- Debbie Grant, LaConner resident, spoke in favor of Welcome Home Skagit.
- Christopher Gudger-Raines, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of Welcome Home Skagit.

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

Councilmember Hulst proposed a funding option for Welcome Home Skagit and Community Action of Skagit County.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the 2023-2024 CDBG Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Public Hearing and Approval of Ordinance – Mount Vernon School District Updated Capital Facilities Plan and Update School Impact Fees: Mr. Groth requested adoption of an ordinance regarding the Mount Vernon School District’s updated Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and the associated update to their school impact fees, amending Chapter 3.36 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code.

Denise Stiffarm, attorney for the Mount Vernon School District, spoke about school impact fees and discussed the formula used to establish the updated fee.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to adopt Ordinance 3870 incorporating the Mount Vernon School District’s Capital Facilities Plan and adopting the updated school impact fees into Chapter 3.36 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement – International Code Council: Mr. Groth

requested approval of an agreement with International Code Council to provide plan review services.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with International Code Council to provide plan review services, subject to legal review, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 per month. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Approval of Street Closure Request – N. 7th Street Neighborhood Block Party: Ms. Berner requested approval of a request to close a portion of N. 7th Street on June 23, 2023, from 3-9 pm for a neighborhood block party on June 23, 2023.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the street closure request for the N. 7th Street Neighborhood Block Party. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Approval of Street Closure Request – Mount Vernon High School (MVHS): Ms. Berner requested approval of a request to close South 1st Street and Cleveland Avenue on June 9, 2023 at 10 am for the 2023 MVHS Graduation Parade.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the street closure request for the 2023 MVHS Graduation Parade. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carias. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Executive Session: The meeting convened into Executive Session at 8:30 for a period of 5 minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters related to Collective Bargaining sessions which is exempt from the OPMA pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4). No action will take place following the session.

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: _____

Jill Boudreau, Mayor